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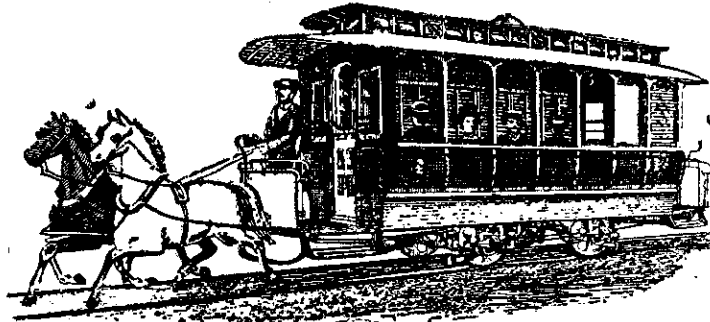
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JOHNNIE W. JONES

EVERY MEMBER OF THE A.V.A. SHARES A LOSS IN THE DEATH OF OUR FRIEND JOHNNIE W. JONES, A.V.A. #138, WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE 13TH OF JANUARY. HIS FRIENDLY FACE AND HIS WELCOME LETTERS ADDED MUCH TO THE PLEASURE WE DERIVED FROM OUR HOBBY.

MR. F. GORDON SMITH REPORTS THAT HE WILL BE LAID UP IN BED FOR A WHILE, WHICH WILL EXPLAIN WHY HE MAY NOT HAVE ANSWERED YOUR LETTER. HE HOPES TO BE UP AND ACTIVE AGAIN WITHIN A WEEK.

MANY A.V.A. MEMBERS ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF VARIOUS LOCAL TOKEN CLUBS, IN SEATTLE, CALIFORNIA, PITTSBURGH, OR MINNEAPOLIS. DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOURS DUES TO THESE CLUBS, AS WELL AS YOUR \$3 1960 DUES TO OUR A.V.A. TREASURER DAN DiMICHAEL.

TOGETHER WITH THIS ISSUE, WE HOPE TO MAIL OUT THE INDEX TO ARTICLES IN VOLUME 13. THIS INDEX IS NOT A COMPLETE ONE, BUT IT DOES AID IN THE LOCATING OF IMPORTANT ARTICLES FOR THE YEAR, WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING FOR THEM IN THE FUTURE.

THE EDITOR WISHES TO THANK ALL THE NICE PEOPLE WHO SENT HIM CHRISTMAS CARDS. SOME OF THEM WERE REALLY CLEVER, AND WE CONGRATULATE THOSE WHO WERE ABLE TO FIND CARDS WITH HORSECARS, STRETCARS, TRAINS, ETC., ON THEM. WE LOOK NOW TO 1960 AS THE BIGGEST YEAR IN HISTORY FOR OUR HOBBY.



DICK JOHNSON TO EDIT NEW WEEKLY COIN PAPER

D. WAYNE JOHNSON, AN A.V.A. MEMBER FROM KANSAS CITY, HAS BEEN HIRED BY AN OHIO PUBLISHING FIRM TO START A NEW WEEKLY COIN NEWSPAPER. DICK IS ALSO A NEWLYWED. HE RECENTLY MARRIED SHIRLEY RAUSCH, A TV AND CHURCH EDITOR ON THE KANSAS CITY KANSAN. DICK WORKED ON THE SAME NEWSPAPER AS ADVERTISING MANAGER IN CHARGE OF ALL LOCAL RETAIL ADVERTISING. THE COUPLE HAS MOVED TO SIDNEY, OHIO, WHERE THEY ARE EMPLOYED BY THE SIDNEY PUBLISHING Co. THIS FIRM PRINTS A WEEKLY NEWS PUBLICATION FOR STAMP COLLECTORS, "LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS." IN AN EXPANSION PROGRAM THE COMPANY CHOSE TO PUBLISH A WEEKLY COIN NEWSPAPER. THE PROPOSED PUBLICATION, CALLED "COIN WORLD," WILL BE ISSUED WEEKLY--APPEARING EVERY THURSDAY. IT WILL BE GRANTED 2ND CLASS MAILING PERMIT WHICH SPEEDS UP DELIVERY OF DAILY & WEEKLY PAPERS. A COIN PUBLICATION WHICH DICK PUT OUT IN COLLEGE LED THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SIDNEY FIRM TO INTERVIEW DICK TO HEAD UP THEIR NEW PUBLICATION. DICK PUT OUT THE NUMISMATIC DIRECTORY IN 1957 AS A CLASS PROJECT IN ADVERTISING AS WASHINGTON UNIV. IN ST. LOUIS. AFTER INTERVIEWING 6 CANDIDATES FOR THE POST, THE MANAGEMENT MET WITH DICK FOR A DISCUSSION OF WHAT COULD BE DONE IN A WEEKLY PAPER FOR COIN COLLECTORS. PUBLICATION OFFICE FOR THE COIN WORLD WILL BE THE SIDNEY DAILY NEWS BUILDING, 119 EAST COURT ST., SIDNEY, OHIO.

McFARLAND CAB & BAGGAGE LINE OF WEST PLAINS, MO.

AS THE RESULT OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH PARTIES IN WEST PLAINS, THE EDITOR HAS LEARNED THE STORY OF THE INTERESTING FIRM WHICH ISSUED THE NEWLY DISCOVERED DEPOTEL TOKEN No 980 A.

THE McFARLAND FAMILY, HEADED BY THE LATE J.H. McFARLAND, CAME TO WEST PLAINS BEFORE THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, FROM CUBA, MO., AND ENTERED INTO THE PLUMBING BUSINESS. THEIR ESTABLISHMENT WAS LOCATED ON THE SQUARE ON A SITE WHICH IS NOW A PART OF THE AID HARDWARE Co. LATER THE BUSINESS WAS EXPANDED, AND IN ADDITION TO PLUMBING THEY ALSO HAD AN UNDERTAKING ESTABLISHMENT. THE PLUMBING SHOP WAS LOCATED AT THE REAR OF THE FUNERAL PARLOR.

A HISTORY OF THE COMPANY IS TRULY A STUDY OF AMERICANA IN THE EARLY 1900'S FROM THE CARRIAGE DAYS THROUGH THE HORSELESS BUGGY TIMES TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MOTOR CAR AS A MODE OF TRAVEL. IT REVEALS THE CHANGES THAT HAVE COME IN THE UNDERTAKING BUSINESS FROM WHEN IT WAS COMBINED WITH ANOTHER ENTERPRISE. BEFORE 1914 WHEN THE AID HARDWARE STORE BURNED, C.T. AID BOUGHT THE McFARLAND BUILDING AND PUT IN A DIME STORE CONNECTED TO THE AID STORE BY AN ARCADE. THE McFARLAND Co., WHICH BY NOW INCLUDED THE LATE J.H. McFARLAND'S SON AND HIS WIFE, RAY AND KITTY McFARLAND, MOVED TO A LOCATION ON EAST MAIN STREET. NO LONGER DID THE COMPANY INCLUDE THE PLUMBING

BUSINESS, BUT INSTEAD ADDED A CAB COMPANY AND LIVERY BUSINESS IN ADDITION TO THE MORTUARY. MR. AND MRS. RAY MCFARLAND WERE THE PARENTS OF JACK MCFARLAND OF WEST PLAINS. MRS. KITTY MCFARLAND BEGAN THE MANUFACTURE OF SHROUDS AND MRS. DOROTHY ROBERTSON WAS A TRAVELING SALESWOMAN FOR THE FIRM. SHORTLY BEFORE THAT MRS. ROBERTSON'S HUSBAND HAD BEGUN WORKING FOR THE MCFARLANDS, AFTER WORLD WAR I.

THE CAB COMPANY WAS ONE OF THE OLD "HOTEL TO DEPOT" LINES SO FAMILIAR IN THE MIDWEST PRIOR TO WORLD WAR I AND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING. IT MET THE TRAINS WITH HORSE-DRAWN BUSES AND CARRIED PASSENGERS FROM THE DEPOT TO THE HOTEL. MOST OF ITS CLIENTELE WERE TRAVELING SALESMEN ON EXPENSE ACCOUNTS WHO COULD AFFORD THE 25¢ ROUND TRIP FARE. A TOKEN WAS GIVEN THE PASSENGER FOR THE RETURN PART OF HIS TRIP. WHEN "GASOLINE BUGGIES" BECAME PREVALENT, THE CAB COMPANY WAS MECHANIZED. THE ROBERTSONS WERE WORKING THERE THEN. THE FIRST HEARSE WAS A SPECIALLY BUILT BODY MOUNTED ON A MODEL-T TRUCK CHASSIS. THEN, IN 1922, THE MCFARLAND UNDERTAKING CO. BOUGHT ITS FIRST CUSTOM-MADE BUICK HEARSE FROM THE LOCAL BUICK AGENCY.

MEANWHILE THE NEED FOR A LIVERY COMPANY HAD DWINDLED, AND IT WAS DISPOSED OF, TOGETHER WITH THE CAB & BAGGAGE LINE. OTHER OWNERS OF THE CAB & BAGGAGE LINE WERE AMON HARLIN, JOE TAYLOR, AND JOHN GUNN. IN 1928, AFTER THE DEATHS OF BOTH MR. & MRS. RAY MCFARLAND, THE UNDERTAKING COMPANY WAS SOLD TO A COMPANY FORMED BY THE MAN WHO OPERATED THE BUICK AGENCY. IT WAS MOVED TO THE LOCATION NOW OCCUPIED BY THE ROBERTSON FUNERAL HOME.

THOSE WHO REMEMBER THE CAB & BAGGAGE LINE SAY THE TOKEN SYSTEM WAS NOT USED LONG, AND NO ONE COULD BE FOUND WHO HAS ONE OF THE BRASS, 23MM, SCALLOPPED-EDGE, TOKENS. THUS, THE EDITOR WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING THE TOKEN FOR HIS COLLECTION...BUT I DID GET SEVERAL NICE PHOTOS OF THE OLD BUSES.

THE SIOUX CITY CABLE RAILWAY BY FOSTER M. PALMER

THE SIOUX CITY CABLE RAILWAY WAS BUILT BY WILLIAM PHENIX, AN INVENTIVE MAINE YANKEE WHO HAD HIS OWN DESIGNS FOR A SINGLE-TRACK CABLE ROAD. PHENIX HAD BUILT A SIMILAR ROAD IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., BEFORE COMING TO SIOUX CITY. OPERATIONS BEGAN ON JACKSON ST. FROM 3RD TO 29TH IN 1889. THE POWER HOUSE AND CAR BARN WAS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 29TH ST. AT JONES. IN 1890, THE NORTHERLY PART OF THE LINE, OPERATED BY A SECOND ENDLESS CABLE, BEGAN RUNNING ON JACKSON ST. FROM 29TH ST. TO CENTRAL PARK (NOW THE SIOUX CITY COUNTRY CLUB), WHERE THE CARS TURNED AROUND ON A LARGE LOOP. IN THE SAME YEAR THE TRACKAGE OPERATED BY THE SOUTH CABLE WAS EXTENDED WEST ON 3RD ST. TO WATER. THERE WERE 6 TURNOUTS ON THE SINGLE TRACK LINE, ENTERED

VIA 12 AUTOMATIC SWITCHES. CARS WERE RUN IN TRAINS, CONSISTING OF A SMALL GRIP CAR AND A TRAILER. FIVE OF THE LATTER WERE DOUBLE-DECKED. AT ITS PEAK, THE SIOUX CITY CABLE RAILWAY HAD 14 GRIP CARS AND 20 TRAILERS. THERE WERE SEPARATE OPEN TRAILERS FOR SUMMER AND CLOSED CARS FOR WINTER. SEVEN TRAINS WERE COMMONLY ON THE STREET AT ONE TIME, ACCORDING TO A DESCRIPTION WHICH APPEARED IN THE STREET RAILWAY JOURNAL FOR MARCH, 1893. THE LONGER SOUTH CABLE, WHICH HAD TO HAUL TRAINS UP THE HEAVY GRADE NORTH OF 6TH ST., RAN AT A SPEED OF 8 MILES PER HOUR, WHILE THE CABLE ON THE SHORTER AND LESS SEVERELY HILLY CENTRAL PARK END RAN AT 11 MILES PER HOUR.

THE LARGE STEAM ENGINES WHICH DROVE THE CABLES ALSO RAN A DYNAMO WHICH FURNISHED STREET LIGHTING ON JACKSON ST. AND HOUSE CURRENT IN THE VICINITY. THIS WAS ONE OF THE EARLIEST ELECTRIC PLANTS IN SIOUX CITY. EXHAUST STEAM FROM THE ENGINES WAS ALSO USED FOR HEATING HOUSES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE POWER HOUSE.

EVEN WITH THESE UNUSUAL SOURCES OF ADDED REVENUE, THE SIOUX CITY CABLE RAILWAY WAS NOT A FINANCIAL SUCCESS. THE BASIC DIFFICULTY WAS INSUFFICIENT TRAFFIC TO REPAY THE HEAVY CONSTRUCTION COSTS. ON OCTOBER 9, 1895, THE ROAD WAS SOLD UNDER FORECLOSURE FOR ONLY \$15,142 AND BECAME THE CENTRAL TRACTION COMPANY.

DIFFERENT SOURCES CONFLICT AS TO THE DATE WHEN CABLE TRACTION WAS GIVEN UP AND AT LEAST THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE LINE ELECTRIFIED, BUT IT WAS NOT LATER THAN 1899, IN WHICH YEAR THE CENTRAL TRACTION CO. WAS MERGED WITH THE SIOUX CITY TRACTION COMPANY. THE PORTION NORTH OF 29TH ST. BECAME A PART OF THE PIERCE-JACKSON ELECTRIC LINE OF THE CONSOLIDATED SYSTEM, LONG THE MOST IMPORTANT ROUTE SERVING THE NORTH SIDE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, WHILE THE TRACKAGE BETWEEN 5TH AND 29TH STREETS ON JACKSON WAS SOON REMOVED.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: AS FAR AS IS KNOWN, THE SIOUX CITY CABLE RAILWAY ISSUED ONLY TWO TOKENS, IOWA 850 H AND I. THERE IS ONLY ONE KNOWN OF H, AND ONLY 2 KNOWN OF I. THE OLD SIOUX CITY TOKENS, 850 A THRU I, ARE AMONG THE RAREST TOKENS IN THE BOOK.]

THOSE MISSING PAGES IN THE FOREIGN LIST

A NUMBER OF COLLECTORS HAVE ASKED ABOUT THE MISSING PAGES 6-7 OF THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST. MR. SMITH PURPOSELY OMITTED THESE TWO PAGES FOR THE PRESENT, BECAUSE A NUMBER OF NEW PASSES FROM MANLY ARE ARRIVING, AND HE HASN'T YET HAD TIME TO CATALOG THEM. THEY WILL BE SENT OUT SOON. MEANWHILE, THE FIVE PAGES OF AUSTRALIAN SHAPE-TYPES ARE ABOUT READY, AND IT IS OUR FERVENT HOPE THAT THEY WILL GO OUT IN FEBRUARY.

= REMEMBER YOUR 1960 A.V.A. DUES =

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

- 318 ROBERT S. KNOBLOCK - 453 ASHLAND AVE. - ST. PAUL 2, MINN.
AGE 46; SHOE REPAIRING. COLLECTING 8 YRS, 1,500 TOKENS.
- 319 WILLIAM A. BOEBEL - 339 BERRYMAN DRIVE, SNYDER -
BUFFALO 5, NEW YORK.
AGE 69; V.P. & TREAS. OF GOELICH & BOEBEL INC.
COLLECTING 3 YEARS, 200 TOKENS.
- 320 JOSEPH R. DUNN - 3236 GORHAM COURT - BALTIMORE 27, Md.
AGE 44; PRISON GUARD. COLLECTING 3 YRS, 300 TOKENS.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

- D. WAYNE JOHNSON - 119 E. COURT ST. - SIDNEY, OHIO
- SHERMAN A. MAHAN - 114 $\frac{1}{2}$ So. 4TH ST. - YAKIMA, WASHINGTON
- LOREN ROSS - 5025 E. FIRST ST. - LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
- JAMES G. TANNER TD2 - FAETU ATAB NAS - LAKEHURST, N.J.
- PAUL E. THORNBURG - 10625 YOUNG WORTH RD. - CULVER CITY,
/CALIFORNIA.
- LARRY BOSLER - 439 SUNNEMEAD AVE. - WARMINSTER, PENNA.

CORRECTION:

CORRECT SPELLING OF MR. JONES' FIRST NAME TO "ORISAN"

DUES:

SO FAR THE SECRETARY HAS RECEIVED 1960 DUES FROM ONLY SOME 100 MEMBERS. IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN YOURS, PLEASE DO SO NOW. SEND YOUR \$3 TO DANIEL DiMICHAEL - P.O. Bcx 485 - COATESVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA. FEBRUARY 29 IS THE DEADLINE.

ADDRESSES:

SOME OF THE ADDRESSES USED BY MEMBERS WHEN THEY PAY THEIR DUES ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ON THE OFFICIAL ROSTER. UNLESS TOLD TO NOTIFY THE FARE BOX, I SHALL ASSUME YOUR ROSTER ADDRESS IS STILL THE CORRECT ONE.

SPONSORS:

SPONSORS FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS LISTED AT THE TOP OF THIS PAGE ARE: 318 PROPOSED BY CHARLES GREEN. 319 PROPOSED BY MAX M. SCHWARTZ. 320 PROPOSED BY JOHN M. COFFEE, JR.

- DANIEL DiMICHAEL
SECRETARY.

= REMEMBER YOUR 1960 A.V.A. DUES =

FOR SALE: STARTER COLLECTION OF 20 DIFFERENT PARKING METER
TOKENS, A NEW AND INTERESTING FIELD. \$3.25 POSTPAID.
DUANE H. FEISEL - P.O. Box 83 - TURTLE CREEK, PA.

FOR SALE: 400 DIFF. TRANSPORTATION TOKENS FOR \$50.00. SEND
ME YOUR WANT-LIST AND I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN FIND FOR YOU.
RALPH FREIBERG - 632 ASHBURY ST. - SAN FRANCISCO 17, CAL.

ATTENTION NEW COLLECTORS: SEND FOR MY LIST OF DUPLICATES.
SOME OF THE TOKENS I HAVE FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE ARE IND 660 D,
IND 180 E, NY 790 D, PA 870 A.

DANIEL DiMICHAEL - P.O. Box 485 - COATESVILLE, PA.

WANTED TO BUY AT CATALOGUE: NEVADA 100 A & B. SEND THE TO-
KENS AND I WILL SEND THE CASH BY RETURN MAIL.

DONALD N. MAZEAU - 155 BORRMANN ROAD - EAST HAVEN, CONN.

FOR SALE, STAMPED ENVELOPE PLEASE: ARK 360 D; (CAL 575 J K L
M N AT 20¢ EACH); CONN 290 M; IOWA 300 I, 930 I; MICH 75 D F;
MO 910 K; NY 230 I, 630 AS; OHIO 830 D, 860 E; PA 70 A B, 200
A B C; VA 600 A B C D F I J L. FOR TRADE ONLY: NY 785 C D,
800 A; KY 510 BS.

JOHN G. NICOLOSI - 3002 GALINDO ST. - OAKLAND 1, CALIF.

WANTED (CASH OR TRADE): PA 25 A B C, 125 A, 150 A B, 165 A B
C D E; 195 A B C D E F G H K, 255 A, 280 A B, 295 A B C, 305
A B, 325 D, 340 A B, 425 A B.

A.A. GIBBONS - 300 LENOX ROAD - BROOKLYN 26, N.Y.

I HAVE FOR TRADE W.VA. 240 B; NJ 115 C; NEBR 700 H -- FOR 25
USED COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS EACH, OR ADVERTISING PENCILS. HAVE
HUNDREDS OF COMMON TOKENS. SEND STAMP PLEASE.

M.B. McROBIE - 1073 PITKIN AVENUE - AKRON 10, OHIO

WANT MERCHANT TOKENS, 1789-1860, CALLED RARE BY ADAMS; COUNTER-
STAMPED U.S. OR SPANISH SILVER, BEARING NAMES, ADDRESSES, OR
ADVERTISING, OF AMERICAN FIRMS OR INDIVIDUALS. WILL TRADE
TRANSPORTATION TOKENS.

JOHN J. FORD, JR. - 176 HENDRICKSON AVE.-ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y.

AS A MEMBER & OFFICER OF "WAR DADS" I AM SOLICITING THE HELP
OF A.V.A. MEMBERS IN DONATING CANCELED STAMPS TO BE DISTRIBU-
TED AMONG THE BOYS IN THE VETS HOSPITAL HERE. ALL HELP WILL
BE APPRECIATED. SEND TO

QUINCY A. LAFLIN - 1476 IGLEHART - ST. PAUL 4, MINN.

I HAVE A FEW VERY RARE "CENSUS" TOKENS FOR TRADE ONLY. COL-
LECTORS WITH RARE DUPLICATES ARE INVITED TO CORRESPOND.

J.M. COFFEE, JR. - P.O. Box 1204 - BOSTON 4, MASS.

CALIFORNIA EXCHANGE WILL SEND TO COLLECTORS WITH LESS THAN
2,500 DIFF. U.S. TOKENS ITS LIST OF ITEMS FOR SALE AT CAT.,
UPON RECEIPT OF A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE. EXCHANGE
HAS THE FOLLOWING AUSTRALIA FOR SALE AT CAT: 720 D P AH, 520
AH AL A H.

KENNETH SMITH - 328 AVENUE F - REDONDO BEACH, CAL.

A PROMINENT NUMISMATIST, MR. ARLIE SLABAUGH OF CHICAGO,
REPORTS THAT THE RIVERVIEW PARK MINIATURE RAILWAY (SEE UNID-
ENTIFIED #8) WAS LOCATED IN AN AMUSEMENT PARK IN CHICAGO, AT
THE CORNER OF BELMONT AND WESTERN. NOW THE ONLY QUESTION RE-
MAINING IS THIS: IS #8 A TOKEN OR A TICKET?

ELEVATOR TOKEN FINALLY REAPPEARS

BY KENNETH SMITH

WHEN I WAS WORKING MY WAY THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY BACK IN MINNEAPOLIS ON THE STREETCARS, I HEARD ABOUT THE EXPOSITION ELEVATOR TOWER TOKEN OF 1886, BUT NEVER COULD FIND ONE THERE. IN NOVEMBER, 1959, I FINALLY FOUND ONE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THIS EXPOSITION ISSUED TWO METAL TOKENS. THE FIRST ONE WAS AS ADVERTISING PIECE, WM 30 Pc - MINNEAPOLIS INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION (BUILDING) ON OBVERSE, AND MINNEAPOLIS INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION SOUVENIR AUGUST 23 OCTOBER 2 1886 ON REVERSE. THESE WERE ISSUED IN A LARGE QUANTITY. THE SECOND TOKEN WAS B 23 Pc - MINNEAPOLIS IND. EXPOSITION (BUILDING) ON OBVERSE, AND GOOD FOR ONE TRIP ON PASSENGER ELEVATOR ON REVERSE. AS THIS WAS THE ONLY PASSENGER ELEVATOR IN THE TWIN CITIES AT THAT TIME, IT WAS NOT OPEN FREE TO THE PUBLIC. THEY CHARGED A FARE TO RIDE IT. THE BRASS TOKENS WERE GIVEN TO CERTAIN PARTIES SO THEY COULD RIDE FREE. THEY ONLY CHARGED FARE ON THE TRIP UP. THE DOWNWARD TRIP WAS FREE.

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

THE FOLLOWING TOKENS WILL REACH YOU THIS MONTH: OHIO 160 F; MASS 355 C; MICH 525 M; MINN 540 AH...ALSO QUEBEC 620 X TO THOSE ON MY CANADIAN LIST. SOME OF THE OHIO TOKENS ARE A BIT STAINED, BUT THEY WILL CLEAN NICELY IN A VINEGAR SOLUTION. LET THEM SET IN VINEGAR FOR 5 MINUTES, THEN RUB LIGHTLY WITH A SOFT ERASER, RINCE WITH CLEAR WATER, AND YOU HAVE A NICE SHINY CLEAN TOKEN (BUT DON'T TRY THIS ON STEEL OR ZINC OR ALUMINUM). MASS 355 C WAS FIRST USED Nov. 1, 1959. MINN 540 AH WAS JUST RECENTLY PUT INTO SERVICE. WE WISH TO THANK QUINCY LAFLIN FOR GETTING THEM FOR US. THANKS TO MR. CASSIDY FOR GETTING THE MONTREAL TOKENS FOR US. THERE ARE SEVERAL VARIETIES OF THIS TOKEN, BUT WE CAN ONLY GET ENOUGH FOR ONE VARIETY FOR HALF THE MEMBERS, SO SOME WILL GET IT WITH DOTS, SOME WITHOUT DOTS. WE CAN'T SUPPLY 620 W YET.

I REGRET HAVING TO DO SO, BUT I AM GOING TO HAVE TO DROP SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE WHO ARE IN ARREARS, TO MAKE ROOM FOR MORE ACTIVE COLLECTORS. SO WE WELCOME THIS MONTH TWO NEW MEMBERS, MR. HEPPNER OF SEATTLE, AND MR. FEISEL OF TURTLE CREEK, PA. HAPPY COLLECTING, GENTLEMEN. ...AND THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR ALL THE NICE CHRISTMAS CARDS.

- JOHN G. NICOLosi

DES MOINES, IA., HAS RAISED FARES FROM 25¢ TO 30¢ CASH FOR ADULTS; TOKENS FROM 4/90 TO 4/\$1; SCHOOL TOKENS FROM 5/75 TO 5/85. IS THIS 30¢ CASH FARE THE HIGHEST CITY FARE IN THE COUNTRY?

NEW OFFICERS FOR CALIFORNIA CLUB

THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS WAS HELD SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 2 P.M. IN CLIFTON'S CAFETERIA, 5000 LAKEWOOD BLVD., IN LAKEWOOD, CALIF. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE CLUB TOOK PLACE FOR THE YEAR 1960, AND THE FOLLOWING WERE ELECTED: FOR PRESIDENT, KENNETH E. SMITH. VICE-PRESIDENT, EDRICK J. MILLER. TREASURER, EDWARD M. CUTLER. TWO UNLISTED TOKENS WERE PASSED AROUND BY MR. SMITH FOR INSPECTION. ONE A DEPOTEL TOKEN FROM VALLEY MILLS, TEXAS, AND ONE AN ELEVATOR TOKEN USED AT THE MINNEAPOLIS INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION--ONE OF THE FIRST ELEVATORS IN THE COUNTRY. A SALE AND EXCHANGE OF TOKENS TOOK PLACE FOR THE BALANCE OF THE MEETING, WHICH ADJOURNED AT 4 P.M.

- EDWARD M. CUTLER, TREAS.

THE COMING CONVENTION AT AUSTIN

TO MY FELLOW VECTURISTS, GREETINGS: THE OTHER TEXAS VECTURISTS AND MYSELF WISH TO EXTEND TO EACH OF YOU A VERY SPECIAL INVITATION TO ATTEND THE A.V.A. CONVENTION HERE IN AUSTIN, TEX. ON AUGUST 6 & 7. WE HAVE ENJOYED VISITING MANY OF YOU IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE U.S. AND WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL HELP US TO MAKE THIS CONVENTION THE BEST AND THE LARGEST ONE YET. YOU WILL FIND EXCELLENT AIR-CONDITIONED HOTELS, MOTELS, ETC., FINE FOOD, GOOD HIGHWAYS, BUS ROUTES, AIR LINES, ETC., EXCELLENT RECREATION FACILITIES, FIVE LARGE DAMS AND LAKES ABOVE AUSTIN, GOOD FISHING, BOATING, SWIMMING, ETC., WITH YOUR CHOICE OF SCENERY FROM OCEAN FRONT TO COLORFUL MOUNTAINS, PRAIRIE, DESERT, FERTILE FARM AND RANCH LANDS. WE HOPE TO HAVE THE CONVENTION SITE PICKED FOR YOU IN A SHORT TIME. IN THE MEANTIME, WON'T YOU START PLANNING YOUR VACATION TRIP NOW, WHICH WILL INCLUDE ATTENDING THE CONVENTION. YOU WILL ENJOY MEETING THE MANY FELLOWS WHOM YOU HAVE CORRESPONDED AND TRADED WITH FOR SO MANY YEARS. MAY WE BE LOOKING FOR YOU?

- FRATEERNALLY YOURS,
EROY L. KIMMONS

DALLAS TRANSIT HAS RAISED CASH FARES FROM 20¢ TO 23¢, AND TOKENS FROM 4/75 TO 4/85....TOKENS AT YOUNGSTOWN HAVE BEEN UPPED TO 5/\$1.10, CASH FARE STILL 25¢....ASTORIA TRANSIT Co. OF ASTORIA, ORE., HAS GONE OUT OF BUSINESS....THERE'S STILL HOPE FOR A MONORAIL IN SEATTLE, BUT IT'S GETTING FAINTER....YOUNGSTOWN TRANSIT HAS TAKEN OVER SERVICE ON ROUTES FORMERLY OPERATED BY BOARDMAN TRANSIT....FULLINGTON AUTO BUS Co. OF CLEARFIELD, PA., HAS RAISED FARES FROM 10¢ TO 15¢....ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN PROVO, UTAH, RECENTLY ACQUIRED 2 NEW SCHOOL BUSES. THE COST? 6,424 BOOKS OF GREEN STAMPS.

JANUARY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE

BY RALPH FREIBERG

MICHIGAN

JACKSON 525 (REPORTED BY DUANE FEISEL)

JACKSON CITY LINES, INC. (BUS)

M Bz 16 BALL GOOD FOR SPECIAL FARE (BUS)(2 SLOTS) \$0.15

MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS 540 (REPORTED BY QUINCY A. LAFLIN)

TWIN CITY LINES MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL TC

AH WM 20 Sd GOOD FOR ONE STUDENT FARE TC .15

OHIO

NORTH OLMSTED 660 (REPORTED BY HAROLD FORD, JR.)

NORTH OLMSTED BUS LINE

G B 26 Sd SCHOOL TICKET .15

PENNSYLVANIA

PITTSBURGH 765 (REPORTED BY MORT DAWSON & BILL BLACK)

43RD. ST. BRIDGE 2 (INCUSE LETTERS)

AAo B 21 Sd C. SIEBERT-TREAS. (INCUSE LETTERS) 3.50

TEXAS

VALLEY MILLS 930 (REPORTED BY ROLAND C. ATWOOD)

B.K. JARRETT VALLEY MILLS TEX. GOOD FOR

/1 FARE (INCUSE EXCEPT "GOOD FOR 1 FARE")

A o B 28 Sd AUG. KERN B.S. CO. 114 N. BD'WAY /ST. LOUIS 3.50

UNIDENTIFIED (REPORTED BY FEISEL [70] AND BLACK [71])

J C E

70 B 16 BALL (SAME AS OBVERSE)(2 SLOTS)(SV-PLATED)

N.K.T. CO. INCORPORATED 7½ WRIGHT CIN'TI

71 A Oc Sd GOOD FOR 1 TRIP 7½ BETW'N DAYTON & CINTI

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

I AM STARTING THE YEAR OFF BY BEING A LITTLE LATE. MADE A FEW WEEKEND TRIPS DOWN TO LOS ANGELES FOR BASKETBALL, AND RAN INTO SOME INFORMATION ON PARKING METER TOKENS. FIRST, WE HAVE A SCHOOL TOKEN WHICH IS MARKED "SPECIAL FARE" FOR JACKSON CITY LINES. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IN THE FUTURE WE MAY HAVE OTHER TOKENS OF THIS NATURE MARKED SPECIAL FARE. THIS WAY, WITH ONE RATE OF FARE A TOKEN COULD BE USED AS AN ADULT FARE, THEN WITH A FARE RAISE IT COULD BE USED FOR SOMETHING ELSE. THIS WILL BEAR WATCHING IN THE FUTURE.

NEXT WE COME TO A STUDENT TOKEN FROM MINNEAPOLIS. THIS IS A COMBINATION TOKEN THAT CAN BE USED IN EITHER ST. PAUL OR MINNEAPOLIS. THE FARE WENT TO 25C FOR ADULTS WITH TOKENS AT

5 FOR \$1, AND SCHOOL RATES TO 2 FOR 25c, ON OCTOBER 12, 1959. HOWEVER, AS SCHOOL TOKENS WEREN'T READY ON THIS DATE, TEMPORARY TICKETS WERE USED TILL THE TOKENS ARRIVED, SOMETIME IN DECEMBER.

WE HAVE ANOTHER SCHOOL TOKEN FROM NORTH OLMSTED, OHIO. AS THE OPERATOR OF THE LINE DOES NOT CATER TO COLLECTORS, I DO NOT KNOW THE REASON THAT TOKENS NOW ARE MADE SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN PREVIOUSLY. ANYWAY, THE LATEST ORDER OF TOKENS CAME 1MM LARGER THAN BEFORE. THIS IS THE ONE ISSUE WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO OBTAIN FOR THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE (SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 94 OF DECEMBER FARE BOX).

NEXT WE COME TO A TOKEN SIMILAR TO OTHERS OF THE 43RD ST. BRIDGE. MORT DAWSON HAD MENTIONED THIS PREVIOUSLY, THAT HE HAD A SMALLER ONE, AND NOW WITH THE BLACKS COMING UP WITH ONE, WE SHALL LIST IT.

THE VALLEY MILLS TOKEN IS PROBABLY ANOTHER OF THE EARLY DEPOTEL TOKENS. MR. COFFEE IS TRYING TO OBTAIN SOME INFORMATION ON THIS LINE, AND HE IS SUCCESSFUL AN ARTICLE WILL APPEAR IN THE FARE BOX ONE OF THESE DAYS. AS FOR THE UNIDENTIFIED, THE JCE TOKENS HAVE BEEN SHOWING UP IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. WE DON'T KNOW YET IF THEY ARE TRANSPORTATIONS OR NOT. THE OTHER ONE, #71, APPEARS TO BE FROM OHIO. PERHAPS SOMEONE WILL RECOGNIZE IT AND EXPLAIN THE FIGURE $7\frac{1}{2}$ ON THE TOKEN.

DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS I'VE HAD CORRESPONDENCE WITH DUANE FEISEL REGARDING PARKING METER TOKENS. IT SEEMS LATELY THAT A LOT OF THESE HAVE BEEN SHOWING UP, ESPECIALLY AROUND THE PITTSBURGH AREA; MOST ARE 23MM. A FEW COLLECTORS HAVE MENTIONED THAT THEY COLLECT THESE AS A SIDELINE, AND I'D LIKE THE OPINION OF MEMBERS AS TO WHAT THEY THINK OF THEM. WOULD THEY LIKE TO SEE A LIST OF THEM? IF YOU HAVE ANY TO REPORT, SEND A LISTING EITHER TO ME OR TO DUANE FEISEL. IF ENOUGH WOULD LIKE THEM LISTED, SEPARATELY OF COURSE FROM FARE TOKENS, WE COULD RUN SUCH A LIST IN THE FARE BOX. I DON'T KNOW JUST HOW THESE TOKENS ARE USED IN PENNSYLVANIA, BUT AROUND LOS ANGELES THEY ARE USED IN CONNECTION WITH A KIND OF GATE. BY PUTTING A TOKEN IN A SPECIAL SLOT THE GATES RISE SO THAT AUTOS CAN ENTER OR LEAVE THE PARKING LOTS. ONE COMPANY THAT MAKES THESE GATES MIGHT USE A 23MM TOKEN, WHEREAS ANOTHER OUTFIT MAY USE A 25MM TOKEN. TOKENS ARE USED IN SOME INSTANCES WHERE IF YOU PURCHASE A CERTAIN AMOUNT IN A STORE, YOU GET A TOKEN. SO IN THIS CASE, THE TOKEN IS REALLY A CONTROL TO EXCLUDE NON-CUSTOMERS OF THE STORES. HOWEVER, PLACES WHERE A STRAIGHT 25c IS CHARGED, THERE IS NO NEED FOR TOKENS. THEY ARE INTERESTING IN THEMSELVES, SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE A COMPLETE LISTING OF PARKING METER TOKENS, DROP ME A LINE AND LET ME KNOW. SO FAR WE KNOW OF ABOUT 70 VARIETIES OF THEM FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

= REMEMBER YOUR 1960 A.V.A. DUES =

THE FARE BOX

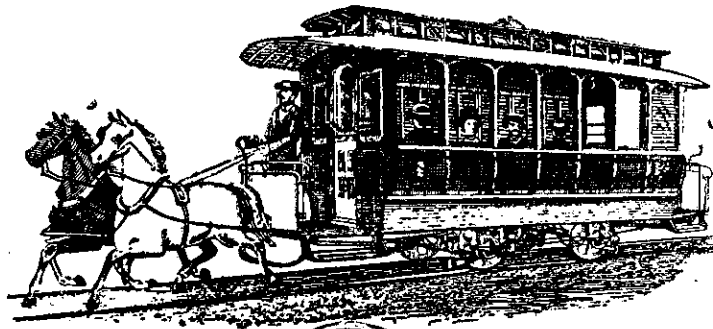
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B.H. BAAKE, JR.

IT IS A MATTER OF GREAT MISFORTUNE THAT WE MUST REPORT, FOR THE SECOND MONTH IN A ROW, THE DEATH OF A GOOD FRIEND AND PROMINENT VECTURIST. B.H. BAAKE, JR., DIED DECEMBER 14, 1959. HE WAS ONE OF THE PIONEERS IN TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTING, HAVING STARTED COLLECTING BACK ABOUT 1920. IN THE YEARS SINCE, BY DISCOVERING MANY RARE TOKENS, AND AS CURATOR OF THE A.V.A., MR. BAAKE MADE MANY VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR HOBBY. NEVER ONE TO BOAST ABOUT HIS TOKENS, HE NEVERTHELESS OWNED ONE OF THE FINEST COLLECTIONS EVER ASSEMBLED. WE SHALL MISS HIM.

MR. BAAKE'S SON REQUESTS THAT COLLECTORS DO NOT CONTACT THE FAMILY RELATIVE TO THE DISPOSITION OF HIS COLLECTION.

UNDER THE NEW CONSTITUTION, THE DEADLINE FOR PAYING YOUR DUES IS NOW MARCH 1. THE 1960 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER WILL APPEAR IN THE MARCH FARE BOX, INSTEAD OF THE APRIL ISSUE AS BEFORE. SO IF YOU HAVEN'T SENT IN YOUR 1960 DUES, DO SO IMMEDIATELY.

AN EXAMPLE OF THE IGNORANCE AMONG MANY NON-VECTURISTS ABOUT THE VALUES OF TRANSPORTATION TOKENS IS INDICATED BY RECENT ADS IN VARIOUS COIN JOURNALS. FOR INSTANCE, ONE AD LISTED HAWAII 240 D FOR SALE AT \$5.00, AND CALLED IT "RARE." THE INCREASED POPULARITY OF OUR HOBBY IS CAUSING SOME PEOPLE TO TRY TO CAPITALIZE BY CHARGING RIDICULOUS PRICES FOR COMMON TOKENS.



LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPROVED

PRESIDENT EISENBERG INFORMS US THAT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD HAVE OFFICIALLY APPROVED THE \$30.00 FEE FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP. AS IT STANDS, ANY MEMBER, ALREADY IN GOOD STANDING, WHO WISHES TO BECOME A LIFE MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION, MAY DO SO BY SENDING THE \$30 FEE TO THE SECRETARY. PRESUMABLY IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR A NEW MEMBER FIRST TO PAY HIS \$3 DUES AND \$1 FEE, IN ORDER TO GAIN MEMBERSHIP IN GOOD STANDING, BEFORE HE COULD SWITCH OVER TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP, FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$30.00. IN ADDITION TO THE OBVIOUS FINANCIAL ADVANTAGE OF NOT HAVING TO PAY ANY FURTHER DUES, THERE IS THIS TO THINK ABOUT: THAT BY BECOMING A LIFE MEMBER YOU ARE EXHIBITING A FAITH IN THE FUTURE OF OUR ASSOCIATION OVER THE YEARS TO COME. AS OF FEBRUARY 14, EIGHT MEMBERS HAD BECOME LIFE MEMBERS, IN ADDITION TO BILL BLACK, WHO HAS THE UNIQUE DISTINCTION OF HAVING HAD LIFE MEMBERSHIP VOTED HIM AT AN ANNUAL CONVENTION.

BECAUSE THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE IS NOT SET IN THE CONSTITUTION, BUT IS SUBJECT TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, IT MAY IN THE FUTURE BE RAISED FOR FUTURE WOULD-BE LIFE MEMBERS. AT PRESENT, REPRESENTING THE EQUIVALENT OF ONLY TEN YEARS' DUES, IT IS QUITE A BARGAIN.

DON'T KEEP IT A SECRET

IT IS FREQUENTLY THE CASE THAT COLLECTORS OBTAIN RARE TOKENS FROM CASUAL ACQUAINTANCES WHO THEMSELVES HAVE NO INTEREST IN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS. TOM WILLIAMSON ONCE MENTIONED TO A FRIEND THAT HE COLLECTED FARE TOKENS, AND AS A RESULT WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN A LARGE QUANTITY OF VA 620 A, WHICH UNTIL THEN WAS ONE OF THE GREAT RARITIES.

RECENTLY I HAD A SOMEWHAT SIMILAR EXPERIENCE. I DO NOT ORDINARILY TALK MUCH ABOUT THIS HOBBY TO "OUTSIDERS," BECAUSE OF THE CONSEQUENT NECESSITY OF LONG EXPLANATIONS ABOUT "WHAT I DO WITH THEM," AND "WHY I WANT TO SAVE THEM," AND "HOW MUCH ARE THEY WORTH." BUT RECENTLY AT A YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING AT MY CHURCH, I HAPPENED TO MENTION THAT I COLLECTED TRANSPORTATION TOKENS TO A 15-YEAR-OLD BOY. HE REPLIED THAT HIS FATHER OWNED AN OLD "BLACK PLASTIC" TOKEN, AND THAT HE WOULD ASK HIS FATHER TO LOOK FOR IT. I WAS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC, BECAUSE USUALLY SUCH THINGS TURN OUT TO BE TOKENS OF NO VALUE OR INTEREST. HOWEVER, AS IT TURNED OUT, HE LATER TELEPHONED ME ABOUT IT, I VISITED HIS HOME, AND HIS FATHER PRESENTED ME WITH THE TOKEN. MY HAPPINESS WAS CONSIDERABLE WHEN I SAW THAT THE TOKEN WAS NONE OTHER THAN NY 890 C. UNTIL NOW, THE ONLY KNOWN SPECIMEN OF THIS TOKEN WAS IN CECIL JEFFERSON'S COLLECTION, AS FAR AS I KNOW. SO DON'T HIDE YOUR LIGHT UNDER A BUSH! RARE TOKENS CAN TURN UP ANYWHERE. TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT YOUR HOBBY.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:

321 JOHN J. BRAUN, JR. - ROUTE 1, BOX 47-A - CALEDONIA, WISC.
AGE 38, REAL ESTATE BROKER. 40 TOKENS.
PROPOSED BY J.M. COFFEE, JR.

RESIGNATION FROM MEMBERSHIP:

195 RON O'DONOVAN - 1164 HECTOR BAY - WINNIPEG 9, MANITOBA

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

315 MARK HITE - 8068 SAGAMORE DRIVE - CINCINNATI 36, OHIO
182 WM. C.L. HOFMANN - 1684 DIXWELL AVE. - HAMDEN, CONN.

DUES:

QUITE A NUMBER HAVE NOT YET PAID THEIR \$3 1960 A.V.A. DUES. REMEMBER THE DEADLINE IS MARCH 1. IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE IN GOOD STANDING, AND BE LISTED ON THE NEW ROSTER, PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES IMMEDIATELY. THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE FARE BOX YOU WILL RECEIVE IF YOUR DUES AREN'T PAID. SEND IT TO ME AT P.O. BOX 485 - COATESVILLE, PA.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

I HEREBY ISSUE A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS. ALL OFFICES ARE OPEN AND NOMINATIONS CAN BE MADE BY ANY MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING. NOMINATIONS MUST BE MADE IN HANDWRITING, SIGNED, AND FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY, DANIEL DI MICHAEL - P.O. BOX 485 - COATESVILLE, PA. NOMINATIONS, ALONG WITH THE ACTION OF EACH NOMINEE, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FARE BOX FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS. NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE MIDNIGHT MAY 7, 1960. ANY POSTMARKED LATER THAN THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME TO MAKE YOUR NOMINATIONS, SO DON'T DELAY. OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED: PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, CURATOR.

FRATERNALLY,

WILLIAM E. EISENBERG,
PRESIDENT, A.V.A.

= THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE - PAY YOUR 1960 A.V.A. DUES NOW =

NEW COLLECTORS ATTENTION: SEND FOR MY LIST OF DUPLICATES. SOME I HAVE FOR SALE AT CAT. ARE IND 660 D, 180 E; NY 790 D; PA 870 A.

DANIEL DiMICHAEL - P.O. Box 485 - COATESVILLE, PA.
WANT MERCHANT TOKENS 1789-1860, CALLED RARE BY ADAMS; COUNTER-STAMPED U.S. OR SPANISH SILVER, BEARING NAMES, ADDRESSES, OR ADVERTISING, OF AMERICAN FIRMS OR INDIVIDUALS. WILL TRADE TRANSPORTATION TOKENS.

JOHN J. FORD, JR. - 176 HENDRICKSON AVE. - ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y.
TRADE IOWA 890 A, THE FAMOUS TAMA & TOLEDO ALUMINUM, FOR MAINE 480 B WHICH I WANT BADLY TO COMPLETE THE STATE. ALSO HAVE OTHER GOOD DUPLICATES.

HAROLD FORD, JR. - 2406 DANA - BERKELEY 4, CALIF.
WANTED TO BUY, TOKENS FROM THE FOLLOWING STATES AT CATALOGUE: ALA., ARIZ., ARK., DELA., IDAHO, MISS., NEV., N.M., UTAH, WYO. SEND LIST OF WHAT YOU HAVE FOR SALE FROM THESE STATES ONLY. ALL LETTERS WILL BE ANSWERED & YOUR ORIGINAL POSTAGE REFUNDED.

DONALD N. MAZEAU - 155 BORRMANN RD. - EAST HAVEN, CONN.
FOR SALE: 500 DIFFERENT TRANSPORTATION TOKENS AT 100 FOR \$11. WANT SC 240 C, 310 A, 490 B,C, 730 B.

W.R. TYSON - 406 KERSHAW PLACE - AIKEN, S.C.
SCARCE WISC 600 B TO TRADE - IF YOU NEED THIS TOKEN, LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU CAN SPARE. PLEASE WRITE...

MORTON H. DAWSON - 182 WHITING LANE - WEST HARTFORD 7, CONN.
WANTED: CAPETOWN, SOUTH AFRICA 200 B, TO COMPLETE THE FULL SET. HAVE OTHER CAPETOWNS TO TRADE, OR WILL BUY FOR CASH OR TRADE OTHER TOKEN OR TOKENS.

J.G. NICOLOSI - 3002 GALINDO ST. - OAKLAND 1, CALIF.
WANTED TO BUY: PA 455 A C, 470 A, 480 A B, 490 A, 495 A B C J K, 575 A B C D E, 590 C, 600 A, 605 B C D, 725 F, 750 G J O Z AA AB AC, 940 A, 970 A, 975 A B C D, 985 A B. FOR SALE AT CAT: AUSTRALIA 20 E no. 2.

A.A. GIBBONS - 300 LENOX ROAD - BROOKLYN 26, N.Y.
FOR SALE AT CAT: CALIF 775 A B; KANS 600 A, 800 A; MICH 360 A; NEBR 540 P, 980 B (2 VAR.) C; NY 630 X; OHIO 440 C; PA 320 A; WISC 170 D; IND 90 A FOR 75¢; 930 C (DAMAGED) 1.50; Mo 440 S 1.25; MFG SAMPLE 23 A AT 15¢.

HAROLD FORD, JR. - 2406 DANA - BERKELEY 4, CALIF.
A BONANZA HOLIDAY SPECIAL, FOR OUR NEWER MEMBERS. I HAVE 4000 TRANSP. TOKENS FROM ALA 120 G TO DC 500 Y, INCLUDING VARIETIES, ALL AT CATALOGUE POSTPAID. ORDER 12 AT 15¢ EACH AND GET 15, OR 25 AND GET 26, YOUR CHOICE WHILE THEY LAST.

F. GORDON SMITH - 14 MILLER STILE RD. - QUINCY 69, MASS.
FOR SALE: 2,400 MIXED TRANSPORTATION TOKENS (ABOUT 18 VARIETIES) FOR \$108, POSTPAID & INSURED. HAVE ONE DUPLICATE OF MINN 230 B TO SWAP FOR ANY DEPOTEL TOKEN I NEED.

J.M. COFFEE, JR. - P.O. Box 1204 - BOSTON 4, MASS.
ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE OF U.S. & CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, 432 PAGES CLOTH-BOUND OR LOOSE-LEAF - STILL AVAILAABLE TO A.V.A. MEMBERS AT SPECIAL DISCOUNT PRICE OF \$5.50 POSTPAID (\$7.50 TO OTHERS). THIS IS THE OFFICIAL STANDARD OF THE HOBBY. AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSN. - P.O. Box 1204 - BOSTON 4, MASS.

FEBRUARY MEETING IN CALIFORNIA

THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE ASSN. OF CALIF. TRANSP. TOKEN COLLECTORS WAS HELD SUN., FEBR. 14, AT THE REGULAR TIME, 2 PM AT CLIFTON'S CAFETERIA, 5000 LAKEWOOD BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CALIF. REGULAR MEMBERS PRESENT WERE: ROSS, MILLER, SMITH (R.H. AND KENNY), ROSELINSKY, ATWOOD, FREIBERG, CUT.ER. OUR REGULAR ATTENDING MRS. ROSS WAS ALSO PRESENT AS A VISITOR. ALSO HAD THE PLEASURE OF HAVING MR. FREIBERG WITH US TELLING THE TROUBLES OF DIFFERENT SIZE TOKENS. DONATIONS WERE ALSO COLLECTED FROM MEMBERS PRESENT (DUES), AND SHOULD BE A GOOD REMINDER FOR OTHERS TO DO THE SAME. AS AN ADDED ATTRACTION DOOR PRIZES WILL BE OFFERED FOR MEMBERS ATTENDING THE NEXT MEETING, WHICH WILL BE A \$1 TOKEN FOR MEMBERS ATTENDING FROM WITHIN A 50-MILE RADIUS, AS WELL AS ANOTHER ONE FOR THOSE FROM BEYOND. A SALE AND EXCHANGE OF TOKENS TOOK PLACE FOR THE BALANCE OF THE MEETING WHICH ADJOURNED AT 4:30 P.M. NEXT MEETING APRIL 10, AT THE SAME PLACE.

INCIDENTALLY, THE DOOR PRIZES ARE DONATED BY KENNY SMITH AND ROLAND ATWOOD. THERE ARE TWO DRAWINGS, ONE LIMITED TO THOSE FROM 50 MILES DISTANCE; IF ONLY ONE SUCH COLLECTOR IS PRESENT, HE AUTOMATICALLY GETS THE TOKEN. = E.M. CUTLER, TREAS.

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

ANOTHER GOOD MONTH; I AM MAILING YOU 6 TOKENS INCLUDING 1 FROM CANADA. A GOOD YEAR SO FAR: LAST MONTH 5, THIS MONTH 6. YOU WILL RECEIVE CAL 450 K PUT INTO SERVICE 1/24/60; THEY ONLY MINTED 100,000 AT A COST TO THEM OF \$2,300. THANKS TO MR. F.P. SNYDER FOR GETTING THEM FOR US. NEXT IA 300 J ISSUED IN SEPT. 1959; B.C. 800 D ISSUED 1/1/60; PA 950 K ISSUED 1/3/60; ORE 760 C AND WASH 920 D. THANKS TO GUERNSEY & JEFFERSON FOR GETTING THEM FOR US. AND OUR THANKS TO HAROLD FORD FOR OBTAINING ORE 760 C FOR US. HE MADE A SPECIAL TRIP TO ROSEBURG, AND GOT THERE JUST IN TIME AS THE FIRM HAD CHANGED OWNERSHIP, AND WAS RELUCTANT TO SELL HIM ANY. THE "A" ON THE B.C. 800 D STANDS FOR THE FIRST TOKEN IN A POSSIBLE SERIES OF TOKENS THAT MAY BE ISSUED IN THE FUTURE. THIS MONTH WE WELCOME TO THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE THE FOLLOWING: T. MCDANIEL OF LA MESA, CALIF., R. HINDE OF JAMAICA, N.Y., AND ARTHUR CARLSON OF BETHLEHEM, PA. WELCOME TO THE FOLD, GENTLEMEN.

= JOHN G. NICOLosi

BURRELLI TRANSIT SERVICE, NORTH BRADDOCK, PA., HAS RAISED CASH FARES 5¢, INAUGURATED A TOKEN-PLUS-CASH RATE, AND BOOSTED PASSES. TOKENS NOW WORTH 18¢--GOOD FOR A RIDE IN 20¢ ZONE, AND GOOD, TOGETHER WITH A NICKEL, FOR A RIDE IN 25¢ ZONE.

CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES 450 (REPORTED BY FRANKLIN P. SNYDER)
 LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY MTA
 K WM 16 2-SLOTS GOOD FOR ONE FARE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT
 /AUTHORITY MTA (LETTERS IN EMBLEM
 /ON BOTH SIDES ARE INCUSE) \$0.20

IOWA

DES MOINES 300 (REPORTED BY JOHN G. NICOLOSI)
 DES MOINES TRANSIT COMPANY D M T
 J B 23 Sd GOOD FOR ONE STUDENT FARE D M T .20

OREGON

ROSEBURG 760 (REPORTED BY FRANK GUERNSEY)
 ROSEBURG CITY BUS CO., INC. (BUS)
 C Bz 16 BALL GOOD FOR ONE FARE (BUS)[2 SLOTS] .25

PENNSYLVANIA

WASHINGTON 950 (REPORTED BY JOHN G. NICOLOSI)
 K WM 23 W [SAME AS 950 J, BUT BRONZE-PLATED] .20

WASHINGTON

VANCOUVER 920 (REPORTED BY JOHN G. NICOLOSI)
 VANCOUVER PORTLAND TOLL BRIDGE
 D B 23 Sd [SAME AS OBVERSE] .20

CANADA - BRITISH COLUMBIA

VANCOUVER 850 (REPORTED BY JOHN G. NICOLOSI)
 B.C. ELECTRIC [IN SCRIPT] TRANSIT TOKEN A A
 D WM 16 Sd [SAME AS OBVERSE] .15

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

THIS MONTH WE REPORT SOME NEW ISSUES WHICH EVERYONE ON THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE WILL GET. FIRST, LOS ANGELES CAME OUT WITH A NEW TOKEN JANUARY 24. FARE WAS RAISED TO 20¢ STRAIGHT, AND THIS NEW TOKEN IS ONLY A CONVENIENCE TOKEN. THE NEW TOKEN WAS STRUCK TO ESTABLISH UNIFORMITY IN THE TYPE OF TOKEN USED. SINCE THE L.A. M.T.A. TOOK OVER, THEY CONTINUED TO USE THE 16MM TOKENS OF LOS ANGELES RAILWAY, LOS ANGELES TRANSIT LINES, AND PACIFIC ELECTRIC. NO DOUBT ALL THOSE TOKENS WILL BE DESTROYED AS THEY ARE TAKEN IN. THEY DON'T EXPECT TO USE MANY TOKENS, SO ONLY HAD 100,000 OF THE NEW ONE STRUCK, WHICH IS A VERY SMALL ORDER FOR A CITY LIKE LOS ANGELES; THEIR STOCK OF THE 3 OLDER TOKENS MUST HAVE RUN INTO THE MILLIONS.

NEXT WE HAVE THE DES MOINES SCHOOL TOKEN. DES MOINES TRANSIT TOOK OVER TRANSIT OPERATIONS IN DES MOINES ON JANUARY 16, 1954, BUT CONTINUES TO USE THE ADULT TOKEN ISSUED BY THE

FORMER COMPANY. IN 1949 FARE IN DES MOINES WAS 10¢ OR 4/25, BUT WITH THEIR LAST FARE HIKE ON DECEMBER 16, 1959, FARE WENT TO 30¢ OR 4/\$1. AS FAR AS I KNOW THIS IS THE HIGHEST CITY RATE IN THE COUNTRY. SO HERE WE HAVE A SITUATION WHERE TOKENS SOLD AT 4/25 AND NOW SELL AT 4/\$1--AND THE SAME TOKEN THAT WAS ONCE WORTH 6½¢ FACE VALUE IS NOW WORTH 25¢ FACE VALUE!

IN ALMOST ALL CASES WHERE WE KNOW THERE HAS BEEN A FARE HIKE, THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE WRITES TO SEE IF THERE ARE NEW TOKENS; SOMETIMES WE SEND 25¢ OR SO, OTHERWISE THE LETTER MIGHT GET THROWN INTO THE WASTE BASKET. OFTEN WE MERELY GET THE OLD COMMON TOKEN FOR 25¢ PLUS OUR POSTAGE, AND CAN'T FIND ANYONE WHO WANTS IT EVEN AT THE OLD 15¢ PRICE. SO DOES ANYONE NEED IA 300 I AT 15¢? THESE ARE GOOD FOR A 30¢ RIDE. ANYWAY, THE EARLY PART OF LAST YEAR WE WROTE AND LEARNED THAT THEY WERE USING SCHOOL TICKETS. BUT UPON OUR ROUTINE CHECK AT THE LAST FARE HIKE WE LEARNED THAT THEY HAD SWITCHED TO SCHOOL TOKENS IN SEPTEMBER. SO EVEN OUR SYSTEM IS NOT FOOL-PROOF. A COMPANY MAY BE USING TICKETS, THEN 3 OR 4 MONTHS LATER CHANGE TO TOKENS. THESE SCHOOL TOKENS SELL AT 5/85¢ WHICH IS A HIGH RATE FOR SCHOOL TOKENS. WACO, TEX., IS ANOTHER COMPANY THAT WENT TO A 20¢ RATE WITH TOKENS 2/35. THEY ALSO HAD CHANGED THEIR NAME SINCE TOKENS WERE FIRST USED. WHEN PURCHASED BY ANOTHER OUTFIT THEY USED THE TOKENS OF A DIFFERENT COMPANY, AND WHEN THE LATEST FARE RAISE WENT INTO EFFECT WE THOUGHT SURE THAT WE HAD A NEW TOKEN HERE, SO WE SENT 20¢, AND THEN RECEIVED TEX 950 C, WHICH WAS OUT OF CIRCULATION A WHILE. SO WITH OUR AIR-MAIL POSTAGE, THIS 950 C TOKEN COST US 20¢ PLUS 14¢ POSTAGE! SO WE'VE GOT ANOTHER TOKEN WE'LL BE LUCKY IF SOMEONE NEEDS AT 15¢.

NEXT WE NOTED A FARE HIKE IN WASHINGTON, PA., SO OUT WENT ANOTHER 20¢ PLUS OUR POSTAGE, BUT THIS TIME WE FIND THAT THEY DID PLATE THEIR TOKENS, AND WERE ABLE TO GET SOME FOR THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE. FARE IS NOW 17¢ AT WASHINGTON.

NEXT A TOKEN FROM ROSEBURG, ORE. BUS SERVICE HAS FOLDED UP HERE A COUPLE TIMES, BUT LAST MARCH, 1959, ANOTHER FIRM STARTED UP AND ISSUED TOKENS. I DON'T KNOW WHERE MR. GUERNSEY FOUND THE ONE HE REPORTED, BUT LETTERS TO THE COMPANY WENT UNANSWERED. HOWEVER, AS HAROLD FORD WAS GOING TO VISIT PEOPLE IN MEDFORD, WE PREVAILED ON HIM TO DRIVE 125 MILES OUT OF HIS WAY (TOTAL OF 250 MILES) TO SEE IF HE COULD GET THE TOKENS. ON GETTING TO ROSEBURG ON FEB. 2, HE LEARNED THE LINE HAD BEEN SOLD TO ANOTHER PARTY JUST THE DAY BEFORE. AS TOKENS WERE NOT BEING USED AT THAT MOMENT, BUT MIGHT BE LATER, THERE WAS A QUESTION IF THE FORMER OWNER WAS THE LEGAL OWNER OF THE TOKENS, OR THE NEW OWNER WAS. SO THE ONLY WAY HAROLD COULD GET THE TOKENS WAS TO OFFER THE GOING RATE OF 25¢ EACH (\$25 FOR 100).

I HAVE SPENT A LITTLE EXTRA TIME IN MY NOTES TRYING TO SHOW HOW THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE WORKS, AND HOW A LOT OF SO-CALLED "PROFIT MONEY" IS SPENT. POSSIBLY FOR EVERY NEW TOKEN LOCATED, 25 OR SO LETTERS ARE SENT TO VARIOUS COMPANY--SOME WITH JUST POSTAGE, SOME WITH CASH ENCLOSED. SOMETIMES WE GET A LOT OF OLDER TOKENS STILL IN USE; SOMETIMES OUR LETTERS ARE NOT ANSWERED AT ALL. SO WE STILL NEED A LOT OF COOPERATION

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FROM ALL COLLECTORS. ALTHOUGH WE TRY TO RUN DOWN ALL LEADS, WE STILL MISS OUT ON SOME OF THEM.

LAST YEAR, SHORTLY AFTER THE BRIDGE TOKEN WAS USED AT BREMERTON, WASH., WE WROTE THE TOLL BRIDGE AUTHORITY TO FIND OUT IF ANY BRIDGE TOKENS WERE IN USE ANYWHERE ELSE. WE WERE TOLD THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER JANUARY 1, 1960, TOKENS WOULD BE USED ON THE VANCOUVER-PORTLAND BRIDGE. THESE TOKENS WENT INTO USE JAN. 10, AND ARE SOLD ONLY IN ROLLS OF 40 FOR \$6.00. THE FARE WITHOUT A TOKEN IS 20¢. ONE OF THESE DAYS I'LL HAVE TO GET UP AND SEE JUST HOW THESE TOKENS ARE USED... THAT IS, WITH AN AUTOMATIC REGISTER, OR WHAT. VANCOUVER, WASH., IS IN THE SOUTHERN END OF WASHINGTON STATE, WHEREAS VANCOUVER, B.C., IS ACROSS FROM THE NORTHERN END OF THE STATE. PREVIOUSLY I HAD MENTIONED THAT VANCOUVER, B.C., EXPECTED TO USE TOKENS WITH THE INSTALLATION OF NEW GRANT MONEY METER FARE BOXES. TOKENS WENT INTO USE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1960, AND ARE SOLD AT 4/25¢. A CHILD USES ONE TOKEN, AND AN ADULT HAS TO USE TWO OF THEM. APPARENTLY THE "A" ON THE TOKEN REFERS TO ITS BEING THE FIRST IN A POSSIBLE SERIES OF TOKENS TO BE ISSUED.

WE ALSO EXPECT SOME TOKENS FROM CHAMBLY TRANSPORTATION CO. AFTER THIS SYSTEM INSTALLS GRANT MONEY METER FARE BOXES.

NOW WITH REGARD TO PARKING METER TOKENS, I FIND MORE AND MORE COLLECTORS ARE INTERESTED IN THEM. A COUPLE MONTHS AGO I HAD NO IDEA HOW THEY WERE USED. FIRST WE HAVE THE OFF-STREET PARKING LOTS WHICH HAVE METERS. THESE METERS HAVE AN EXTRA SLOT FOR TOKENS. USUALLY THEY WORK THIS WAY: YOU GO INTO A STORE AND MAKE A PURCHASE AND THE MERCHANT GIVES YOU A TOKEN WHICH WORKS IN ONE OF THESE METERS. MOST TOKENS OF THIS TYPE ARE 23MM SIZE, USUALLY MADE BY LOCAL STAMPING OUTFITS.

THEN WE HAVE ANOTHER TYPE OF TOKEN, USED IN CONNECTION WITH A GATE. THERE ARE MANY OF THESE GATES AROUND THE COUNTRY. SOME WORK WITH A QUARTER. BUT OTHERS WORK THIS WAY: YOU CAN DRIVE IN, BUT YOU NEED A TOKEN TO GET OUT. MOST OF THESE ARE USED IN CONNECTION WITH SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, AND BANKS. THE IDEA OF THE TOKEN IS TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT WHO HAVE NO BUSINESS PARKING THERE. SO WHEN YOU DO BUSINESS YOU GET A TOKEN FROM THE PERSON IN CHARGE. SOME OF THESE GATES TAKE 23MM TOKENS, OTHERS TAKE 25MM TOKENS. STRANGE AS IT SEEMS, THESE GATES AND LOTS HAVE BEEN RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES, AND WE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THEM. SO WHENEVER YOU PASS AN OFF-STREET PARKING LOT, WALK UP TO THE METER OR GATE TO SEE IF THERE IS A PLACE TO INSERT TOKENS.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., HAS RAISED FARES TO 25¢ CASH AND 5 TOKENS FOR \$1.10.... ERIE COACH CO. HAS RAISED FARES FROM 23 TO 25¢, TOKENS FROM 5/1.05 TO 5/1.15.... D.C. TRANSIT OF WASH. D.C., EXPECTS TO HAVE ITS LAST STREETCAR LINE CONVERTED TO BUSES BY JAN. 2, 1962.... PITTSBURGH RAILWAYS HAS UPPED FARES FROM 25 TO 27¢, TOKENS FROM 4/95 TO 4/1.05.

THE FARE BOX

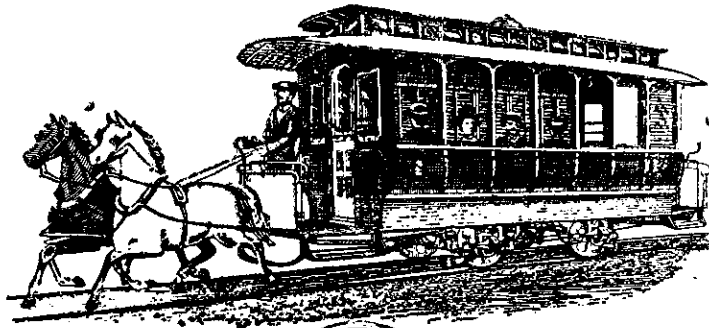
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INSIDE THIS ISSUE THE 1960 ROSTER OF A.V.A. MEMBERS WILL BE FOUND, GIVING NAMES & ADDRESSES OF ALL OUR FELLOW AFFILIATED COLLECTORS. THERE ARE 190 NAMES LISTED, A NET GAIN OF 3 OVER LAST YEAR, AND NEARLY ALL OF THEM WOULD LIKE TO CORRESPOND WITH YOU.

MR. GORDON SMITH REPORTS THAT SALES OF THE ANNIVERSARY HORSECAR MEDALS ARE OVER THE TOP. WE ARE IN THE BLACK, AND ANY FUTURE INCOME FROM SALES WILL BE PROFIT FOR THE TREASURY.

THE EDITOR WISHES TO THANK COLLECTORS WHO HAVE SENT IN ARTICLES. WE NOW HAVE ON HAND A LARGE BACKLOG FOR FUTURE ISSUES.

WE HAD HOPED TO INCLUDE THE PAGES OF AUSTRALIAN SHAPES WITH THIS ISSUE. UNFORTUNATELY THEY WERE NOT QUITE READY, SO WE MUST PUT THEM OFF FOR ANOTHER MONTH. MEANWHILE, ALBERT FIELD HAS COME FORWARD TO HELP CUTTING STENCILS, SO THE FOREIGN LIST WILL BE COMING TO YOU MUCH FASTER HENCEFORTH.

BEGINNING NEXT MONTH WE SHALL ALSO BEGIN SENDING YOU PAGES OF AN EXCELLENT LIST OF MINOR VARIETIES COMPILED BY MR. MAX M. SCHWARTZ, MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR COLLECTORS TO IDENTIFY WHICH VARIETY OF A TOKEN INSCRIBED (VARS.) THEY POSSESS.



PITTSBURGH DISTRICT NEWS

BY HARRY C. BARTLEY

HERE IS A REPORT ON THE THREE MEETINGS HELD AUGUST 16, OCTOBER 18, AND JANUARY 17, WHICH WERE IN ROOM 1208 HOUSE BLDG, 4 SMITHFIELD STREET, PITTSBURGH. PRESENT ON AUGUST 16 WERE BILL EISENBERG, BILL & CORINNE BLACK, JOHN MACKIE, AND BILL ROSS OF THE PDTC (IN ADDITION TO YOUR REPORTER), PLUS BILL CARR, HIS WIFE AND SON, OF AKRON. DUANE FEISEL, A NEW MEMBER OF A.V.A. AND NOW ELIGIBLE FOR PDTC MEMBERSHIP ALSO ATTENDED AND WAS WELCOMED INTO THE GROUP. THE BIGGEST ITEM ON THE AGENDA WAS A DISCUSSION OF THE A.V.A. CONVENTION HELD EARLIER THIS MONTH AND ATTENDED BY THE CARRS. OUR BILL EISENBERG RETAINED HIS OFFICE AS NATIONAL PRESIDENT, WHILE ANOTHER MEMBER, PROSPER DEVOS MADE A GOOD SHOWING IN HIS BID FOR CURATOR. SOME TRADING WAS DONE, THOUGH NOT AS MUCH AS USUAL.

THE OCTOBER 18 MEETING HAD US ALL WORRIED. AT NEARLY THE LAST MINUTE BILL EISENBERG FOUND HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO ATTEND. ALSO WE LEARNED WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SECURE THE ROOM DUE TO ANOTHER COMMITMENT. HOWEVER 12 PERSONS SHOWED UP AND THE MEETING WENT ON WITHOUT INTERFERENCE, THOUGH WE FIGURED ON BEING DISPOSSESSED AT ANY TIME. RALPH KOLLER AND HIS WIFE, BILL CARR AND HIS WIFE, PLUS PHIL EASTERLY AND HIS WIFE, MADE THE TRIP OVER FROM OHIO, WHILE PITTSBURGH WAS REPRESENTED BY CORINNE AND BILL BLACK, JOHN MACKIE, PROSPER DEVOS, DUANE FEISEL (AND YOUR REPORTER). RECENT ITEMS IN THE TOKEN AND COIN WORLD WERE BROUGHT UP AND DISCUSSED, FOLLOWED BY A LIVELY TRADING SESSION. A COLLECTION OF SEVERAL HUNDRED ITEMS WAS BROUGHT IN AND PRACTICALLY EVERYONE PICKED UP SOME ITEMS. OUR PITTSBURGH MEETINGS ARE A GOOD PLACE TO ACQUIRE OR TRADE OFF ITEMS, SO THOSE IN THE VICINITY SHOULD ATTEND AND BRING IN THEIR DUPLICATES--AFTER ALL, THIS IS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSES OF THE CLUB AND ITS MEETINGS.

FROM THE STANDPOINT OF ATTENDANCE THE MEETING OF JANUARY 17 WAS NOT VERY SUCCESSFUL, AND WE HOPE IT IS NOT A CRITERION OF WHAT 1960 WILL BE. THIS WAS DUE IN A WAY TO THE WEATHER WHICH, WHILE GOOD ENOUGH FOR THAT TIME OF YEAR IN PITTSBURGH, WAS BAD FOR TRAVELLING, HENCE THE OHIO DELEGATION DIDN'T MAKE IT. OUR REGULARS BILL EISENBERG, THE BLACKS, MACKIE, DEVOS, FEISEL, AND BARTLEY, WERE ON HAND, AND DID THEIR BEST. A REPORT THAT BERNARD BAAKE, NATIONAL CURATOR AND A GOOD FRIEND OF MANY PDTC MEMBERS, HAD DIED, CAST A SPELL OF GLOOM OVER THE MEETING WHICH WAS NOT DISPELLED. OTHER ITEMS OF NEWS AND DISCUSSIONS SEEMED MINOR AND EVEN THE TRADING WAS NOT AS BRISK AS USUAL. A NEW ITEM IN TOKENS, PARKING METER TOKENS, INTRODUCED AND FEATURED BY DEVOS AND FEISEL, TOOK THE PLAY AWAY FROM TRANSPORTATION TOKENS (TEMPORARILY) AND QUITE A NUMBER CHANGED HANDS. ONE ITEM OF DISCUSSION WHICH HAS NATIONAL BEARING WAS SELECTION OF THE DATE FOR THE NEXT PDTC MEETING. DUE TO THE REGULAR DATE'S FALLING ON HOLY WEEK, A NEW TIME WAS NECESSARY

AND THE GROUP FINALLY DECIDED ON SUNDAY, MAY 1. SO MARK THIS IN YOUR BOOK AND MAKE IT A POINT TO ATTEND; IT MAY WELL BE THE LAST MEETING IN ROOM 1208 HOUSE BUILDING, WHICH HAS BEEN THE "HOME" FOR US FOR THESE MANY YEARS. PLANS CALL FOR THE BUILDING TO BE CONVERTED INTO A HOTEL-STYLE APARTMENT BUILDING SOME TIME THIS YEAR, AND SOON. THE WONDERFUL VIEW OF PITTSBURGH AND THE RIVERS WHICH HAS DELIGHTED SO MANY VISITORS TO OUR MEETINGS HAS ALSO CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF A PLANNING GROUP, HENCE THIS DECISION. IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THIS VIEW (AND ATTENDED A PDTG MEETING) PLAN ON DOING SO RIGHT AWAY.

LEST WE FORGET, PITTSBURGH WILL BE ON "FAST TIME" BY MAY, SO PLAN ACCORDINGLY. REMEMBER, ROOM 1208 HOUSE BLDG., 4 SMITH-FIELD ST., AT 2:00 P.M. D.S.T. COME, AND BRING YOUR DUPLICATES.

MARCH MEETING IN SEATTLE

THE SEATTLE TRANSPORTATION TOKEN CLUB MET AT C.L. CARLSON'S HOME ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING, MARCH 14, FOR A TOKEN FIRESIDE. OUR SPECIAL GUEST WAS RALPH FREIBERG, NEW ISSUES EDITOR OF THE FARE BOX. RALPH CAME TO SEATTLE TO ATTEND A BASKETBALL GAME, ONE OF HIS FAVORITE SPORTS. WE DISCUSSED NEW ISSUES, TRADED, BOUGHT AND SOLD, TOKENS. RALPH TOLD US SOME VERY INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT PARKING METER TOKENS.

PRESENT WERE MR. & MRS. GUS NILSON, MR. & MRS. CECIL JEFFERSON, PAUL FOUTS, IVAN SHIRROD, BOB CHAMBERLAIN, GEORGE GOULD, CLARENCE HEPPNER, AND MR. & MRS. C.L. CARLSON, OUR FRIENDLY HOST AND HOSTESS. THE CLUB WISHES TO THANK MRS. C.L. CARLSON FOR THE WONDERFUL HAM DINNER WHICH SHE SERVED AT 3:30, AND THE HOT COFFEE AS THE MEETING CONTINUED. WE ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

- CLARENCE E. HEPPNER.

NEW BOOK ON STREETCARS

A.V.A. MEMBER WILLIAM R. GORDON HAS WRITTEN FIVE EXCELLENT BOOKS ON STREETCARS AND INTERURBANS. HIS LATEST ONE WILL HAVE 120 PAGES, 350 PHOTOS, INCLUDING PICTURES OF TOKENS, TRANSFERS, PASSES, ETC. SIZE 8½x11, IT WILL BE AVAILABLE MAY 1, AND SELLS FOR \$3.40. IT ALSO INCLUDES A FINE WRITE-UP ABOUT THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION. INTERESTED MEMBERS SHOULD WRITE MR. GORDON DIRECTLY. HIS ADDRESS: 811 GARSON AVENUE, ROCHESTER 9, N.Y.

ANOTHER NEW BOOK, THE ELECTRIC INTERURBAN RAILWAYS IN AMERICA IS JUST OUT, BY STANFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS. IT SELLS FOR \$9.50, BUT IT'S WORTH EVERY CENT OF IT.

= NEW CALIFORNIA AUCTION =

THE EXCHANGE SERVICE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A MAIL AUCTION. ALL BIDS ARE TO BE IN MULTIPLES OF 5¢, NO ODD BIDS. ALL ITEMS TO BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AT 5¢ ABOVE THE SECOND HIGHEST BID, EXCEPT IN CASE OF TIES, IN WHICH CASE THEY ARE SOLD TO THE EARLIEST POSTMARK. LUCKY BIDDERS WILL BE NOTIFIED, AND AS SOON AS PAYMENT PLUS POSTAGE & INSURANCE IS RECEIVED, TOKENS WILL BE SHIPPED. ALL LOTS HAVE A RESERVE OF CATALOGUE, THAT IS, NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT LOWER THAN CATALOGUE VALUES. THE CLOSING DATE OF THE AUCTION IS MAY 15, 1960. SEND BIDS TO KENNETH SMITH - 328 AVENUE F - REDONDO BEACH, CALIF.

LOT	ATWOOD NO.	VALUE	LOT	ATWOOD NO.	VALUE
1	CALIF 100 A	\$0.50	26	NC 880 B	\$1.00
2	CALIF 395 B	.75	27	OHIO 165 U	.25
3	CALIF 815 B	.50	28	OKLA 860 G	.50
4	CALIF 775 F	.50	29	ORE 130 A	.50
5	COLO 860 B	1.50	30	ORE 700 G [SOLID]	.50
6	CONN 550 A	.35	31	ORE 700 H [SOLID]	.50
7	FLA 380 D	.50	32	PA 725 F	2.50
8	GA 20 A	.35	33	PA 750 V	.35
9	ILL 10 A	.35	34	S.D. 760 A	2.50
10	ILL 200 B	.75	35	TENN 430 A	2.00
11	ILL 460 A	.50	36	TENN 430 B	2.00
12	IND 90 A	1.00	37	TENN 710 B	.25
13	IND 980 B	.50	38	TEX 985 A	.35
14	IOWA 300 H	.50	39	WISC 510 D	.75
15	MD 60 I	1.00	40	WYO 150 A	.50
16	MASS 305 B	.50	41	NY 410 A	.50
17	MICH 5 A	.25	42	NY 575 A	.50
18	MICH 30 A	.50	43	NY 630 L	.75
19	MICH 360 A	.25	44	N.D. 320 B	.35
20	MINN 510 A	1.50	45	GA 70 C (RESERVE)	.50
21	MINN 620 B	1.00	46	IOWA 30 D (RESERVE)	1.00
22	MINN 620 C	1.00	47	NEBR 120 C (RESERVE)	.35
23	MINN 760 A	2.00	48	NEBR 120 D (RESERVE)	.35
24	MISS 620 A	.50	49	N.C. 690 C (RESERVE)	.50
25	MISS 900 C	.50	50	N.C. 690 E (RESERVE)	.50

SECTION TWO: CONSISTS OF FOREIGN (SEE SMITH CATALOGUE)

51	ENGLAND 100 A	3.00	61	ENGLAND 335 F	1.50
52	ENGLAND 100 B	3.00	62	ENGLAND 365 B	1.50
53	ENGLAND 115 C	1.20	63	ENGLAND 475 Q	3.00
54	ENGLAND 115 G	.75	64	ENGLAND 740 E	1.50
55	ENGLAND 125 E	.75	65	ENGLAND 740 F	1.50
56	ENGLAND 125 F	.75	66	ENGLAND 740 L	.75
57	ENGLAND 125 G	.75	67	ENGLAND 850 A	1.50
58	ENGLAND 150 F	1.50	68	ENGLAND 850 E	1.50
59	ENGLAND 242 C	1.50	69	SWEDEN 800 AC	2.00
60	ENGLAND 335 B	1.50	70	SWEDEN 800 AY	3.50

SECTION 3, FOREIGN TOKENS FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE, FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED: ENGLAND 80 AF AI AP AO AX, 115 AF AO BO BV, 240 AC AC, 242 L M, 405 DH DD DI, 445 AJ AA AD, 495 K, 545 AG AM AT, 560 A B G I L P N O Q S V AA AJ AL AM, 570 AB AD AO, 605 AI, 615 AA AB, 655 AD AG, 645 AA AC, 715 AH AJ, 725 AD AB AE AF AG, 740 AC AF AG AJ, 812 AA AB, 820 CI CJ, IRELAND 160 N AA AB AE AF AG AH AI AJ BA BB. WALES 30 AE AF.

SECTION 4, THESE TOKENS FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE AT FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED: ALA 560 CF, ARIZ 840 AE, ARK 360 DE, 885 G, CALIF 205 DE, 50 A, 395 FG, 545 A, 775 EI, 970 A; COLO 300 D, 760 N; CONN 320 D; FLA 380 AMR, 690 B, 710 CE, 910 H; GA 70 E, 20 B, 240 E, 780 H; ILL 25 A, 250 DI, 315 A, 5LO AB, 665 A, 760 J, 890 BC, 530 E; IND 20 C, 390 B, 460 Q, 610 F, 860 CEF; IOWA 30 F, 160 B, 390 C, 480 AC, 640 S, 740 DH, 850 V, 730 BD; KANS 150 AC, 880 B; 940 BFKL, 970 G; LA 80 A, 810 D; ME 710 A; MASS 210 B; MICH 60 C, 560 DH; MINN 510 E, 540 K, 730 D; MO 370 DEG, 960 A; NEBR 540 Q, 420 F, 700 V; NJ 30 A, 460 A, 15 A, 20 E, 885 A; NM 330 A; NY 75 B, 80 BCKL, 315 A, 995 A; NC 690 AB, 350 A; OHIO 15 C, 115 A, 175 Y, 385 A, 520 F, 830 CDE; OKLA 180 A, 320 A, 510 A, 700 C, 810 B; ORE 880 A; PA 65 O, 10 AD, 110 A, 695 B, 725 H; TENN 75 CDEH, 430 RO; TEX 145 A, 275 BDE, 320 B, 560 A, 590 C, 565 AC, 255 FNOP; VA 280 A, 560 A, 580 RT, 660 BF, 720 E; WASH 5 BC, 40 BKP, 80 FG, 300 G, 680 A, 960 B, W.VA. 290 AG; WISC 180 EF, 30 A, 700 F, 850 A, 920 A, 930 C; ALASKA 50 AB, 450 AH, 300 E.

SECTION 5. THESE SETS FOR SALE INTACT: ARIZ 640 B (5 VAR.)
.75...FLA 880 C (3 VAR.) .45...ARK 435 J (3 VAR.) .45...IND
200 B (3 VAR.) .45...IND 330 B (3 VAR.) .45...IOWA 150 D (3
VAR.) .45...KY 670 B (3 VAR.) .45...LA 810 D (3 VAR.) .45...
MICH 525 E (3 VAR.) .45...MICH 60 B (3 VAR.) .45...WASH 780 B
(4 VAR.) .60...MINN 540 K (3 VAR.) .45.

SUPREME COURT BATTLE BEHIND THE SCHAPPI TOKEN BY HAROLD FORD, JR.

THE SCHAPPI BUS LINE OF CALUMET CITY, ILL., WAS FOUNDED IN 1920 AND INCORPORATED IN 1924. THIS LINE OPERATED IN SEVERAL CITIES IN THE AREA AND IN THE LATE 1920'S THE CITY OF HAMMOND, IND., TRIED TO EVICT THE LINE FROM ITS STREETS. "WE WON OUT IN ALL COURTS INCLUDING THE U.S. SUPREME COURT," THE FORMER OWNER ERNEST SCHAPPI STATES. "WE MADE HEADLINES THEN DURING THESE FIGHTS IN THE HAMMOND PAPERS," HE ADDS. HE GAVE UP THE BUS LINE (DID NOT SELL OUT, JUST QUIT) IN JULY, 1951.

FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE, THE FOLLOWING AUSTRALIAN ITEMS: 480 JV, JW, KA, KD, KG, KJ, KM, KP, KS, LA, LD, LG, LJ, LM, LP.

KENNETH E. SMITH - 328 AVENUE F - REDONDO BEACH, CAL.

BARGAIN HUNTERS ATTENTION: AS LONG AS MY SUPPLY LASTS, I WILL SELL YOU 1000 TOKENS, CONSISTING OF 20 DIFFERENT OF MY CHOICE, 50 OF EACH, FOR \$50 POSTPAID & INSURED. NONE MUTILATED. ADVISE WHETHER YOU WANT THEM ALL 16MM OR MIXED. SORRY, NO SMALLER QUANTITY AT THIS PRICE.

MAX M. SCHWARTZ - 28 WEST 44TH ST. - NEW YORK 36, N.Y.

WILL TRADE U.S. COMMEMORATIVE MINT STAMPS AT FACE VALUE FOR TOKENS I NEED AT CATALOGUE.

LEONARD H. PAUL - 311 PARSONS AVE. - BALA-CYNWYD, PA.

NEW COLLECTORS ATTENTION - SEND FOR MY LIST OF DUPLICATES.

SOME I HAVE FOR SALE AT CAT. ARE IND 660 D, 180 E; NY 790 D; PA 870 A; PORTO RICO 640 A B C D E.

DANIEL DIMICHAEL - P.O. Box 485 - COATESVILLE, PA.

FOR SALE AT CAT. - ALASKA 300 D G, 450 H; CALIF 275 A B, 745 P, 760 E; FLA 530 H; ILL 285 C, 530 E; IOWA 850 J; KANS 600 A; MD 60 AC; MASS 135 A B; NJ 30 A, 885 A; NY 70 A, 305 A, 505 A, 630 X, AH, AI, 631 C, D, E, 690 A, 715 A, 780 D; NC 670 A; ND 960 A; OHIO 990 B; PA 10 B, 25 ABCD, 70 ABC, 320 A, 720 A, 775 A, B, 870 A; VA 120 A, B, 600 B, D, L, 620 K, ALL MASS. SUPREME TAXI

TOKENS. YES HUNDREDS OF 15¢ TOKENS TOO. WELCOME WANT-LISTS. F. GORDON SMITH - 14 MILLER STILE RD. - QUINCY 69, MASS.

WANTED: ALASKA TOKENS. WILL PAY OVER CATALOGUE, AS FOLLOWS - ALASKA 450 F (LISTS .50, WILL PAY .75); 450 G (LISTS .50, WILL PAY .75); 450 C (LISTS \$2, WILL PAY \$4). 900 A (LISTS \$1, WILL PAY \$2).

CLARENCE E. HEPPNER - 1331 3RD AVENUE - SEATTLE 1, WASH.

WILL TRADE MANITOBA 200 A FOR C, OR WILL PAY CASH OR TRADE OTHER TOKEN OR TOKENS. STILL NEED CAPETOWN TOKEN ADVERTISED IN FEB. FARE BOX. FOR SALE AT 30¢ EACH: QUEBEC 620 U V X. AT 20¢: QUEBEC 950 A.

J.G. NICOLOSI - 3002 GALINDO ST. - OAKLAND 1, CALIF.

FOR SALE AT CAT. - ALASKA 50 B; ARIZ 640 BA; ARK 450 B; CAL 110 AC, 745 P, 760 DE, 775 I, 945 B; COLO 760 N; FLA 130 CA, CB, D; GA 70 D; IDA 440 M; IND 260 A, B, 460 U; IA 30 F, 730 A, 850 J; KANS 540 C, 600 A, C, 970 G; KY 670 D; LA 670 D; MD 380 A; MICH 75 BEFHJ, 360 A, N, O; MINN 230 GHM; MO 870 A; MONT 140 A, 660 G; NEB 700 E; NJ 30 A, 885 A; NY 35 DA, 70 A, 75 CA, 230 C, 305 A, 505 A, 615 FG, 630 X, AM, 631 CDE, 675 B, 715 A, 760 A, AA, B, BB, C, 780 D, 790 AA, B, C, 830 C, 955 A, 995 A; NC 130 H, 240 G, I, 350 B, 625 A, 670 A; ND 260 DA, 320 H, 960 A. (SEND 12¢ POST.)

C.B. HOLCOMBE - 49 CLARKE STREET - BURLINGTON, VERMONT

FOR SALE AT CAT. - ARK 480 Q; FLA 370 A; ILL 765 A; IND 110 B, 660 A C, 960 C; KY 530 A; MINN 190 B C; NY 890 D; ND 960 A; OHIO 355 A; PA 25 D, 65 O R, 775 B; RI 700 E; PORTO RICO 640 E F; PHILIPPINES 500 C; AUSTRALIA 20 E no. 2.

A.A. GIBBONS - 300 LENOX ROAD - BROOKLYN 26, N.Y.

WILL TRADE COMPLETE USED U.S. AIR MAIL STAMP COLLECTION AT HALF CATALOGUE FOR ANY TRANSPORTATION TOKENS I CAN USE IN MY COLLECTION AT FULL CATALOGUE.

CLARENCE C. HIORTH - 601 ANDREW ROAD - SPRINGFIELD, PA.

FOR SALE - CALIF 985 C AT 20c; NY 630 AH, AI(A & B) 25c EACH; NY 631 L AT 35c, M AT 30c, N AT 35c, 760 A, B AT 15c EACH; ORE 880 A AT 15c; PA 25 A AT 50c, 195 I AT 15c, 195 N AT 15c; WASH 10 A AT 35c, 300 D(P) AT 20c, 780 A AT 20c, E AT 20c, 990 B AT 30c; W.VA. 890 N AT 20c. FOR TRADE: MD 60 I, J, K, U; NJ 185 A, B, = HARRY C. BARTLEY - 7012 OHIO RIVER BLVD - PITTSBURGH 2, PA.

COSTA RICA 700 D, FOR SALE AT 25¢ EACH, OR 5 FOR \$1 POSTPAID, OR WILL TRADE FOR ANY U.S. TOKENS WORTH 25¢.

DONALD N. MAZEAU - 155 BORRMANN ROAD - EAST HAVEN, CONN.

WANTED: MEDALS STRUCK TO COMMEMORATE RAILROADS FROM ANY COUNTRY. STILL HAVE A FEW MICH 515 A AND B FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE PLUS POSTAGE. IF NEW COLLECTORS WILL SEND A LIST OF WHAT THEY HAVE OR NEED, I CAN SUPPLY A LOT OF TOKENS, INCLUDING SOME GOOD ONES, AT CATALOGUE PRICES...SUCH AS MINN 820 C.

J.M. COFFEE, JR. - P.O. Box 1204 - BOSTON 4, MASS.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

322-J JON ALAN HEIM - 551½ E. ALCOTT ST. - PHILADELPHIA 20, PA.
AGE 18; STUDENT. 100 TOKENS.

323-J MOTON HAYWOOD CROCKETT III - 705 SPARKS AVE. - AUSTIN 5,
AGE 15; STUDENT. 20 TOKENS. /TEXAS.

324 MRS. MIRIAM CLARK - 125 CRANDALL DR. - WORTHINGTON, O.
AGE 53; HOUSEWIFE. COLLECTING 5 YEARS.

325 JOHN G. CAMPBELL - 44 LONGLEAT - BUFFALO 26, NEW YORK
AGE 57; EXECUTIVE. COLLECTING 2 YEARS; 200 TOKENS.

PROPOSERS: 322 MAZEAU; 323 COFFEE; 324 SHUPE; 325 SCHWARTZ.

NEW POLICY ON THE FREE ADVERTISEMENTS

WHEN WE FIRST INAUGURATED THE FREE-AD IDEA ELEVEN YEARS AGO, WE HAD IN MIND 2 PURPOSES: TO GIVE COLLECTORS A CHANCE TO ENHANCE THEIR SWAPPING, BUYING, AND SELLING OF TOKENS; AND TO LIVEN UP THE FARE BOX BY MAKING IT A MARKET PLACE FOR TOKENS. UP TO NOW, IT WAS PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT TO SEND IN AN AD AND ASK THAT IT BE RUN SEVERAL TIMES. BUT NOW THAT SO MANY ADS ARE COMING IN, WE'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO SEND IN YOUR AD COPY EACH MONTH (PLEASE PUT AD ON A SEPARATE SHEET FROM YOUR LETTER, AND INCLUDE NAME & ADDRESS WITH IT ALWAYS). ALSO, WE WON'T MAKE IT A BINDING RULE YET, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO ELIMINATE THE PRACTISE OF PRINTING THE SAME AD TWICE IN A ROW. THERE OUGHT TO BE SOME DIFFERENCE IN YOUR ADS FROM MONTH TO MONTH, JUST TO KEEP THINGS INTERESTING. EXCEPT FOR THIS, PLEASE KEEP ON SEND-
ING IN YOUR ADS. WE LIKE THEM. THE MORE THE MERRIER!

MARCH SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE

BY RALPH FREIBERG

ARKANSAS

CAMDEN 150 (REPORTED BY J.M. COFFEE, JR.)
 CHIDESTER & PICKETT GOOD FOR ONE FARE
 D o B 23 Sd [BLANK] ["CHIDESTER & PICKETT" INCUSE ON /OBVERSE] [EX-UNIDENTIFIED #63] \$3.50
 F.B. CHIDESTER, CAMDEN, ARK. GOOD FOR ONE FARE
 E o B 23 Sd DRUMMERS CHECK [NOTCH PLACED IN EDGE OF /TOKEN BY COMPANY] 3.50

CONNECTICUT

NEW HAVEN 305 (REPORTED BY W.C. HOFMANN)
 P WM 23 BAR (SAME AS 305 F) .15

INDIANA

MEROM 600 (REPORTED BY IVAN B. CLINE)
 GOOD FOR ROUND TRIP -AT- MEROM FERRY
 A o B 25 Sd J.M. MCNUTT DEALER IN LUMBER & HARDWARE 3.50

MICHIGAN

LANSING 560 (REPORTED BY MAX M. SCHWARTZ)
 LANSING CITY LINES, INC. (BUS)
 O o Bz 23 Dd GOOD FOR ONE SCHOOL FARE (BUS) .50

OHIO

CLEVELAND 175 (REPORTED BY MAX M. SCHWARTZ)
 ABo Cg 22 Sd (SAME AS 175 G) 3.50

CANADA - QUEBEC

MONTREAL 620 (REPORTED BY J.A.W. CASSIDY)
 (OBVERSE SAME AS 620 V)
 W WM 22 Sd NATIONAL HARBOURS BOARD BRIDGE JACQUES /CARTIER CONSEIL DES PORTS NATIONAUX PONT .25
 (OBVERSE SAME AS 620 S)
 X WM 22 Sd CONSEIL DES PORTS NATIONAUX PONT JACQUES /CARTIER NATIONAL HARBOURS BOARD BRIDGE / (VARS.) (DOTS & NO DOTS; LGE & SM LTRS) .25

UNIDENTIFIED (REPORTED BY KENNETH SMITH)

NEELY'S TAXI
 72 A 21 Sd GOOD FOR 25¢ TAXI SERVICE

CORRECTIONS: (TO JANUARY 1960 SUPPLEMENT)

1. TO MICH 525 M - ADD "MICH." TO OBVERSE
2. TO PA 765 AA - CHANGE SIZE TO 20MM
3. TO UNIDENTIFIED #71 - ADD SIZE (20MM)

[ALSO]

CORRECT SIZE OF PA 180 A TO 19MM, AND ON UNIDENTIFIED #30
 CHANGE "ONE" TO "1" (GOOD FOR 1 PASS)

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

WE HAD SUSPECTED THAT THE CHIDESTER & PICKETT TOKEN WAS FROM CAMDEN, ARK., BUT HAD NO DEFINITE PROOF. SO JOHN COFFEE HAD AN ARTICLE PRINTED IN THE NEWSPAPER THERE, WHICH PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH PEOPLE WHO KNEW THE FULL STORY. PICKETT WAS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CHIDESTER IN THE 1890'S. ONE OF THESE PEOPLE ALSO SENT COFFEE THE NEW TOKEN (150 E), WHICH IS SIMILAR TO "A" EXCEPT THAT THE LETTERS AREN'T INCUSE, AND "E" HAS "DRUMMERS CHECK" ON THE REVERSE.

THE FIRST WHITE METAL TOKENS STRUCK FOR CONNECTICUT CO. HAD A COMMA AFTER "LINE," BUT WHEN STEEL, BRASS, AND BRONZE TOKENS CAME ALONG, THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE COMMA. NOW IT SEEMS THEY ORDERED A NEW BATCH OF WHITE METAL TOKENS, AND THEY CAME WITHOUT THE COMMA. IT MAY TAKE A WHILE TO GET THESE FOR NEW ISSUES SERVICE, AS THEY'LL HAVE TO BE PICKED OUT FROM THE OTHERS.

THE MEROM, IND., FERRY TOKEN WAS FOUND BY MR. CLINE IN HUTSONVILLE. A MAN WHO WAS DEMOLISHING A HOUSE THERE FOUND IT IN THE WALL! MEROM IS ONLY A FEW MILES SOUTH OF HUTSONVILLE, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER. THE MEROM FERRY OPERATED OVER A HUNDRED YEARS, ALWAYS BEING RUN BY THE SAME FAMILY. ONLY A FEW MONTHS AGO, THE LAST SURVIVOR OF THE FAMILY DIED, AND THE FERRY STOPPED RUNNING. BUSINESS HAD FALLEN OFF DUE TO THE NEW BRIDGE AT HUTSONVILLE, WHICH GOT MOST OF THE TRAFFIC. THE TOKENS WERE USED ABOUT 1900, AND ONLY ONE OLD TIMER IN MEROM COULD REMEMBER THEM AT ALL. IT SEEMS THESE TOKENS WERE GIVEN OUT FREE BY McNUTT TO HIS CUSTOMERS TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO CROSS THE RIVER AND PATRONIZE HIS STORE.

NEXT WE COME TO A TOKEN WHICH WAS A SURPRISE TO ME. SEEMS NATIONAL CITY LINES PROBABLY TOOK OVER IN THIS CITY AROUND 1939 OR THEREABOUTS, AND ABOUT 1944 OR 1945 SOLD THE LINE TO THE INTERCITY COACH LINE. FROM MY FILE OF INFORMATION I FIND THAT THEY HAD A 5¢ FARE AND A 6/25 SCHOOL FARE, SIMILAR TO RATES ON OTHER PROPERTIES OF THEIRS. HOWEVER, AS NO TOKEN WAS EVER REPORTED FROM THERE, AND I THOUGHT LANSING WAS PRETTY WELL COVERED, WE HAD NOT PAID MUCH ATTENTION TO LOOKING FOR TOKENS FROM THERE FOR THIS LINE. WORST OF IT WAS THAT I EVEN VISITED THE PRESENT COMPANY SOME 7 YEARS AGO, AND POSSIBLY MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FIND ONE THEN. SO FOR THE PRESENT I AM GIVING THE TOKEN A TENTATIVE PRICE OF 50¢ BUT IF NO MORE THAN A DOZEN EVER SHOW UP, IT SHOULD BE WORTH THE TOP PRICE OF \$3.50. IN OTHER WORDS, THIS WAS A SLEEPER. NOW I'M WONDERING IF BY CHANCE THEY MIGHT HAVE USED A NICKEL TOKEN, OR ONE IN THE 21MM SIZE.

NEXT WE COME TO ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE TOKENS FROM THE BROOKLYN LINE. THE BROOKLYN STREET RAILWAY WAS INCORPORATED IN 1869. THE COMPANY BUILT AND OPERATED A SINGLE TRACK HORSE CAR LINE FROM SPRING STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN, NORTHERLY ALONG WHAT WAS THEN COLUMBUS STREET, NOW PEARL STREET, TO

LORAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 2 MILES. IN 1879 STEPS WERE TAKEN TO EXTEND THE ROAD FROM LORAIN STREET TO THE SUPERIOR VIADUCT AND THENCE TO PUBLIC SQUARE. SO THESE TOKENS WERE USED BEFORE 1900. THERE ARE FOUR TYPES OF THESE TOKENS AND WHAT THE NUMERALS 1, 2, AND 3, MEAN I DO NOT KNOW. NOW IT SEEMS THAT THERE CAN BE ANY VARIETY OF THESE CELLULOID TOKENS IN VARIOUS COLORS WHICH WE HAVEN'T LISTED YET.

I HAD HELD UP THE LISTING FROM MONTREAL SO THAT I COULD LIST THE W TOKEN FIRST, AS IT HAS THE SAME OBERSE AS V. HOWEVER, AFTER EXAMINING A QUANTITY OF THE TOKENS USED ON THIS BRIDGE, IT APPEARS THAT THIS W TOKEN IS, FOR THE PRESENT, ONE OF THE SCARCEST OF THE BUNCH, BUT THEN AGAIN ONE OF THESE DAYS IN LOOKING THROUGH A BUNCH, A QUANTITY OF W MAY BE FOUND, SO FOR THE PRESENT THIS IS ONE THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE IS KIND OF HELD UP ON.

AS FOR THE MAVERICK, PERHAPS SOMEONE WILL RECOGNIZE THE NAME NEELY'S TAXI. IF SO, THAT COULD BE THE CLUE WE ARE LOOKING FOR.

NEXT MONTH WE HOPE TO LIST ANOTHER ONE OF THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION TOKENS. WE HAVE ONE LISTED FOR AREA 3, WHICH IS WASHINGTON, D.C. SHORTLY WE'LL LIST ONE FROM DENVER, REGION 8, AS SOON AS--AND IF--MR. FRISBEE CAN NEGOTIATE A DEAL FOR SOME OF THEM. THE AREAS ARE AS FOLLOWS: BOSTON 1. NEW YORK 2. WASHINGTON 3. ATLANTA 4. CHICAGO 5. KANSAS CITY 6. DALLAS 7. DENVER 8. SAN FRANCISCO 9. SEATTLE 10. THERE ARE NO TOKENS USED IN AREA 9, BUT COLLECTORS IN OTHER AREAS MIGHT ASK OR TELEPHONE THE GSA IN THOSE CITIES AND ASK IF ANY TOKENS ARE USED ANYWHERE IN THEIR AREAS.

THE CHIDESTER TOKENS OF CAMDEN, ARK.

BY J.M. COFFEE

F.B. CHIDESTER OPERATED A STAGE COACH LINE FROM CAMDEN, ARK., TO DALLAS, TEXAS, IN THE 1870'S. IT WAS CALLED THE "CHIDESTER BROTHERS U.S. MAIL & EXPRESS Co." AND F.B. WAS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HIS BROTHERS J.T. AND W.P. MR. J.T. CHIDESTER DIED IN 1883. F.B. AND W.P. CONTINUED IN BUSINESS. CAMDEN WAS A MAJOR STEAMBOAT PORT FOR SHIPPING COTTON SOUTH, AND A MAJOR CENTER FOR BUYING MULES. THE CHIDESTERS WOULD BUY CARLOADS OF MULES FROM ST. LOUIS AND SELL THEM TO LOCAL FARMERS. LATER W.P. CHIDESTER WAS ELECTED SHERIFF, AND F.B. WAS SOLE OPERATOR OF THE BUSINESS. IN THE 1890'S HE TOOK A MR. HUGH PICKETT AS PARTNER, THEN A FEW YEARS LATER BOUGHT PICKETT OUT, AND WAS, AGAIN, IN BUSINESS FOR HIMSELF. THE TRANSFER LINE WAS ONLY ONE OF HIS MANY BUSINESS INTERESTS. F.B. CHIDESTER DIED IN 1953, AT THE AGE OF 93, BUT THIS WAS LONG AFTER HE HAD DIVESTED HIMSELF OF THE TRANSFER AND LIVERY BUSINESS.

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IT LOOKS AS THOUGH WE HAVE A BLANK MONTH. NOTHING TO SEND YOU, ALTHOUGH WE DO HAVE A FEW TOKENS PENDING, BUT HAVEN'T RECEIVED THEM YET. THESE WILL BE SENT TO YOU IN APRIL ALONG WITH ANY OTHERS THAT WE MAY GET. SO DON'T EXPECT ANY NEW ISSUES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH. WELCOME THIS MONTH TO THE N.I.S. TO DONALD N. MAZEAU OF EAST HAVEN, CONN.

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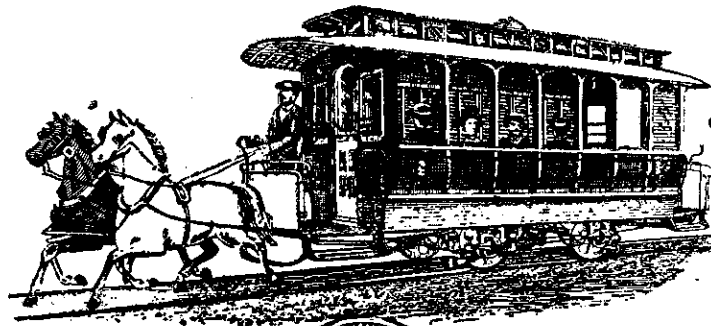
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TOGETHER WITH THIS ISSUE, AT LONG LAST, WE ARE SENDING THE PAGES OF AUSTRALIAN SHAPES, AND THE INTRODUCTION AND FIRST 3 PAGES OF MR. SCHWARTZ' LIST OF DIE VARIETIES, WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE INCLUDED UNTIL YOU HAVE ALL OF IT. THIS LIST WILL PROVE OF GREAT VALUE TO EVERYONE. WE ARE ALSO INCLUDING THE INTRODUCTION TO THE FRENCH TOKEN LIST, AND A LIST OF FRENCH & ENGLISH EQUIVALENTS. THIS SHEET SHOULD BE INSERTED IN FRONT OF THE OTHER FRENCH SHEET WHICH WAS MAILED TO YOU TWO ISSUES AGO. AS WE GET THE TIME, WE'LL BE SENDING YOU PAGES OF FRANCE AND GERMANY TOGETHER.

WE HAVE SEVERAL QUITE LONG ARTICLES ON HAND, AND THEY ARE GOOD ONES. HOWEVER, RUNNING A LONG ARTICLE, SAY ABOUT 4 PAGES, IS EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE AND REPRESENTS A LARGE AMOUNT OF WORK. SO WE HOPE THOSE WHO SUBMIT SUCH ARTICLES WILL UNDERSTAND IF WE POSTPONE THEM. OCCASIONALLY WE DO NOT HAVE THE TIME OR SPACE FOR THEM...AS, FOR EXAMPLE, THIS MONTH. TWENTY PAGES OF MATERIAL, WHICH YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS MONTH, IS ABOUT ALL ONE MAN CAN HANDLE AT ONE TIME! EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS HOBBY IS GROWING, INCLUDING FEATURES IN THE FARE BOX. BUT THE NUMBER OF HOURS IN A DAY REMAINS THE SAME.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHANGES TO COME ABOUT SINCE THE INAUGURATION OF THE FARE BOX IN 1947 HAS BEEN THE CHANGE IN THE VALUES AND AVAILABILITY OF TOKENS. BEFORE 1947, IT WAS NEXT TO



IMPOSSIBLE TO BUY TOKENS FOR CASH. EVERYONE INSISTED ON TRADES EVEN FOR THE COMMONEST TOKENS. A COLLECTION OF 350 VARIETIES WAS CONSIDERED A LARGE ONE DURING THE WAR. ONLY ADVANCED COLLECTORS KNEW THE RELATIVE RARITY OF TOKENS, BECAUSE THE ONLY "CHECK LIST" AVAILABLE HAD NO PRICES LISTED IN IT. BUT EVEN THE RAREST TOKENS, WHEN OCCASIONALLY THEY DID GET "ON THE MARKET," WOULD SELL FOR A FEW DOLLARS AT MOST.

ALL THAT HAS CHANGED SINCE MR. MOORE STARTED THE FARE BOX. COMMON TOKENS HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE IN TREMENDOUS QUANTITY AND VARIETY, AND TODAY ANY COLLECTOR CAN PURCHASE UP TO 1,000 VARIETIES IF HE HAS THE CASH. ORDINARY TOKENS TODAY ARE SELLING FOR LESS THAN 10¢ APIECE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE RARE TOKENS HAVE SKY-ROCKETED IN VALUE. IF THE 15¢ PRICE IN THE CATALOGUE FOR COMMON TOKENS IS ARTIFICIALLY HIGH, THE \$3.50 AND \$5.00 PRICE ON RARE TOKENS IS NOW ARTIFICIALLY LOW. SOME COLLECTORS HAVE PAID \$25 TO \$35 APIECE FOR RARE TOKENS, AND THEY FIGHT TO GET THE CHANCE TO DO SO.

MANY HAVE DEPLORED THE RISE IN PRICES OF THE RARE TOKENS, AND WITH JUSTIFICATION. IN ONE SENSE, ALL WE ARE DOING IS MAKING IT MORE EXPENSIVE FOR OURSELVES TO COLLECT TOKENS. BUT, LIKE IT OR NOT, THE FACT IS THAT THERE ARE MORE COLLECTORS THAN RARE TOKENS, AND SOME PEOPLE ARE NOW WILLING TO GIVE UP OTHER THINGS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A RARE TOKEN... THAT IS, THEY ARE WILLING TO SPEND THE MONEY.

THIS KEEN COMPETITION FOR THE GOOD TOKENS HAS LED A FEW DEALERS, WHO ADVERTISE IN COIN JOURNALS, TO BELIEVE THAT ANY OBSOLETE TOKEN IS VALUABLE... WITNESS THE RECENT PRICES ASKED FOR THE COMMON HONOLULU TOKEN OF \$5 APIECE!

THE MORAL IN ALL THIS IS THAT TOKENS ARE WORTH DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE. AN ADVANCED COLLECTOR WHO HAS OVER 100 CENSUS TOKENS (THERE ARE ONLY 7 SUCH COLLECTORS) MAY THINK A RARE TOKEN HE NEEDS IS WORTH A LOT. A BEGINNING COLLECTOR WOULD PROBABLY BE FOOLISH TO TRY TO MEET THE SAME PRICES, UNLESS HE IS REALLY GOING TO COLLECT IN A BIG WAY. BUT THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO KNOW YOUR TOKENS. THE PRICES IN OUR CATALOGUE ARE STILL A PRETTY GOOD GUIDE TO THE RARITY OF TOKENS. BEFORE YOU LAY OUT A LOT OF MONEY FOR A TOKEN, BE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT.

IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, THE BEST WAY TO BUILD A COLLECTION, AND THE MOST ENJOYABLE, IS NOT TO BUY THEM. THE BEST WAY IS TO DIG THEM UP AT THE SOURCE... TO WRITE LETTERS AND TRACE THEM DOWN. PROBABLY ONLY ONE LETTER IN 25 WILL PAY OFF, BUT THAT ONE LETTER WILL MORE THAN MAKE UP FOR ALL THE REST. THERE IS NO THRILL, IN OUR HOBBY, LIKE MAKING A NEW DISCOVERY OF AN OLD TOKEN. THE ADVENTURE IN THIS HOBBY, UNLIKE STAMPS AND COINS, LIES IN THE FACT THAT WE ARE STILL IN THE BEGINNING STAGES OF IT--THAT HUNDREDS OF RARITIES ARE STILL WAITING TO BE FOUND.

THE EUREKA SPRINGS STREETCAR SYSTEM

THE ALUMINUM TOKEN LISTED FROM EUREKA SPRINGS, ARK., IS UNIQUE--THERE IS ONLY ONE KNOWN TO EXIST. EVEN THE INITIALS ON THE TOKEN STAND FOR SOMETHING WHICH NO ONE SEEMS TO HAVE HEARD OF. SO RECENTLY I WROTE AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSPAPER DOWN THERE, AND IT WAS PUBLISHED. I RECEIVED MANY REPLIES, BUT NO TOKENS, AND NO ONE SEEMS CERTAIN OF WHAT "E.L.S." STANDS FOR, ALTHOUGH THE CONCENSUS IS FOR "ELECTRIC LIGHT & STREET" RY. HOWEVER, I DID LEARN THAT THE PAPER HAD EARLIER RUN AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE STREETCAR SYSTEM THERE, AND I REPRODUCE MOST OF THAT INTERESTING ARTICLE HERE:

WHEN HEALTH SEEKERS BEGAN FLOCKING TO EUREKA SPRINGS IN THE 1880'S, THE TALLYHO WAS INTRODUCED TO TRANSPORT TRAVELERS FROM THE STAGE DEPOT AND, LATER, THE RAILWAY STATION, TO THE 53 HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES WHICH THEN EXISTED HERE. THIS VEHICLE CARRIED 20 OR 30 PASSENGERS AND WAS DRAWN BY 6 HORSES. BUT THIS SYSTEM OF TRANSPORTATION WASN'T SUFFICIENT, SO IN 1891 A MULE CAR LINE WAS STARTED. A FEW YEARS LATER THE LINE WAS ELECTRIFIED AND EXTENDED TO NEARLY DOUBLE ITS ORIGINAL LENGTH, WITH A BRANCH LINE EXTENDING DOWN THE HILL TO THE MISSOURI-ARKANSAS RR STATION. IN 1912 THE DEPOT WAS CHANGED TO AN EASIER GRADE. THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE SYSTEM WAS $3\frac{1}{2}$ MILES.

ONE OF THE MOST UNUSUAL FEATURES OF THE SYSTEM WAS THAT THE TWO TERMINALS OF THE MAIN LINE WERE ONLY HALF A MILE APART ALTHOUGH THE LINE WAS $3\frac{1}{2}$ MILES IN LENGTH. THIS WAS BECAUSE ONE TERMINAL WAS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL AND THE OTHER WAS AT THE TOP. THE DIRECT CLIMB UP THE HILL WAS SO STEEP THAT MOST FOLKS PREFERRED TO TAKE THE ROUND-ABOUT ROUTE BY TROLLEY. THE ENTIRE SYSTEM WAS SINGLE-TRACKED WITH 3 PASSING SWITCHES. TRACK WAS PLACED NEAR THE CURB AT ONE SIDE OF THE STREETS, BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO NARROW FOR CENTER TRACKS.

THE CITIZENS ELECTRIC RAILWAY [PROBABLY THE SUCCESSOR OF THE E.L.S. RY.] WHICH OPERATED FROM 1904 TO 1923, OWNED 12 CARS 5 OF WHICH WERE 1-MAN CLOSED; 6 WERE 2-MAN OPEN; 1 WAS A WORK CAR WHICH ALSO WAS USED AS A PARTY CAR. ALL BUT 2 OF THEM WERE ORIGINALLY MULE CARS PURCHASED SECOND-HAND FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE ELECTRIC MOTORS PUT ON THEM WERE ALSO PURCHASED SECOND-HAND FROM DETROIT STREET RAILWAYS. IN 1904 TWO NEW SUMMER CARS WERE OBTAINED FROM ST. LOUIS CAR COMPANY. THE COLOR SCHEME WAS RED WITH WHITE NUMERALS AND TRIM.

IN 1923 THE CITIZENS ELECTRIC RAILWAY CEASED OPERATION. THE CARS WERE SOLD AND THE TRACKS TAKEN UP AND JUNKED. I UNDERSTAND THAT MULES WERE USED TO ASSIST THE ELECTRIC CARS UP THE STEEPEST HILLS AT TIMES. THE CITIZENS LINE ALSO USED PAPER TICKETS, SELLING AT 6/25. THE ELS TOKENS MUST HAVE BEEN USED PRIOR TO 1904.

- J.M.C.

FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE (SEND 12¢ POSTAGE PLEASE): OHIO 15 C, 30 C, 80 A, 290 B, 355 A B, 505 F, 520 F G, 535 C, 640 A, 830 D EB 860 E; OKLA 640 D E F G, 860 Cb M; ORE 700 G, 800 D E F; PA 10 A B D, 25 A B C D EA EB, 65 D E L M N Oa P R, 70 A Ba Cb, 200 AA AB BA Bb C D E, 305 E, 320 A, 340 C D, 495 O, 570 B, 695 AA AB B C, 870 AA, 930 A B C D, 990 B; RI 700 E; SD 10 C, 780 Cb, 840 A C; TENN 120 F, 160 A; TEX 30 E, 565 CA; UTAH 525 C; WASH 5 Bb, 80 GH, 480 Bb, 680 A, 840 Cb, 920 Cb, 970 A; WVA 200 C, 850 A; Wisc 220 C; Wyo 120 H; DC 500 Ca L Qb R Tb Ua X.

C.B. HOLCOMBE - 49 CLARKE STREET - BURLINGTON, VERMONT

WILL PAY 10C EACH FOR FOREIGN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS. I ALSO WANT TO BUY GAME COUNTERS OR WILL TRADE MY DUPLICATES FOR YOURS WILL ALSO TRADE 5 DIFF. TRANSP. TOKENS FOR EACH LARGE US CENT.

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A LETTER FROM MR. ATKINS

DEAR FELLOW A.V.A. MEMBERS:

ALL TOO FREQUENTLY OF LATE, WE SEE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PASSING OF ANOTHER MEMBER, WHICH MAKES ONE REALIZE THAT A GREAT MANY OF US A.V.A. MEMBERS ARE IN THE MIDDLE YEARS OR OLDER. ALL OF WHICH IS TO SAY THAT, IN THE CASE OF A GREAT MANY OF OUR WIVES, FEW HAVE ANY IDEA OF THE VALUE ATTACHED TO OUR COLLECTIONS, AND FEWER STILL HAVE ANY IDEA OF HOW TO DISPOSE OF A COLLECTION.

THIS, OF COURSE, DOES NOT INCLUDE THE MANY WOMEN MEMBERS OF OUR HOBBY, NOR ANY OF THE WELL KNOWN HUSBAND-WIFE COLLECTING TEAMS.

SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, AND I KNOW MANY OTHER COLLECTOR FRIENDS FEEL THE SAME WAY, I WOULD LIKE MY COLLECTION, HOWEVER BROKEN UP, AUCTIONED, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF, TO STAY IN THE A.V.A., OR AT LEAST WITH OTHER COLLECTORS. SINCE, AS I'VE SAID BEFORE, SO FEW WIVES KNOW VERY MUCH ABOUT THEIR HUSBANDS' COLLECTIONS, I WONDER IF THE FOLLOWING IDEA MIGHT BE WORTH SOME DISCUSSION AMONG MEMBERS, AND POSSIBLY AT THE NEXT CONVENTION.

NAMELY: THE FORMATION OF AN IMPARTIAL COMMITTEE OF OLDER, POSSIBLY CHARTER MEMBERS, WITH A CHAIRMAN, TO ACT WHEN ASKED BY A WIDOW OR OTHER NEXT OF KIN OF A DECEASED MEMBER, FOR ASSISTANCE, TO ARRANGE THE DISPOSAL OF HIS COLLECTION IN WHATEVER WAY THEY THINK BEST--AUCTION BIDS, ETC., SO AS TO SEE THAT THE WIDOW WILL REALIZE THE FAIREST PRICE ON THE COLLECTION, ESPECIALLY ON ANY RARE ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE COLLECTION WHICH, WHEN THE VALUE IS NOT KNOWN, MIGHT OTHERWISE GO FOR A VERY SMALL SUM.

THIS IS ONLY A VERY ROUGH IDEA OF WHAT I HAVE HAD IN MIND, BUT I SHOULD BE INTERESTED TO HEAR WHAT ANY OTHER MEMBERS THINK ON THE MATTER, AND WHETHER IT MIGHT BE AN ITEM TO BE INCLUDED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT A.V.A. CONVENTION.

IT WAS ALSO MY THOUGHT THAT IF A COMMITTEE WAS FORMED, THAT A SMALL NOTE MIGHT BE LEFT WITH THE INDIVIDUAL'S COLLECTION OR WITH HIS COPY OF THE CATALOGUE, INSTRUCTING THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THIS COMMITTEE WAS TO BE CONTACTED AND HOW TO DO IT, IN THE EVENT THE COLLECTION WAS TO BE DISPOSED OF.

- RICHARD K. ATKINS, #L-166

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/AMSTERDAM-WEST - NETHERLANDS
AGE 48; CIVIL SERVANT. COLLECTING 1 YEAR; 150 TOKENS.
PROPOSED BY F.J. BINGEN.
- 327 GEORGE W. DIEHL - FORT LOUDON, PENNSYLVANIA
AGE 47; MALE NURSE. COLLECTING 7 YEARS; 150 TOKENS.
PROPOSED BY LEE R. SANDERS.

REINSTATEMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP (LATE DUES):

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- 270 ALLAN FARGEON - 6077 SHERBROOKE ST. - MONTREAL, QUEBEC
- 152 JOSEPH J. SILVERMAN - 1935-83 St. - BROOKLYN 14, N.Y.

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- L-3 MAX M. SCHWARTZ - 28 WEST 44TH STREET - NEW YORK 36, N.Y.

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS
BY JOHN G. NICOLosi

TWO TOKENS COMING YOUR WAY THIS MONTH: KY 480 U & DC 500 AD. WE THANK MR. SHERR FOR THE LATTER. WE HAVE ALL KINDS OF TOKENS PENDING, BUT JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GET THEM. SOME OF THE COMPANIES JUST WON'T COOPERATE; WON'T ANSWER MY LETTERS, SO WE SHALL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND KEEP TRYING. IN THE EVENT I DO GET IN ONE OR MORE OF THESE PENDING TOKENS, I'LL SEND ALONG WITH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TOKENS (WE MAY GET THEM ALL AT ONCE). THIS MONTH WE WELCOME 2 MORE MEMBERS TO N.I.S., E.L. OSCHMANN OF PITTSBURGH, AND LEE SANDERS OF KANKAKEE. GOOD HUNTING!

THE FORERUNNER TO THE MODERN GAS GUS WAS THE NOTORIOUS "JITNEY." IT SPRANG UP SHORTLY AFTER WORLD WAR I AND WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A PRIVATE AUTO WITH A DRIVER WHO CHARGED A 5c FARE. IT WAS SAID TO HAVE ORIGINATED IN LOS ANGELES.

LINCOLN CITY LINES (NEB.) HAS DROPPED TOKENS WHICH HAD BEEN SELLING AT 4/55. FARE NOW 15c STRAIGHT....TORONTO, ONT., WILL RAISE TOKENS FROM 4/50 TO 4/60 ON MAY 1....SALT LAKE CITY HAS ABOLISHED ALL TOKENS IN FAVOR OF STRAIGHT CASH FARES....FARE AT SAGINAW, MICH., HAS GONE UP TO 25c STRAIGHT, NO TOKENS....SHOALS TRANSIT OF SHEFFIELD, ALA., IS ABANDONING ITS SERVICE. FREMONT, O., HAS UPPED FARE TO 20c, DROPPED 2/25 TOKENS.

APRIL SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE
BY RALPH FREIBERG

KENTUCKY

LEXINGTON 480

LEXINGTON TRANSIT CORP. (BUS)

U WM 16 BALL GOOD FOR ONE FARE (BUS)[2 SLOTS]

\$0.20

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON 500

D.C. TRANSIT SYSTEM

AD WM 16 BAR ONE FARE DIST. OF COL.

.25

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

THE LEXINGTON TOKEN WAS ISSUED ABOUT MARCH 1 OF THIS YEAR AS THE RESULT OF A FARE INCREASE TO 20C CASH OR 2 TOKENS FOR 35c. LEXINGTON RAILWAY SYSTEM WAS SOLD TO LEXINGTON TRANSIT CORP. ABOUT NOVEMBER, 1956. THE COMPANY HAD BEEN ON A FARE OF 15c STRAIGHT FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS, SO WITH A NEW COMPANY AND A NEW TOKEN RATE, THE FINALLY CHANGED TO A NEW TOKEN, ONE OF A DIFFERENT SIZE FOR ADULTS.

THE NEW OWNERS OF THE TRANSIT SYSTEM IN WASHINGTON, D.C., TOOK OVER ON AUGUST 15, 1956, BUT CONTINUED TO USE THE SAME OLD TOKENS. HOWEVER, AFTER THE FARE INCREASE OF MARCH 11, 1960, WHEN THE RATE WENT TO 25c OR 5 FOR \$1, THERE WEREN'T ENOUGH TOKENS ON HAND, SO THEY HAD TO ORDER NEW ONES. NATURALLY, THE NEWLY-ORDERED TOKENS WERE STRUCK WITH THE NEW NAME OF THE COMPANY. SINCE THEY LOOK JUST LIKE THE OLDER TOKENS I IMAGINE THAT THEY ARE BOTH NOW GOOD FOR FARE. UNTIL NOW THERE WASN'T ENOUGH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CASH RATE AND THE TOKEN RATE TO GET PEOPLE TO USE TOKENS. BUT UNDER THE NEW RATE, THERE IS A BIG SAVING WITH TOKENS, SO A LOT MORE OF THEM ARE BEING BOUGHT BY THE PUBLIC.

NEW SUPERMARKET TAXI TOKENS

THE VETERAN'S CAB COMPANY OF QUINCY, MASS., HAS ISSUED THREE VARIETIES OF LARGE BRASS TOKENS WHICH ARE GIVEN OUT BY 3 LOCAL SUPERMARKETS TO CUSTOMERS. THE TOKENS ARE GOOD FOR A RIDE ON A VETERANS CAB. THEIR USE IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE SUPREME TAXI TOKENS. HOWEVER, BECAUSE THESE NEW TOKENS DO NOT SAY ANYTHING ABOUT TRANSPORTATION ON THEM, (THEY ARE INSCRIBED WITH THE NAME OF THE MARKET), SOME COLLECTORS MAY NOT BE INTERESTED IN THEM. IN ANY CASE, THEY ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN AT THE MOMENT.

APRIL MEETING IN CALIFORNIA

THE APRIL MEETING OF THE ASSN. OF CALIF. TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS WAS HELD SUNDAY, APRIL 10 AT 2 P.M. AT CLIFTON'S CAFETERIA, 5000 LAKEWOOD BLVD., LAKEWOOD, CALIF. REGULAR MEMBERS ATTENDING INCLUDED ATWOOD, FICKLIN, GALLAGHER, MILLER, ROSELINSKY, ROSS, K. SMITH, AND F.P. SNYDER. VISITORS INCLUDED MRS. FICKLIN, MRS. MILLER, MRS. ROSELINSKY WITH SON AND TWO DAUGHTERS, AND MRS. ROSS. THE 2 \$1 TOKEN DOOR PRIZES WERE WON BY MR. FICKLIN AND MR. GALLAGHER--MR. FICKLIN FOR THE MEMBER WITHIN A 50-MILE RADIUS; MR. GALLAGHER FOR THE MEMBER FROM BEYOND 50 MILES. MEMBERS WERE INFORMED THAT A PHOTOGRAPHER HAD BEEN CONTACTED REGARDING TAKING COLOR SLIDES OF RARE CALIFORNIA TOKENS AND THAT THE FINAL DETAILS WERE BEING WORKED OUT TO COMPLETE THE DEAL. MR. MILLER EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO THE ASSN. TO HOLD THEIR AUGUST MEETING AT HIS HOME WITH A BARBECUE TO PRECEDE THE MEETING. IN A CLOSE VOTE, 8 TO 0, HIS INVITATION WAS ACCEPTED. MR. ROSELINSKY MADE A MOTION THAT A LIST OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL CLUB, TOGETHER WITH THEIR HOME ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS, BE FURNISHED ALL THE MEMBERS. MOTION WAS CARRIED AND MR. MILLER AGREED TO DRAW UP THE LIST. A SALE AND EXCHANGE OF TOKENS TOOK PLACE FOR THE BALANCE OF THE MEETING, WHICH ADJOURNED AT 3:30 P.M.

- E.J. MILLER, VICE-PRESIDENT

THE MORIAH PLANK ROAD

TWO CLASSIC RARITIES ARE NY 595 A & B, THE UNIQUE VULCANITE TOKENS USED ON THE MORIAH, N.Y., PLANK ROAD. A HISTORY OF THAT AREA, PUBLISHED IN 1931, INFORMS US THAT THIS PRIVATE ROAD WAS MAINLY USED TO CARRY ORE FROM A MINE TO THE DOCKS. IT WENT OVER A STEEP HILL, AND THE PLANKS (4-INCH HEMLOCK, 8-10 FEET IN LENGTH, EACH) WERE CONSTANTLY COMING LOOSE. THE BOOK GOES ON TO SAY: "THE ROAD, FOR MANY YEARS, WENT THRU MORIAH CORNERS, BUT NEARLY 70 YEARS AGO (I.E., ABOUT 1860) THE DUGWAY ROAD WAS BUILT FROM MILL BROOK, AS IT WAS THEN CALLED, TO THE LOWER TOLL GATE. THIS ELIMINATED THE HEAVY GRADE ON THE ROAD TO "THE CORNERS," SO MUCH LARGER LOADS WERE DRAWN. THERE WERE TWO TOLL GATES ON THE ROAD AND THE TOLL WAS PAID WITH 'MORIAH PLANK ROAD TOKENS' WHICH WERE LIKE AN OLD-FASHIONED COPPER CENT. A FEW OF THESE ARE STILL IN EXISTENCE, AND ARE MUCH PRIZED BY COLLECTORS.

INASMUCH AS THE ONLY MORIAH TOKENS WE KNOW ABOUT ARE MADE OF VULCANITE, THE ABOVE REFERENCE TO TOKENS "LIKE AN OLD FASHIONED COPPER CENT" SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT THERE WERE OTHER, OLDER, TOKENS ISSUED. I AM INVESTIGATING THIS POSSIBILITY. SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHOM I HAVE CONTACTED IN MORIAH SEEM TO BELIEVE THEY CAN LOCATE A TOKEN OR TWO.

- J.M.C.

THE FARE BOX

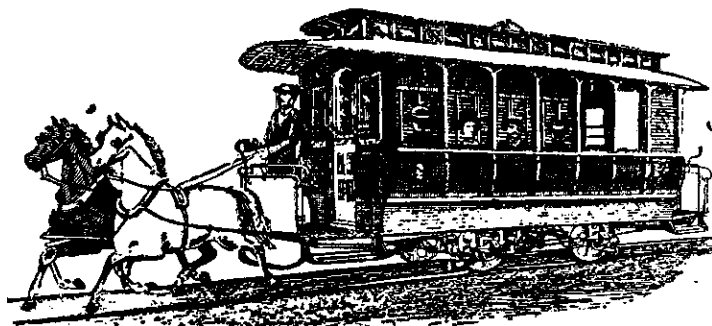
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TOGETHER WITH THE JUNE ISSUE YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR BALLOT, IF THERE IS A CONTEST FOR ANY A.V.A. ELECTIVE OFFICES. WATCH FOR IT, AND BE PREPARED TO VOTE. CANDIDATES WILL BE LISTED IN THAT ISSUE.

WITH THE ADVENT OF WARM WEATHER, IT IS TIME FOR COLLECTORS TO BEGIN THINKING ABOUT THE A.V.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION, WHICH IS TO BE HELD IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, AUGUST 6-7. THE AUSTIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS SENT YOUR EDITOR A LARGE PACKAGE OF MATERIAL, AND THEY ARE REALLY ANXIOUS TO WELCOME US IN STYLE. PLAN TO BE THERE.

IT IS ALWAYS NEWS WHEN AN IMPORTANT COLLECTION CHANGES HANDS. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT HAROLD FORD HAS RECENTLY PURCHASED A COLLECTION "OF MODERATE PROPORTIONS."

AN INTERESTING SERIES OF ARTICLES MIGHT BE ON THE SUBJECT OF HOW VARIOUS COLLECTORS OBTAINED THEIR RAREST TOKENS. IF YOU GIVE US THE STORY, WE'LL BE GLAD TO PRINT IT.



BACK NUMBERS OF THE FARE BOX AVAILABLE

MANY READERS HAVE ASKED US IF WE HAVE ANY BACK ISSUES OF THE FARE BOX AVAILABLE. THE ANSWER IS THAT WE DO HAVE QUITE A FEW OF THEM. BACK ISSUES CONTAIN MUCH VALUABLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE HOBBY; MANY OF THE ARTICLES IN THEM ARE JUST AS TIMELY AND INTERESTING AS CURRENT ONES. EVERY ACTIVE COLLECTOR SHOULD HAVE A FILE OF BACK ISSUES. THE FOLLOWING, ALL COMPLETE ISSUES, ARE FOR SALE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FARE BOX AT ONLY 25¢ A PIECE, POSTPAID (WHICH IS THE SAME PRICE AS CURRENT ISSUES--\$3 PER YEAR). WE DO NOT HAVE ANY ISSUES NOT LISTED HERE.

- 1951: JAN., MAR., JULY, DEC.
- 1952: MAR., MAY, JUNE, JULY, SEPT., NOV., DEC.
- 1953: APRIL, AUG., SEPT., OCT., NOV., DEC.
- 1954: FEB., APRIL, JUNE, JULY, AUG., SEPT., OCT., DEC.
- 1955: FEB., APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUG., SEPT., OCT., NOV., DEC.
- 1956: APRIL, MAY, JULY, AUG., SEPT., OCT., NOV., DEC.
- 1957: JAN., MAR., APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUG., SEPT., OCT., NOV., DEC.
- 1958: MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUG., SEPT., OCT., NOV., DEC.
- 1959: MAR., APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, NOV., DEC.
- 1960: JAN., FEB., MAR., APRIL, MAY.

ONLY A FEW OF EACH; FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. YOUR ORDERS MUST REACH THE EDITOR BEFORE JUNE 16, AS WE LEAVE FOR THE WEST ON THAT DATE, AND WE DON'T TAKE THE BACK ISSUES WITH US.

A MODEST REQUEST

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF OUR ASSOCIATION, AS YOU KNOW, IS TO FURTHER INTEREST IN THE COLLECTING OF TRANSPORTATION TOKENS. HOWEVER, THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF CORRESPONDENCE I HAVE FOUND MANY MEMBERS WHO ALSO COLLECT OTHER ITEMS: BICYCLE TAGS, BLANK BANK CHECKS, BUTTONS, DOG LICENSE TAGS, KEYS, MATCH COVERS, MILK CARTONS, ADVERTISING PENS & PENCILS, SWIZZLE STICKS, TAX TOKENS, TICKETS & TRANSFERS, TRADE TOKENS, WOODEN NICKELS, TO NAME A FEW. THE VALUE OF THESE ITEMS IN MOST CASES IS NIL BUT THE COLLECTING OF THESE ITEMS HAS BECOME MOST INTERESTING. I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUPPLY A GOOD MANY OF THESE ITEMS, BUT MY SUPPLY HAS BEEN LIMITED. IF THERE ARE ANY MEMBERS WHO CAN LOCATE ONE OR MORE ITEMS MENTIONED AND WOULD CARE TO FORWARD TO ME, I WOULD BE PLEASED TO REFORWARD TO THOSE MEMBERS INTERESTED. MY PERSONAL INTEREST, IN ADDITION TO FARE TOKENS, IS DOG LICENSE TAGS AND BICYCLE TAGS.

F. GORDON SMITH - 14 MILLER STILE ROAD - QUINCY 69, MASS.

THE USES OF TOKENS IN LOS ANGELES
BY LAZEAR ISRAEL

GLENDALE: FIRST TYPE, PROBABLY A, INTRODUCED JAN. 12, 1941, WHEN GLENDALE CITY LINES TOOK OVER FROM PACIFIC ELECTRIC. REPLACED TICKETS USED BY PE. ORIGINALLY SOLD AND HONORED BY PE FOR JOINT FARES. (LOS ANGELES TOKENS SOLD AND HONORED BY GLENDALE CITY LINES FOR JOINT FARES WITH PE, METROPOLITAN COACH LINES, AND L.A. METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY, SINCE JAN. 24, 1952, BUT GLENDALE TOKENS NOT GOOD ON THESE OTHER LINES EXCEPT THAT THEY WERE ACCEPTED AS OTHER FOREIGN TOKENS WHEN GLENDALE TOKEN RATE IS SAME AS, OR HIGHER THAN, THAT IN LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES. CALIF 450 C. INTRODUCED OCT. 21, 1928, WITH INCREASE OF FARE FROM 5¢ TO 7¢. FIRST SOLD AT 4/25. WITHDRAWN FROM USE SEVERAL TIMES AFTER INTRODUCTION OF 450 J, WHEN SUPPLY OF 450 J (AND LATER 450 H) PERMITTED.

CALIF 450 G: DATE OF INTRODUCTION UNKNOWN, BUT MAY HAVE BEEN DEC. 15, 1943. DISCONTINUED FEB. 1, 1948, WHEN FARE ZONES AND STRUCTURE WERE REVISED TO COINCIDE WITH THOSE OF LOS ANGELES TRANSIT LINES (EXCEPT ONLY LATL HAD TOKEN FARES).

CALIF 450 H: INTRODUCED JAN. 24, 1952.

CALIF 450 J: FIRST DELIVERY OF INITIAL ORDER (3,000,000 TOKENS) SEPT. 9, 1946. USE DISCONTINUED NOV. 21, 1948, BUT RESUMED JAN. 24, 1952, WHEN BASIC CASH FARE INCREASED FROM 10¢ TO 15¢.

SINCE JAN. 24, 1952, PE, L.A. Ry., AND L.A.T.L. TOKENS WERE ALL HANDLED INDISCRIMINATELY. TOKENS SINCE THAT DATE WERE USED FOR JOINT INTERCOMPANY FARES, ALTHOUGH THIS HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN THE CASE.

A.V.A. 10TH ANNIVERSARY HORSECAR MEDALS

I BELIEVE A VOTE OF THANKS IS IN ORDER FOR EACH MEMBER WHO PURCHASED ONE OR MORE OF OUR MEDALS. COUNTING NEW MEMBERS, THERE ARE STILL 90 WHO DON'T OWN THIS FINE MEMENTO REPRESENTING 10 YEARS OF OUR EXISTENCE. THERE ARE JUST 30 MEDALS LEFT. NOW I CAN'T DIVIDE THESE IN THIRDS BUT I CAN SUPPLY THE FIRST 30 WHO SEND ME \$1.04 EACH WHILE THEY LAST. FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR NEWER MEMBERS, ONLY 300 WERE STRUCK, IN BRONZE (OXIDIZED TO PREVENT TARNISH). OBERSE SHOWS A.V.A. EMBLEM AND REVERSE SHOWS AUTHENTIC HORSECAR WITH WORDING "COLLECTORS OF TRANSPORTATION TOKENS 1948-1958" - THEY ARE 30MM SIZE. THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST CHANCE TO OBTAIN THIS COLLECTORS' ITEM FROM:
F. GORDON SMITH - 14 MILLER STILE RD. - QUINCY 69, MASS.

FOR SALE: BEAUTIFUL OLD MISSOURI-KANSAS-TEXAS RAILROAD STOCK CERTIFICATES, ISSUED OVER 50 YEARS AGO. THESE ARE LARGE, QUITE COLORFUL AND ATTRACTIVE; AND BEST OF ALL, HAVE ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE EARLY STEAM ENGINE IN OPERATION. I'M ASKING ONLY 25¢ IN COIN PLUS A STAMPED ENVELOPE.

JON A. HEIM - 551½ E. ALCOTT ST. - PHILADELPHIA 20, PA.

WANTED: VT 150 A; MISS 660 A B C; CONN 235 A B C, 345 A.

WILL BUY OR TRADE FOR COINS.

DONALD N. MAZEAU - 155 BORRMANN RD. - EAST HAVEN, CONN.

FOR SALE (ADD 12¢ POSTAGE): ALAS 50 A, 300 D G, 450 AA HA I; HAW 240 C DA DB E; MICH 225 FB, 360 A, 525 E; NY 25 CB, 630 AIB, 690 A, 790 AB BB, 830 CA; OHIO 830 EA, 860 FA L M N; OKLA 640 CA EB; ONTARIO 675 C D G; PA 10 AB, 65 OB; TEX 50 J L, 810 FB, 950 C; VA 280 A, 500 D F, 580 T, 600 AA AB D F I J L, 620 K, 660 B, 720 C, 730 B; VT 700 A, WASH 5 C E, 40 F, 80 FA FB, 300 BA BB, 480 BA, 800 A, 840 B, 920 A CA; DC 500 CB QA SB TA; PHILIPPINES 500 C; P.R. 640 A CA DA DB DC

C.B. HOLCOMBE - 49 CLARKE ST. - BURLINGTON, VT.

ATTENTION COLLECTORS: SEND FOR MY LIST OF DUPLICATES. SOME OF THE TOKENS I HAVE FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE ARE PA 320 A, NY 790 D, KANS 600 A.

DANIEL DIMICHAEL - P.O. Box 485 - COATESVILLE, PA.

FOR SALE AT CAT. - ALA 560 F Y; ALAS 50 A B; CALIF 575 E F H K L, 745 I J K L M P; COLO 140 B D E; CONN 305 D K L N, 520 A B C D E; FLA 380 A K P B; GA 70 A D; ILL 690 A B C D E; IND 460 K R T U W AB; IA 30 B F G, AND MANY MORE. IF I KNEW YOUR WANTS I MIGHT BE ABLE TO INCREASE YOUR COLLECTION.

F. GORDON SMITH - 14 MILLER STILE RD. - QUINCY 69, MASS.

ATTENTION NEW COLLECTORS: I HAVE 5 BATCHES OF 100 ALL DIFF. TOKENS FOR \$11.50 POSTPAID PER BATCH...ALSO A FEW IND 500 A, 890 A E, NY 631 G AT CAT. PLUS STAMP.

WILTON MERRIFIELD - 1411 ENGLISH AVE. - INDIANAPOLIS 1, IND.

STARTER BATCH FOR NEW COLLECTORS: 20 ALL DIFF. U.S. TRANSPORTATION TOKENS FOR ONLY \$1 PLUS 8¢ POSTAGE. ALSO FOR SALE AT CAT: MICH 515 A AND B; MD 60 I; MINN 820 C; ALASKA 450 H; RED FIBRE OPA RATION TOKENS AT 20¢ APIECE.

J.M. CDFEE - P.O. Box 1204 - BOSTON 4, MASS.

THE STANDARD AUTHORITY ON TOKENS (ALL NUMBERS IN THE FARE BOX ARE FROM IT) IS ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE OF U.S. & CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS. SPECIAL PRICE TO A.V.A. MEMBERS \$5.50 POSTPAID (REGULAR PRICE \$7.50) FOR CLOTH-BOUND OR LOOSE-LEAF EDITION. WHY NOT GET A LOOSE-LEAF COPY FOR MAKING NOTES?

AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSN. - P.O. Box 1204 - BOSTON 4, MASS.

DENVER, COLO., HAS RAISED FARES FROM 15¢ TO 20¢ WITH 3/55 TOKENS; STUDENT RATE 8¢ OR 2/15 TOKENS.....BUS SERVICE HAS BEEN RESUMED IN GREAT FALLS, MONT., WITH FARE AT 25¢ OR 5¢ MORE THAN BEFORE.....HUTCHINSON (KANS.) INTER-URBAN RY. WAS NOT AN INTER-URBAN AT ALL; THEY NEVER GOT THEIR TRACK LAID BEYOND THE CITY LIMITS OF HUTCHINSON IN SPITE OF BIG AMBITIONS!

THE AUSTIN CONVENTION

FELLOW VECTURISTS, GREETINGS:

IT SEEMS ONLY A SHORT FEW MONTHS AGO THAT WE ATTENDED THE CONVENTION AT SANTA MONICA. NOW THE TIME HAS ROLLED AROUND AGAIN TO START THINKING ABOUT THE NEXT ONE. I HAVE FINALLY GOT AROUND TO MAKING ARRANGEMENTS AT ONE OF OUR LEADING HOTELS FOR THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION. THE STEPHEN F. AUSTIN HOTEL WILL BE THE MEETING PLACE FOR OUR CONVENTION. THE MANAGEMENT REALLY HAS ROLLED OUT THE RED CARPET FOR US. THE STEPHEN F. IS AN AFFILIATED NATIONAL HOTEL AND IS COMPLETELY AIR-CONDITIONED. IT IS LOCATED IN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT, FOUR BLOCKS FROM OUR STATE CAPITOL, ONE TO FOUR BLOCKS FROM ALL DENOMINATIONS OF CHURCHES; FROM DOWNTOWN IT IS VERY EASY TO REACH ANY SECTION OF THE CITY, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, LAKE AUSTIN, THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM, BARTON SPRINGS (DON'T FORGET YOUR SWIM SUIT) AND MANY OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST.

THE HOTEL WILL NOT CHARGE US ONE CENT FOR A MEETING ROOM, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT A BANQUET BE HELD, OR MOST OF THE MEMBERS EAT THEIR MEALS AT THE HOTEL. TABLES WILL BE FURNISHED FOR DISPLAY (PLEASE BRING A FRAME OF YOUR FAVORITE TOKENS). THE BANQUET MEAL IS THE MOST REASONABLE ONE OF ALL THE CONVENTIONS I HAVE EVER ATTENDED. THE MANAGER ASSURED ME THAT THIS MEAL WOULD BE TEXAS KING SIZE STYLE. HE ALSO ASSURED ME THAT THE PRICES QUOTED HERE FOR ROOMS WOULD BE THE SAME PRICE WHEN YOU ARRIVE HERE: SINGLE \$5 TO \$7.50; DOUBLE \$7 TO \$9.50; TWIN BEDS \$8.50 TO \$9.50; STUDIO ROOMS \$8 TO \$10; PARLOR, BEDROOM, 2 BATHS \$13 TO \$16.50. CHILDREN UNDER 12 NO CHARGE--A ROLL-AWAY BED AVAILABLE FOR SMALL EXTRA COST. IN THE HOTEL THERE IS LOCATED A BARBER SHOP, DRUG STORE, BEAUTY SHOP, AIRLINES, AND CAR RENTAL SERVICE, COFFEE SHOP, ETC. CAFES SERVING CHINESE, MEXICAN, AND ITALIAN FOOD LOCATED ONLY A FEW BLOCKS FROM THE HOTEL.

AT THIS WRITING THERE ARE NO OTHER CONVENTIONS BOOKED AT THIS HOTEL FOR THIS WEEKEND. IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING, PLEASE SEND YOUR RESERVATION DIRECT TO THE HOTEL, STATING THAT YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION CONVENTION. THEY WILL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING. I INFORMED THE MANAGER THAT MOST OF YOU WOULD PROBABLY ARRIVE IN AUSTIN ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, AND PROBABLY WOULD CHECK OUT SUNDAY AFTERNOON AUGUST 7.

AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, FOR MANY YEARS I HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN BOY SCOUT WORK. IT SO HAPPENS THAT THIS YEAR THE DISTRICT IN WHICH MY TROOP IS LOCATED WILL LEAVE FOR SUMMER CAMP ON JULY 31 THRU AUGUST 6, WHICH MEANS THAT I'LL BE IN CAMP ALL WEEK. HOWEVER MY ASSISTANT SCOUT MASTER WILL TAKE OVER AFTER THE CAMPFIRE PROGRAM FRIDAY NIGHT. AFTER THIS CAMP-

FIRE PROGRAM I SHALL BE AT HOME, AND WANT TO INVITE ALL OF YOU TO THE HOUSE FOR A TRADING AND "GABBING" SESSION, WHICH WE HAVE ENJOYED SO MUCH AT VARIOUS HOMES OF OUR MEMBERS AT OTHER CONVENTIONS. SHOULD ANY OF YOU ARRIVE IN AUSTIN FRIDAY, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU OUT TO BEAUTIFUL CAMP TOM WOOTEN, OUR BOY SCOUT CAMP, FOR OUR WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT, AND THE ORDER OF THE ARROW, INDIAN DANCES, ETC. THIS CAMP OVERLOOKS BEAUTIFUL BULL CREEK AND LAKE AUSTIN. ANYONE CAN DIRECT YOU, AND BE SURE TO BRING YOUR CAMERA. VERY BEAUTIFUL SCENERY FOR THOSE WISHING TO TAKE COLOR SLIDES OR MOVIES.

OUR TELEPHONE NUMBER IS NOT LISTED IN THE BOOK, SO WHEN YOU ARRIVE JUST CALL MY HOME AT HICKORY 2-1860. DON'T DISAPPOINT US. WE WANT TO MAKE THIS CONVENTION THE LARGEST GATHERING OF VECTURISTS THAT HAS EVER ASSEMBLED. MAY WE BE LOOKING FOR YOU? FRATERNALLY YOURS =

- EROY L. KIMMONS

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

BY JOHN G. NICOLSI

LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE BEGINNING TO LIVEN UP AGAIN. THIS MONTH YOU WILL RECEIVE 3 TOKENS FROM CANADA AND A POSSIBILITY OF ONE FROM THE U.S., AS FOLLOWS: GREENFIELD PARK, QUE. 200 A & B, AND SHAWINIGAN FALLS, QUE. 825 A. OUR THANKS TO MR. CASSIDY OF LACHINE FOR OBTAINING THESE FOR THE SERVICE. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CARD FROM MR. HOFMANN, STATING THAT HE IS SENDING ME TOKENS FROM ORANGE ST. LINE, CONN 305 P, ALREADY LISTED IN MARCH FARE BOX. SO THIS WILL BE SENT ALONG WITH THE 3 FROM CANADA. THANKS ALSO TO MR. HOFMANN FOR GETTING THEM FOR US...HE HAD TO GET THEM AT THE RATE OF 3 OR 4 AT A TIME, AS THE COMPANY WOULD NOT COOPERATE. THAT'S IT FOR NOW. JUNE SHOULD BE ANOTHER GOOD MONTH, AS THERE ARE A FEW MORE PENDING.

IF A FEW OF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING TOKENS FROM ME, CHECK YOUR BALANCE WITH THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE. WHEN IT GETS TO A DOLLAR I EXPECT TO RECEIVE ANOTHER DEPOSIT WITHOUT HAVING TO KEEP REMINDING CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.

A.N.A. CONVENTION IN BOSTON IN AUGUST

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSN'S ANNUAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN BOSTON THE LAST PART OF AUGUST. OVER 1,500 COIN COLLECTORS WILL CONVERGE HERE FOR THIS GREAT GATHERING. TOKEN COLLECTORS WILL, OF COURSE, BE WELCOMED. TOKEN COLLECTING IS A BRANCH OF NUMISMATICS, AND THOSE VECTURISTS WHO HAVE NUMISMATIC CONNECTIONS OFTEN OBTAIN MANY RARE TOKENS THEREBY.

MAY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE
BY RALPH FREIBERG

PENNSYLVANIA

LANCASTER 525 (REPORTED BY JACOB B. WILSON)
NEW HOLLAND TURNPIKE 3 [INCUSE LETTERS]
S o B 30 Pc (BLANK) \$3.50

CANADA - QUEBEC

GREENFIELD PARK 200 (REPORTED BY J.A.W. CASSIDY)
CHAMBLY TRANSPORT INC. FONDE 1946 FOUNDED
/CTI (BUS) C E SENEAL (IN SCRIPT)
A B 16 Sd (SAME AS OBVERSE) .20

CHAMBLY TRANSPORT INC FONDE 1946 FOUNDED
/CTI (BUS) C E SENEAL (IN SCRIPT) PRES.
B B 22 Sd (SAME AS OBVERSE) .15

SHAWINIGAN FALLS 825 (REPORTED BY J.A.W. CASSIDY)
CARIER ET FRERE LTEE CARIER SHAWINIGAN FALLS
A B 16 Sd (SAME AS OBVERSE) .15

CORRECTIONS

1. ARK 15 A - CORRECT SIZE IS 30MM
2. CALIF 745 Q - IT IS Bz-PLATED, NOT BRASS-PLATED AS LISTED.
3. FLA 710 A - NAME IS HOLTZCLAW
4. ILL 270 B - CHANGE FROM (REV. B) TO (REV. A)
5. ILL 460 B - CORRECT SPELLING IS BOURBONNAIS
6. MASS 45 A - CORRECT SPELLING IS NORTHERN
7. Mo 200 E - PUT APOSTROPHE AFTER S' TO MAKE IT LITTONS'
8. Mo 860 C - ADD PERIOD AFTER CO.
9. NY 445 A & B - CORRECT SPELLING IS RONDOUT (NOT "ROUNDOUT")
10. PA 997 C - SHOULD BE GLENNWILLARD (ONE WORD)
11. PA 997 L - LETTERING IS IN RED INSTEAD OF ORANGE; CHANGE NOTE TO READ "USED ON SHAFER COACH LINES INC."
12. PA 525 A - ADD (25MM)
13. TEX 340 J TO M - CORRECT NAME IS A F TOWNSEND
14. TEX 965 A - ADD COMMA AFTER WEATHERFORD, ON OBVERSE.
15. VA 840 A - TO OBVERSE ADD SUFFOLK, VA.

UNITED TRANSIT OF PROVIDENCE, R.I., HAS ELIMINATED ITS 5/\$1
TOKENS (RI 700 F) AND IS NOW ON STRAIGHT 25¢ CASH FARE. THIS
ALUMINUM TOKEN WAS IN USE A VERY SHORT TIME.....YAKIMA (WASH.)
CITY BUS LINES HAS UPPED FARES FROM 20¢ TO 25¢.....WEST SALEM
(ORE.) BUS LINE HAS BEEN PURCHASED BY CAPITAL TRANSIT LINES, OF
SALEM; FARES REMAIN 20¢ STRAIGHT.....SHREVEPORT, LA., HAS UPPED
FARES FROM 17¢ TO 20¢, TOKENS FROM 5/75 TO 5/90.....YOUNGSTOWN
TRANSIT IS SUBSTITUTING TOKENS FOR TICKETS ON 2 LINES.....
JOHNSTOWN UPPED FARES FROM 20¢ TO 25¢ & TOKENS BY 2½¢.

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

FIRST WE HAVE AN OLD ONE, A TURNPIKE TOKEN, FROM LANCASTER PA. I HELD UP THIS LISTING WHILE WE TRIED TO GET SOME INFORMATION ON THIS TURNPIKE, BUT IT'S DIFFICULT TO GET INFORMATION ON SUCH OLD COMPANIES. HOWEVER, IF MR. WILSON EVER GETS THE STORY, WE'LL TELL IT IN THE FARE BOX. THE NUMBERS ON THESE TOKENS ARE PROBABLY FOR THE DIFFERENT GATES USED TO ENTER OR LEAVE THE ROAD, SO IT IS LIKELY MORE VARIETIES WILL TURN UP IN THE FUTURE. THESE TOKENS ARE THE OLDEST U.S. TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, HAVING BEEN USED IN THE 1790'S.

NEXT SOME CANADIAN TOKENS. MORE AND MORE COMPANIES UP THERE SEEM TO BE USING TOKENS INSTEAD OF TICKETS. AT ONE TIME ALMOST ALL CANADIAN COMPANIES SEEMED TO BE USING TICKETS, BUT AS THEY ACQUIRE NEW FARE BOXES THAT REGISTER TOKENS, THEY ARE PUTTING TOKENS INTO USE. THE 16MM TOKEN IS FOR ADULT FARE, AND THE 22MM ONE IS FOR STUDENT FARE. TWO LISTINGS OF OBVERS-ES ARE NECESSARY BECAUSE, ALTHOUGH THEY LOOK ALIKE AT A GLANCE, THE WORD PRES. APPEARS ON THE LARGER TOKEN BUT NOT ON THE SMALL ONE. THESE TOKENS WERE FIRST USED APRIL 6, 1960. I HAVE THE NAME C.E. SENEAL FROM A TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORY; WITHOUT THIS I DOUBT IF I COULD HAVE MADE IT OUT. SHAWINIGAN FALLS DOES NOT HAVE A TOKEN RATE, BUT HAD SOME MADE UP FOR A CONVENIENCE RATE FOR INSTITUTIONS AND FIRMS WHO GIVE TRANSPORTATION TO EMPLOY-EEES WHILE TRAVELING FOR SUCH FIRMS.

I HAVE A COUPLE ISSUES WHICH HAVE BEEN PENDING FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. THE COMPANIES IN QUESTION AT THIS TIME DO NOT WANT TO PART WITH 100 OR SO TOKENS FOR THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE. ONE FIRM WANTS TO SEE HOW MANY TOKENS ARE ACTUALLY NEEDED TO KEEP DRIVERS SUPPLIED, SO POSSIBLY WE'LL GET SOME EVEN IN ONE OF OUR MEMBERS HAS TO OBTAIN THEM A FEW AT A TIME. ANOTHER FIRM WANTS TO GO OFF TOKENS, AND IF THEY DO, THEN WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET THEM FROM THE COMPANY. STILL ANOTHER IS A GOVERNMENT TOKEN WHICH INVOLVES A LOT OF RED TAPE TO GET. WHEN WE LIST TOKENS BEFORE WE GET A SUPPLY FOR THE N.I.S., THEY GET A FLOOD OF INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS FROM COLLECTORS, AND THEN FLATLY REFUSE TO LET ANY OF US GET THEM. THIS HAPPENED BEFORE. SOMETIMES THE COMPANY ONLY ORDERS 1,000 TOKENS, AND TOO MANY REQUESTS MESS UP THE WORKS, SO WE THINK IT'S BETTER TO HOLD UP SOME LISTINGS TILL WE THINK WE'VE EXHAUSTED OUR ATTEMPTS AT GETTING THEM FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE N.I.S.

LAST MONTH I FORGOT TO GIVE CREDIT TO JOHN NICOLosi FOR REPORTING THE LEXINGTON TOKEN, AND TO JULIUS SHERR FOR THE NEW TOKEN FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.

ON THE CORRECTIONS: RATHER THAN SPREAD THEM OUT THRU A LOT OF ISSUES, WE SAVE THEM TILL WE HAVE A BUNCH TO LIST AT ONE TIME. IF YOU HAVE ANY MORE CORRECTIONS NOT SO FAR LISTED, PLEASE REPORT THEM TO US.

THE FARE BOX

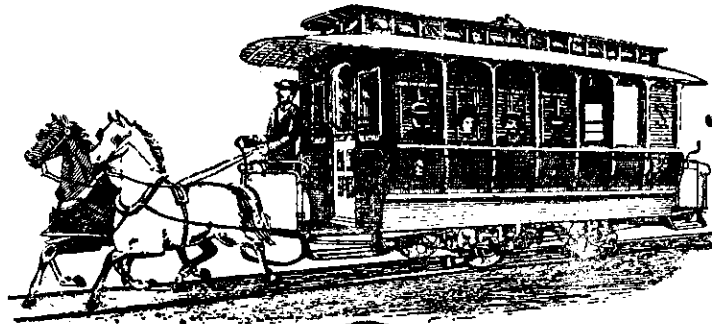
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UNTIL AUGUST 15 SEND ALL MAIL INTENDED FOR THE FARE BOX TO:
JOHN M. COFFEE, JR. - 4104 6TH AVENUE - TACOMA 6, WASHINGTON

TOGETHER WITH THIS ISSUE MEMBERS WILL FIND THE OFFICIAL A.V.A. BALLOT AND 2 ENVELOPES. MARK YOUR BALLOT, INSERT IT IN THE WHITE "OFFICIAL BALLOT" ENVELOPE, THEN PUT THAT ENVELOPE INTO THE LARGER YELLOW ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO MR. BERTRAM. PUT A STAMP ON IT AND MAIL IT. DEADLINE IS JULY 31, SO DON'T WAIT TOO LONG. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO VOTE; ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN LOST BY A SINGLE VOTE IN THE PAST.

THE BIG A.V.A. CONVENTION IS COMING AUGUST 6-7 AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, AND WE HOPE MANY MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, SEND YOUR ROOM RESERVATION TO THE STEPHEN F. AUSTIN HOTEL, WHICH IS WHERE THE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD.

A FEW DAYS AGO WE MAILED OUT, BY 3RD CLASS MAIL, A PACKAGE OF 6 PAGES OF THE GERMANY FOREIGN LIST, AND 6 PAGES OF THE U.S. VARIETIES LIST. THIS MAKES UP FOR THE ABSENCE OF SUCH PAGES WITH THE JUNE, JULY, OR AUGUST, ISSUES OF THE FARE BOX. AS SUCH PAGES ARE NOT PART OF THE FARE BOX, WE DID NOT USE 1ST CLASS MAIL, AND THUS SAVED OURSELVES OVER \$10.00 IN POSTAGE.

THE EDITOR LEAVES JUNE 16 FOR THE WEST COAST. SO FROM NOW ON SEND ALL MAIL TO THE TACOMA ADDRESS, ABOVE. THE JULY & AUGUST FARE BOXES WILL BE PUBLISHED FROM TACOMA.

THE STAR AND CRESCENT FERRY CO.

WHILE ON A TOKEN HUNT A FEW WEEKS AGO I MADE A VISIT TO THE STAR & CRESCENT FERRY COMPANY OFFICE. I WAS HOPING TO OBTAIN A SPECIMEN OF THE OLD STAR & CRESCENT BOAT TOKENS (CALIF 745 C D E F) BUT HAD NO LUCK. I DID OBTAIN SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION ON CALIF 745 G AND Q. IN ABOUT APRIL, 1958, WHEN STAR & CRESCENT FERRY CO. RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR A FARE RAISE, PEOPLE BEGAN HOARDING THE OLD TOKENS TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT THE COMPANY BEGAN TO RUN SHORT OF THEM. THE COMPANY THEN ADVERTISED THAT A CHANGE OF SIZE WOULD ACCOMPANY THE FARE HIKE, AND THAT THE OLD TOKENS WOULD BE REDEEMED AT THE OLD RATE. A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOKENS WERE THEN TURNED IN, AND THE COMPANY THEN PREPARED THEM BY REAMING ABOUT ONE-HALF OF A MILLIMETRE OFF OF THE DIAMETER, AND PLATING THEM WITH BRONZE. AFTER THE FARE RAISE THE OLD TOKENS COULD NOT BE USED IN THE MODIFIED TURNSTILES. IF THIS HAD NOT BEEN DONE THE COMPANY WOULD HAVE LOST A GOOD DEAL OF MONEY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FARE HIKE. A CLOSE EXAMINATION OF THE 2 TOKENS, CALIF 745 G AND Q, WILL SHOW UP THE SLIGHT DIFFERENCE IN DIAMETERS. AFTER THE REAMING PROCESS EACH TOKEN HAD A SHARP EDGE ON IT. THIS WAS REMOVED BY TUMBLING HUNDREDS OF TOKENS TOGETHER FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. AFTER THE PLATED TOKENS HAD BEEN USE FOR LESS THAN A YEAR, THEY WERE DISCONTINUED AND A STRAIGHT DIME FARE WAS INTRODUCED.

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A.V.A. 10TH ANNIVERSARY HORSECAR MEDAL

YOUR RESPONSE TO MY REQUEST HAS BEEN MOST PLEASING, THANK YOU. YOUR COMMENDS ON THE FINE WORKMANSHIP WE APPRECIATE, THANK YOU. WANTED: 20 MORE MEMBERS WHO CAN SPARE THE DOLLAR, THANK YOU. WE WOULD WELCOME A SELLOUT BUT IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOU, THANK YOU. LET'S HAVE YOUR \$1.04 NOW WHILE THE SPIRIT IS WILLING, THANK YOU. =F. G. SMITH - 14 MILLER STILE ROAD - QUINCY 69, MASS.

THE NELSON DAMRILL TOKENS

LEE SANDERS, WHO DISCOVERED THEM, INFORMS US THAT THE NELSON DAMRILL TRANSIT Co. BEGAN OPERATIONS IN 1946 IN PITTSBURG, KANS., AND IN 1956 THEY BOUGHT OUT CITY BUS Co. AND CITY CAB Co. THERE. THE CHILDS FARE TOKEN WAS USED ONLY IN 1946 & 1947, AND ONLY 100 OF THEM WERE STRUCK. CITY FARE IN PITTSBURG IS 20¢, AND FARE TO FRONTENAC IS 30¢. THERE ARE TWO VARIETIES OF CUT-OUT CROSSES IN THE ALUMINUM FULL FARE TOKEN, A WIDE & A NARROW CROSS. THE NARROW CROSS IS MUCH THE RARER OF THE TWO.

= REMEMBER THE A.V.A. CONVENTION AT AUSTIN, AUGUST 6-7 =

PRICES REALIZED AT CALIFORNIA AUCTION OF MAY 15

1.....	.65	15.....	1.00	29.....	.80	43.....	.95	57.....	.75
2.....	.75	16.....	.65	30.....	.65	44.....	.45	58.....	2.05
3.....	.50	17.....	.45	31.....	.70	45.....	.50	59.....	2.05
4.....	.50	18.....	.95	32.....	3.40	46.....	1.00	60.....	1.50
5.....	1.90	19.....	.25	33.....	.60	47.....	.35	61.....	2.20
6.....	.60	20.....	2.00	34.....	2.60	48.....	.35	62.....	2.05
7.....	.65	21.....	1.00	35.....	2.00	49.....	.50	63.....	3.15
8.....	.70	22.....	1.00	36.....	2.00	50.....	.50	64.....	1.50
9.....	.60	23.....	3.05	37.....	2.60	51.....	3.00	65.....	1.50
10.....	1.15	24.....	.90	38.....	.60	52.....	3.00	66.....	.75
11.....	1.00	25.....	.60	39.....	1.00	53.....	1.20	67.....	2.15
12.....	1.00	26.....	1.00	40.....	.60	54.....	1.20	68.....	2.15
13.....	1.55	27.....	.35	41.....	.60	55.....	.75	69.....	2.00
14.....	1.20	28.....	.60	42.....	1.80	56.....	.75	70.....	3.50

THE AUCTION LIST WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 22 OF THE MARCH 1960 FARE BOX. TENN 710 B RECEIVED THE MOST BIDS; CLOSE BEHIND WAS A TIE BETWEEN ILL 200 B, IND 980 B, CONN 550 A AND NY 575 A. OTHER LOTS WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF BIDS WERE CALIF 100 A, COLO 860 B, GA 20 A, ILL 10 A, ILL 460 A, IA 300 H, MICH 5 A, 30 A, MINN 760 A, MISS 620 A, PA 725 F, WISC 510 D, NY 410 A, IA 30 D, NEBR 120 C D, GA 70 C. AS USUAL THE MAJORITY OF THE BIDS WERE AT CATALOG, SO THE COLLECTORS WHO BID ABOVE CATALOG WERE MOST SUCCESSFUL. ALL LOTS WERE BID UPON. ONLY ONE LOT, MD 60 I RECEIVED ONLY ONE BID. THE FOLLOWING LOTS RECEIVED ONLY 2 BIDS EACH: CAL 815 B, IND 90 A, MICH 360 A, ENG 740 L, NY 630 L. ALL OTHER LOTS RECEIVED AT LEAST 3 BIDS EACH.

LIST OF NOMINATIONS FOR A.V.A. OFFICERS.

FOR PRESIDENT: WILLIAM E. EISENBERG (ACCEPTED)
 F. GORDON SMITH (ACCEPTED)

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT: ROLAND C. ATWOOD (ACCEPTED)

FOR SECRETARY: DANIEL DiMICHAEL (ACCEPTED)

FOR TREASURER: R.K. FRISBEE (ACCEPTED)
 F. GORDON SMITH (DECLINED)

FOR CURATOR: EDRICK J. MILLER (ACCEPTED)
 HARRY C. BARTLEY (DECLINED)
 F. GORDON SMITH (DECLINED)

SO THE ONLY CONTEST IS FOR PRESIDENT BETWEEN EISENBERG AND SMITH. BECAUSE THE A.V.A. CONSTITUTION DOES NOT ALLOW WRITE-IN VOTES, THE OTHERS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY ELECTED.

FOR SALE: BRITISH COLUMBIA 450 B (AS IS) .50; NC 630 A; PA 70 A, B; NY 800 A; MFG SAMPLE 23 A .15 (HAVE 2 Mo 997 ZC-7 .50 EA. SEND STAMP PLEASE.

J.G. NICOLosi - 3002 GALINDO ST. - OAKLAND 1, CALIF.

WANTED: FOR MY COLLECTION OF PARKING TOKENS, Mo 910 P, THE PARK-RIDE TOKEN FROM ST. LOUIS PUBLIC SERVICE Co. CATALOGUE VALUE IS 50¢; I'LL PAY \$1.00 FOR ONE.

DUANE H. FEISEL - P.O. Box 83 - TURTLE CREEK, PA.

FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE (ADD 12¢ POSTAGE): ALASKA 300 E; ARK 360 D; CALIF 745 G IB, 760 FA, 945 G; COLO 140 B; CONN 35 H, 290 GB L N; FLA 130 H, 530 F, 610 F, 690 A B; GA 580 F, 750 H; IDA K L; ILL 685 B; IND 180 CA, 460 A B JA V, 890 DB; IA 110 DA, 160 B, 640 S, 740 KB, 930 H; KANS 970 EB; KY 510 BM; MICH 680 FA, 845 O; MONT 140 D; NC 130 C, 160 B, 240 BH JB, 360 A.

C.B. HOLCOMBE - 49 CLARKE ST. - BURLINGTON, VERMONT

FOR SALE AT CAT...KANS 600 A C; KY 510 AN AO BL, 670 B D; LA 670 A D; ME 480 C, 710 A; MASS 115 I L N; 630 A B C D E F, 660 A B; 960 A B; MICH 75 A B C D E F G J, 680 F G J K L N O P; MASS 115 O P Q R S T Ua Ub, 660 A B, 740 AA AB, 960 A B ALL AT .30 EACH. MASS 135 A B AT .25 EACH.

F. GORDON SMITH - 14 MILLER STILE ROAD - QUINCY 69, MASS.

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BE SURE TO INFORM THE FARE BOX IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS
BY JOHN G. NICOLosi

THREE MORE TOKENS FOR YOU THIS MONTH: FIRST OFF, WE HAVE EX-UNIDENTIFIED #66, THE LOCATION OF WHICH WAS DISCOVERED BY MR. LEE R. SANDERS OF KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS. HE ALSO OBTAINED THEM FOR THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE. THANK YOU, LEE. THERE IS MORE INFORMATION ON THE DAMRILL TOKENS ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE. (OTHER DAMRILL TOKENS CANNOT BE OBTAINED AT THIS TIME, BUT PERHAPS IN A MONTH OR SO.) NEXT WE HAVE THE SCHOOL TOKEN OF HAGERSTOWN, MD., WHICH WAS PIERCED AND THE WORDING POLISHED OFF ONE SIDE (SIMILAR TO THE D TOKEN). THANKS TO MR. EMZY THOMPSON FOR OBTAINING THEM FOR THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE COMPANY, ANTIETAM TRANSIT, WHICH USES THIS TOKEN WILL NOT ANSWER COLLECTORS' REQUESTS FOR TOKENS. LAST WE HAVE ANOTHER CANADIAN TOKEN, QUEBEC 875 B (AGAIN OUR THANKS TO MR. CASSIDY FOR GETTING THEM FOR THE SERVICE). WE ARE SORRY THAT WE CANNOT FILL YOUR DESIRE FOR THE "A" TOKEN, BUT IF AND WHEN WE GET THEM, WE'LL SEND THEM TO YOU. BUT AT PRESENT THERE IS NO HOPE OF OBTAINING IT. A FEW MORE TOKENS PENDING FOR JULY. TILL THEN, HAPPY HUNTING!

O.R. BERTRAM APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

THIS IS TO INFORM THE MEMBERS TO MAIL THE BALLOTS TO MR. O.R. BERTRAM, WHO IS APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE. HIS ADDRESS IS 2111 SWISHER ST. - AUSTIN 5, TEXAS. MR. BERTRAM IS TO APPOINT ANY OTHER TWO ACCREDITED MEMBERS HE SEES FIT TO ASSIST HIM.

- WILLIAM E. EISENBERG,
PRESIDENT.

GOVERNMENT RED TAPE KEEPS GSA TOKENS UNAVAILABLE

THERE IS A NEW GSA TRANSPORTATION TOKEN BEING USED IN DENVER, WHICH IS SIMILAR TO DC 500 AA BUT INSCRIBED "REGION 8" BOTH MR. FRISBEE AND YOUR EDITOR HAVE TRIED TO OBTAIN A SUPPLY OF THEM FOR COLLECTORS, BUT WE GOT THE USUAL BUREAUCRATIC RUN-AROUND. "ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE INVOLVED IN ACCOUNTING FOR SUCH SALES AND RECEIPTS WOULD BE PROHIBITIVE," WE WERE TOLD. THEY DON'T EVEN WANT US TO LIST THE NEW TOKEN IN OUR CATALOG. BUT WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY. WE GOT A SUPPLY BOTH OF THE STATE DEPT. TOKEN AND THE REGION 3 TOKEN, AND I'M SURE WE'LL GET THIS ONE, EVENTUALLY. ONE METHOD THAT WORKED BEFORE WAS WRITING TO OUR CONGRESSMEN. IF ENOUGH COLLECTORS DO THAT, WE MIGHT GET SOME ACTION. BETWEEN GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRATS AND SOME UNFRIENDLY BUS COMPANIES, WE COLLECTORS HAVE A HARD ROW TO HOE, BUT THAT'S WHAT MAKES THIS HOBBY INTERESTING.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT NOTES

BY HARRY C. BARTLEY

WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN A ROUGH SITUATION WAS LUCKILY AVERTED IN THE REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT TOWN COLLECTORS CLUB, SUNDAY, MAY 1, 1960. WE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT IT WOULD BE OUR LAST MEETING AT THE REGULAR PLACE, ROOM 1208 HOUSE BLDG., AND WERE PREPARED, PARTIALLY, BUT AT THE LAST MINUTE THE COMMITTEE FOUND OUT THAT THE ROOM WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE AT ALL, AS OUR SPONSORS HAD MOVED OUT JUST A FEW DAYS BEFORE. THERE WAS NO TIME TO SECURE ANOTHER PLACE, OR TO INFORM THE OTHERS OF THE SITUATION SO THE GROUP MET IN THE HALLWAY OF THE BUILDING, PREPARED FOR ANYTHING. LUCKILY A FRIENDLY CUSTODIAN ALLOWED US TO USE ROOM 1211 WHICH WAS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, SO WE CONVENED THERE. SIGNS WERE POSTED IN THE HALLS NOTIFYING VISITORS OF THE CHANGE OF LOCATION AND THE CUSTODIANS FOR THE DAY INFORMED SEVERAL VISITORS OF THE CHANGE, SO IF ANYONE MISSED THE MEETING DUE TO THIS SWITCH MAY WE OFFER OUR HUMBLED APOLOGIES. NICE WEATHER AND A FAIR TURN-OUT MADE THIS A RATHER GOOD MEETING IN SPITE OF THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED. BESIDES THE REGULARS, BILL & CORINNE BLACK, EISENBERG, MACKIE, DEVOS, AND BARTLEY, THERE WERE RALPH AND MRS. KOLLER, BILL AND MRS. CARR FROM OHIO, AND EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, OUR NATIONAL SECRETARY DAN DIMICHAEL.

THERE WAS PLENTY TO TALK ABOUT AND A GOODLY BATCH OF DUPLICATES TO WORK OVER THANKS MAINLY TO DAN (WHICH GOES TO PROVE WHAT WE'VE BEEN MAINTAINING ALL ALONG: COME TO CLUB MEETINGS AND BRING YOUR DUPLICATES. YOU'RE BOUND TO BE HELPED AND HELP OTHERS). TIME PASSED ONLY TOO QUICKLY AND WHEN WE LEFT FOR THE LAST TIME IT WAS WITH SOME REGRETS THAT WE BID THE HOUSE BLDG. FAREWELL FOR IT HAD BEEN "HOME" FOR MANY YEARS. AT THIS POINT IT'S ONLY FAIR TO EXTEND OUR THANKS TO OUR FELLOW MEMBER BILL EISENBERG FOR HIS ROLE IN SECURING ROOM 1208 FOR US. A WORD OF THANKS TO CORINNE BLACK AND RALPH KOLLER ALSO FOR THEIR PART IN OBTAINING ROOM 1211 FOR THE LAST MEETING.

AT PRESENT PDTG HAS NOT LINED UP ANOTHER LOCATION DEFINITELY, BUT THANKS TO HIS GENEROUS OFFER OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD SUNDAY JULY 17 AT THE HOME OF MEMBER PROSPER DEVOS, 1448 ORCHARDVIEW DRIVE, GREENTREE. PROS' HOME IS ROUGHLY 10 MILES SOUTH OF PGH: TAKE PENN-LINCOLN PKWY WEST TO GREENTREE INTERCHANGE, GREENTREE ROAD (SOUTH) TO ARLA DRIVE (1350 BLOCK ON GREENTREE RD) RIGHT ON ARLA, 1 BLOCK TO ORCHARDVIEW DR. THEN LEFT AND A SHORT BLOCK OR 2 TO 1448. PROS' IS A GOOD HOST AS DAN DIMICHAEL AND THE OTHERS WHO DROPPED OVER AFTER THE LAST MTG WILL TELL YOU. AVA MEMBERS WHO WILL BE IN PGH AT THIS TIME ARE URGED TO ATTEND. CALL PROSPER (FI 1-8665) LET HIM KNOW YOU'RE COMING & HE'LL GIVE YOU ANY INFO YOU NEED. ORIOLE MOTOR COACH RUNS FROM DOWNTOWN PGH TO ARLA DR. & GREENTREE RD, A SHORT WALK AWAY. THIS BUS, MARKED "GREENTREE" LEAVES PENN AVE. & STANWYX ST. EVERY 1/2 HOUR. SO WE'LL SEE YOU THERE, AT 2 P.M. E.D.S.T., JULY 17, 1448 ORCHARDVIEW DRIVE, GREENTREE.

KANSAS

PITTSBURG 820 (REPORTED BY LEE SANDERS)
NELSON DAMRILL TRANSIT CO.

NIS	G	A	21	Cs-Sc	GOOD FOR ONE ADULT FARE (CUT-OUT VARS.)	\$0.20
NIS	H	o B	21	Sd	" " " CHILDS "	.50
NIS	I	B	0c	CH	ONE FRONTENAC FARE (21MM)	.30

[820 G EX-MAVERICK #66]

MARYLAND

HAGERSTOWN 560 (REPORTED BY EMZY THOMPSON)
GOOD FOR ONE SCHOOL FARE

E	B	23	Pc	(BLANK)(THIS IS 560 B WITH ALL OTHER /WORDING POLISHED OFF, AND DRILLED THRU /CENTER)	.15
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PATTERNS 998 (REPORTED BY HAROLD FORD, JR.)
UNITED RYS. & ELEC. CO. BALTIMORE

D	Z	16	BALL	GOOD FOR ONE FARE ONLY
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PENNSYLVANIA

PATTERNS 998 (REPORTED BY DUANE H. FEISEL)
PENN-OHIO SYSTEM

O	WM	16	Sd	GOOD FOR ONE FARE
P	WM	16	D	" " " "

CANADA - QUEBEC

ST. LEONARD 875 (REPORTED BY J.A.W. CASSIDY)
ST. LEONARD TRANSPORT ENRG.

NIS	A	o	WM	22	Sd	[SAME AS OBVERSE]	.15
	B	B	0c	Sd		" " " " (20MM)	.15

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

HEADING THE LIST OF TOKENS THIS MONTH ARE SOME FROM PITTSBURG, KANS. THE ALUMINUM ONE WAS FORMERLY LISTED AS UNIDENTIFIED #66, BUT WE'VE FOUND OUT THAT THESE TOKENS ARE USED IN PITTSBURG, KANS. THIS COMPANY FIRST USED THESE TOKENS AROUND 1946 WHEN THEY TOOK OVER THE TRANSIT SYSTEM. FARE PROBABLY WAS A LOT LOWER THEN, BUT WHEN WE WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN THEM, FARE WAS 20¢ BY TOKEN. WE WEREN'T SURE IF TOKENS WERE STILL IN USE

SO MR. SANDERS OBTAINED A SUPPLY FOR US THROUGH A DEALER WHO CHARGED HIM MORE THAN THE REGULAR PRICE OF THE TOKENS. THIS WILL ACCOUNT FOR THE EXTRA PRICE CHARGED BY THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE. MR. SANDERS WAS ABLE ONLY TO GET A PART QUANTITY OF THE CHILDS TOKEN, WHICH IS NOW OBSOLETE. SO IT IS HARD TO SAY IF OUR TENTATIVE VALUATION OF 50¢ IS TOO HIGH OR TOO LOW. I'D HAVE PREFERRED TO HOLD UP THE LISTING OF THIS TOKEN FOR A WHILE IN ORDER TO LEARN JUST HOW MANY WILL TURN UP. THE FRONTENAC TOKEN IS USED BETWEEN PITTSBURG AND FRONTENAC AND IS GOOD FOR A HIGHER FARE RATE THAN THE CITY FARE. THIS COMPANY WAS TAKEN OVER BY A DIFFERENT OUTFIT A COUPLE YEARS BACK, AND AT PRESENT IT IS TRYING TO GET A FARE RAISE. IF THEY STILL HAVE TO USE THE TOKEN RATE FOR CITY FARES, THEY MAY HAVE TO GET MORE TOKENS MADE, PERHAPS OF A DIFFERENT SIZE. FOR THE PRESENT, THEY DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP ANY OF THE FRONTENAC TOKENS, BUT IF TOKENS ARE DISCONTINUED THEN POSSIBLY WE CAN GET ENOUGH FOR THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE. ALSO, IF THIS TOKEN RATE IS STILL KEPT, MAYBE MORE TOKENS CAN BE OBTAINED ALSO, IF THEY HAVE TO RE-ORDER. FOR THE PRESENT, THE ONLY TOKEN WE CAN GET FOR THE N.I.S. IS THE ALUMINUM ONE. THE WORST PART OF IT IS THAT HAROLD FORD AND I WERE IN KANSAS CITY LAST DECEMBER, AND WOULD HAVE MADE A SPECIAL TRIP TO PITTSBURG HAD WE KNOWN ABOUT THE TOKENS. BEING OF ODD SIZES, NONE OF THEM CAME THROUGH OTHER FARE BOXES, SO WE HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING ABOUT THEM.

NEXT WE HAVE ANOTHER TOKEN USED BY ANTIETAM TRANSIT OF HAGERSTOWN. IN MAY, 1958, WHEN WE LISTED THEIR OTHER TOKEN, WE WERE TOLD THAT TICKETS WERE BEING USED FOR SCHOOL FARES. SO WHEN THEY CHANGED TO TOKENS AGAIN FOR SCHOOL FARES RECENTLY WE DIDN'T KNOW THAT IT MEANT TOKENS. HOWEVER, EMZY THOMPSON ON A VISIT THERE NOTED THE NEW TOKEN AND OBTAINED A SUPPLY FOR THE N.I.S. (SEE NOTES ON THIS COMPANY PAGE 40 MAY 1958 F.B.)

ST. LEONARD, P.Q., IS NOT TOO FAR FROM MONTREAL. ENRG. IS AN ABBREVIATION FOR "ENREGISTRER," FRENCH FOR "COMPANY." THIS COMPANY HAD WHITE METAL TOKENS MADE; WHEN THE SUPPLY RAN LOW THEY ORDERED MORE, THIS TIME IN BRASS WHICH IS CHEAPER THAN WHITE METAL. BRASS TOKENS ARE IN GENERAL USE AND WE GOT SOME FOR THE N.I.S., BUT THE OWNER AT PRESENT TIME WON'T PART WITH ANY OF THE WHITE METAL TOKENS FOR US. HOWEVER, IF THE OPPORTUNITY SHOULD ARISE THAT THE OWNER WILL PART WITH THEM, MR. CASSIDY WILL OBTAIN THEM FOR THE N.I.S. MR. CASSIDY ALSO SAYS THE TORONTO SUBWAY IS BACK ON TOKENS AT A CONVENIENCE RATE TORONTO FIRST USED THE ALUM. TOKENS MARCH 30, 1954; LATER RED-ENAMELED THEM FOR A FARE HIKE; THEN CLEANED OFF THE ENAMEL, OR ISSUED NEW PLAIN ONES; NOW THEY'RE BACK TO THE ENAMELED ONES AGAIN. MR. CASSIDY ALSO SAYS THAT ON SOME OF THE GREENFIELD PARK TOKENS THEY SPELLED THE NAME "CHAMELY" (E INSTEAD OF B). THE ERROR OCCURS ON BOTH SIDES ON SOME; ON 1 SIDE ONLY ON SOME.

SAN DIEGO HAS GONE BACK ON TOKENS AT 25¢ OR 5/\$1. IF ANY NEW COLLECTOR NEEDS CALIF 745 P, SEND 20¢ & STAMPED ENVELOPE TO TOM MCDANIEL - 5255 GUESSMAN AVE. - LA MESA, CALIF.

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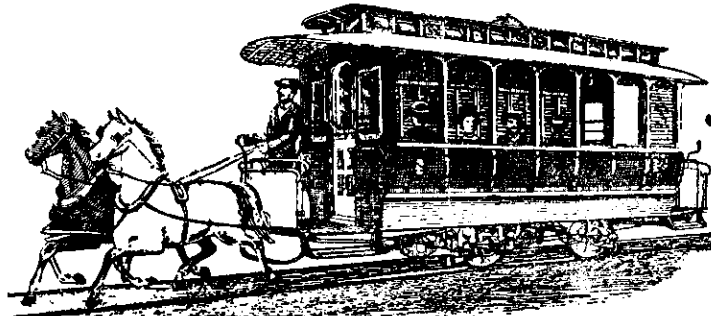
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The Fare Box begins its 14th year of publication with a reminder to all members that the big Annual Convention of the American Vecturist Association will be held on August 6-7 at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel in Austin, Texas. Most members arrive Friday night, and if you do, someone will be on hand to meet you. The conventions are the biggest event of the year for token collectors. There will be bull sessions, token swapping, business meetings, and the banquet. Plan to be there. Take the whole family. Texas is a wonderful place, and Austin is one of the nicest places in Texas.

The Editor had a nice trip across the country, as usual. We did not find any tokens this time, having few opportunities to search because we took the train. However there was the annual get-together in San Francisco, where Ford, Freiberg, Nicolosi, Atwood, Thrall, and Coffee, talked tokens long hours into the night and ate gallons of Ralph's ice cream. Then to Seattle to meet with the Seattle Club. Everywhere I went I found members very excited about the pending AVA election for President. Have you sent in your ballot yet?

Just prior to leaving Boston, the Editor had a pleasant visit with Max M. Schwartz. Mr. Schwartz asked me to mention in The Fare Box that his list of Varieties, now being run serially with The Fare Box, is not copyrighted, and anyone is free to copy it or republish it. It is always pleasant to discuss things with Mr. Schwartz, who was our first President and who was largely responsible for founding the AVA.

If anyone still needs Wash 860 A and B, the Editor can get them for you at the bus depot in Tacoma for 70¢ for the pair. Fare is 5/\$1.35 on the little one, and 5/\$1.75 on the big one. Postage please!

A LETTER FROM MR. SCHWARTZ

Dear Fellow A.V.A. Members:

In the April 1960 issue of The Fare Box there was published a letter from our fellow member, Richard K. Atkins, in which he directed our thoughts to the ultimate disposition of our respective collections in the event of our passing. There is no question in my mind that this is a problem that we are each faced with and that it should be solved by each of us during his or her life. I feel, however, that the solution proposed by Mr. Atkins is not the proper one under the circumstances.

It goes without saying that each of us should make proper testamentary disposition of his estate by making a Will, because in this way, your estate will go in the manner directed by you, rather than as set forth in the laws of your state if you die intestate. In making such a Will, you designate as executor that person or persons in whom you have confidence that they will carry out your wishes. You do not ask the A.V.A. to appoint a committee to carry out your Will.

Similarly, you should leave a letter of instruction to your widow or children that they should ask the help of a collector or collectors in who you have confidence and not that of a committee designated by someone else.

In our contacts with other collectors through the course of years we have each made up our minds as to who may be worthy of confidence and who has sufficient experience to be of help under the circumstances. It is such a person or persons that we should suggest in this letter of instructions rather than those who may by happenstance be designated as a committee for such purpose, because in such designation, you individually have had no choice.

In all sincerity, I saw to you that I have made a Will and that I have left such a letter of instructions which is kept in the same place as my Will. Should my feelings about the people I have named in the letter of instructions change, it is a simple matter for me to rewrite this letter of instructions without in any way changing the terms of my Will.

It has always been my prime objective to have the A.V.A. perform functions for our mutual benefit. This particular point under discussion, however, is not a joint effort for the benefit of all concerned, but for the private benefit of each of us and I therefore feel that the designee should not be named by the A.V.A.

- Max M. Schwartz, No. L-3

One of the most popular categories of transportation tokens is that of horsecar tokens. While hundreds of our tokens were used on horsecar lines, there are only 27 varieties listed in the Catalogue which actually picture horsecars on them. Only a few of them are Census tokens. So actually the horsecar tokens are not, as a rule, the rarest tokens. Depotel tokens, of which there are about 100 listed, are far rarer. Nearly every metal depotel token is a Census item.

M T T & T C HAS ANNIVERSARY

Ten years ago, on the 11th of June, 1950, seven Twin City collectors of transportation tokens banded themselves together and formed the organization known since then as the Midwest Transportation Token and Ticket Club. These have been very interesting and enjoyable years, even though there have been the customary ups and downs, and each collection has been increased through cooperation among the members. Through the normal procedure of gaining and losing members, the organization has shown a steady, although slow, growth until today there are 13 active members, with the newest one holding membership number 22. Six meetings are held each year, with the big event of the year being a club-sponsored display of tokens at the state fair. As these have been ten enjoyable years of living the common hobby together, the membership is looking forward to much more enjoyable collecting and further growth of the group. The officers for this 10th year consist of Quincy Laflin, President; Lola Sellentine, Vice-President; Bob Butler, Secretary-Treasurer; and Harold Chesney, Custodian, with Julius Kurtz as his assistant. The club extends an invitation to members of AVA to stop for a visit if a trip takes them through the Twin Cities. Although the well-attended meetings are held during the even-numbered months of the year, visitors are most welcome at any time.

- Robert M. Butler

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

By John G. Nicolosi

I have good news about the Nelson-Damrill tokens, Kans 820 H I. Mr. Gibbons of Brooklyn has made contact and will have the tokens sent to me, and I'll forward to you. If you don't get them this month, you will get them in August for certain, providing I get them myself. Thanks to Mr. Gibbons! You will also receive Ky 150 G this month, thanks to Mrs. Black...and Iowa 270 C, thanks to Donald Mazeau for the lead on it. This is the 2nd city in the U.S. to use a token with a bee hive in the center...the other being Salt Lake, of course. Then also coming your, if I get enough of them, will be the 2 Wichita, Kans. tokens. So there is a possibility of your getting 6 tokens this month. If you don't get them all in July, you'll get them in August. I am planning to attend the Austin Convention with Ralph Freiberg, so if you don't get all 6, you'll know that they didn't arrive in time for me to send them out before leaving for the Convention. Hope to see a lot of you in Austin. Meanwhile we're still trying to obtain Conn 560 I, in spite of an uncooperative company. Have patience.

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NOW FIVE YEARS OLD

This July the N.I.S. celebrates its 5th birthday. Originally the brain child of Harold Ford, the N.I.S. has been successfully operated by John Nicolosi, and has supplied the majority of A.V.A. members with nearly every new issue as it came out. During the past year, N.I.S. has sent out 36 new issues (23 U.S. and 13 Canada). This Service has revolutionized the hobby, by eliminating the necessity of each collector writing companies for new issues. Nick has really devoted himself to the N.I.S. I believe we all owe him a debt of gratitude.

- J.M.C.

FOR TRADE ONLY: Mo 910 P and Wash 780 R - each for your 5 common 16mm tokens from following list, with stamped return envelope: (Limit one set to a member) Cal 450 C J; Fla 380 K F Q R; Ga 60 S T; Ill 150 X Y; Ill 795 I-S; 890 A-E; Ind 330 B-I; Mass 760 A-G; 825 A; Minn 540 M-AC; 760 J-L; Mo 910 C-H; NY 10 J-M, 105 F H I, 630 AR AS; Ohio 10 N-V, 165 AB AE, 475 EN-BT; Ore 700 I; Wash 780 L M N Q; DC 500 Y AD.

Max M. Schwartz - Rm 421, 28 West 44th St. - New York 36, N.Y.

For Sale at catalogue, add 12¢ postage: NC 465 A, 660 Ba Bb, 770 A; ND 260 Ha Hb; NY 105 Cc, 230 I, 380 B D; Ohio 830 F G, 915 Da E; Okla 810 B, 860 A Ob P Q; Ore 760 B; Pa 65 C, 110 A B, 200 Bb, 615 Ab, 725 I, 750 AN, 840 E; SC 310 Ha I J; Tenn 690 B; Tex 50 G, 565 Cb, 925 A; Va 20 K, 530 B, 600 B; Wash 5 Ba D, 40 Aa Ab Ba Bc H M, 300 Bc, 840 Ca, 960 D; DC 500 Ub.

C.B. Holcombe - 49 Clarke Street - Burlington, Vermont

For Sale: Cal 450 K 25¢; Conn 305 P 20¢; DC 500 AD 30¢; Md 560 E 20¢; Mass 740 A 30¢; Minn 540 A H 20¢; Ohio 160 F 25¢; Wash 920 D 25¢; Germany 550 A 25¢; British Columbia 800 D 20¢; Quebec 620 U V W 30¢ each. Quebec 200 B 20¢, 825 A 20¢, 850 H 20¢, 875 B 20¢, 950 A 20¢.

John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland 1, Calif.

For Sale: Kans 820 H at \$1.25. Also have Ill 768 C to trade only for other Illinois tokens I need.

Lee R. Sanders - 854 Bourbonnais Road - Kankakee, Ill.

Stamp Collectors! Build your collection by trading your dupe U.S. used commems for stamps of the whole world. Send a hundred or more to R.L. Moore - 2400 Van Ness Ave. - San Francisco 9, Cal.

NEW COLLECTORS ATTENTION: Send for my list of duplicates. Some I have for sale at catalogue - NY 790 D; Pa 870 A, 360 A B C (20¢ each, actual fare 22½¢) Also some hard times tokens.

Daniel DiMichael - P.O. Box 485 - Coatesville, Pa.

For Sale: Beautiful old Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad stock certificates issued over 50 years ago. These are large, colorful, and most attractively engraved by Franklin Bank Note Co. Of interest to all A.V.A. members is the fact that each certificate has a detailed engraving of an early steam locomotive used at the turn of the century. So that everyone can have one of these, I've placed the price at only 25¢ in coin, plus stamped envelope.

Jon Heim - 551½ E. Alcott St. - Philadelphia 20, Pa.

WANTED: Maine 80 A, 480 B, 710 B, 740 A, 930 A; Vt 60 B, 150 A, 520 A. Will pay over catalogue price on the above.

Edrick J. Miller - 694 Senate Street - Costa Mesa, Calif.

New Collectors: 21 different tokens for sale, \$1.10 including postage. 18 additional, mostly duplicates, for another dollar. Old collectors, I want NH 640 C E F G H I K L; NM 40 A, 100 B C, 430 any, 760 B C D, 810 A B C, 900 A; Nev 100 B.

William R. Tyson - 406 Kershaw Place, S.E. - Aiken, S.C.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

241 Lt. Charles Axthelm - U.S.S. Providence CLG-6 - F.P.O. /San Francisco, California

242 Dr. George J. Fuld - P.O. Box 6047 - Baltimore 31, Maryland

Safe Bus, Inc., of Winston-Salem, N.C., has raised fares from 15¢ to 20¢, and school fares from 4 tokens for 25¢ to 10¢ straight... Bluebird Coach Lines has upped tokens 2½¢ each.

JULY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE
By Ralph Freiberg

CALIFORNIA

Patterns 998 (Reported by Duane Feisel)
EAST BAY TRANSIT COMPANY
H B 16 Bar Good For One Fare

COLORADO

Denver 260 (Reported by R.K. Frisbee)
G S A REGION 8 ONE TRANSPORTATION UNIT
N A 25 Sd (Same as Obverse) \$0.30

CONNECTICUT

Waterbury 560 (Reported by Max M. Schwartz)
WATERBURY, CONN. CSL
I Bz 16 Sd CSL .20

Patterns 998 (Reported by Harold Ford, Jr.)
C R & L LINES CRL CO
F WM 16 Ball Good For One Fare CRL Co

FLORIDA

Jacksonville 380 (Reported by Emzy L. Thompson)
JACKSONVILLE COACH CO.
V o WM 26 St-sc (Same as Obverse)(plain & gun-metal plated) 1.00

IOWA

Davenport 270 (Reported by Donald Mazeau)
DAVENPORT CITY LINES, INC. IOWA DCL INC.
C WM 23 Bh Good For One Fare DCL .20

KANSAS

Wichita 970 (Reported by Schwartz (J) and Nicolosi (K))
RAPID TRANSIT LINES WICHITA RT
J Bz 16 Ball Good For One Fare Adult RT (2 slots) .20
K Bz 23 Ball " " " " Student RT (2 slots) .15

KENTUCKY

Cold Spring 135 (Reported by Foster M. Pollack)
COLD SPRING BUS CO. (incuse letters on both sides)
A o B 21 Sd Good For One Fare 1.00

Covington 150 (Reported by William L. Black)
THE C.N. & C. TRANSP. CO. GREEN LINE J S Osborne Pres.
G WM 23 L-sc Good For One Fare Green Line .15

Dayton 200 (ex-Unidentified #71)
N.K.T. CO. INCORPORATED 7 1/2 Wright Cin'ti (20mm)
A o A Oc Sd Good For 1 Trip 7 1/2 Betw'n Dayton & Cinti 1.00

Ludlow 520 (ex-Unidentified #41)
LUDLOW TRANSIT INC.
A o B 21 Sd Bus Line Good For One Fare 1.00

WEST VIRGINIA

Patterns 998 (Reported by Duane Feisel)
BLUE RIDGE LINES ONE ZONE
A WM 16 Dd-sc (Same as Obverse)

WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Rapids 980 (Reported by Daniel DiMichael)
WOOD CO. BRIDGE CO.

F o K 20 Sd 10 c.

\$3.50

MANUFACTURER'S SAMPLES

Group 19 (Reported by Harold Chesney)

W WM 21 K Good For One Fare

Group 23 (Reported by Harold Ford, Jr.)

C Bz 20 Sd (Same as Obverse)

Group 33 (Reported by Duane Feisel)

B WM 20 H (blank)(scroll work)

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

This month we have a longer list than usual. Some of the Manufacturer's Samples and Patterns are being listed after discussing them with other collectors.

Mort Dawson acquired information on Unidentified #41 and 71 which indicated they were from Kentucky. At the same time, Mr. Pollack reported a token from the same area. Rather than list tokens as being from definite cities immediately, I always try to obtain corroborative information first. One reason for this was the rush listing of Md 60 O. Just prior to the 1958 Catalogue, this token was reported to me, and I immediately listed it under Baltimore on the assumption that it must have been issued by the same company that issued Md 60 N. However, it now appears that this token is not from Baltimore at all, and I should have listed it as a Maverick until more information was at hand. It may be some time before we learn its real origin. Consequently, hereafter unless we know for sure the origin of a token, we shall hold up the listing till more information is available. We did this with the Cold Spring, Ky., token, and the information we now have was well worth waiting for. Mr. Coffee wrote the Postmaster there and learned that the company was operated by a Mr. Paul Schwerling, between 1929 and 1935. It ran from the southernmost part of Cold Spring to the end of the Fort Thomas streetcar line. Round trip tokens sold at 15¢. In 1935 the company sold out to the Cincinnati, Newport & Covington Transportation Co.

As for the Ludlow token, fares were adopted by the Ludlow Council on February 6, 1937. City fares in Ludlow were 5¢, but a token or 8¢ cash was to be collected from Bromley or Covington passengers when they left the bus in Cincinnati. So this token was used in 1937.

The Dayton, Ky., token was listed under Mavericks, as it didn't make sense to list it from Dayton, O. Since then we found out that there is a Dayton in Kentucky, and the 7½¢ fare between Dayton, Ky., and Cincinnati, O., makes sense. We still don't know what N.K.T. stands for, but guess it would be Northern Kentucky Transit.

The Green Line, or Cincinnati, Newport & Covington, took over these bus lines in the late 1930's. Besides the 3 companies and cities mentioned above, now served by Green Line, the company in Fort Thomas, Ky., was taken over by them in 1939. Dixie Traction of Erlanger was also a part of the Green Line...so now all these lines are a part of the C.N. & C.

Mr. and Mrs. Black tried to obtain some of these old tokens, but were unable to do so. However they did find the new 23mm token used

by the Green Line with the new name of the company on it. This token is used as a school fare. Perhaps later they may come up with a new 16mm token, with the new name on it, so anyone picking up tokens for the Green Line should watch out for it.

The Waterbury, Conn., token was reported a couple of months ago by Mr. Schwartz. However, up to the present time the company is very uncooperative in selling us tokens. Mr. Dawson has gone over several times buying a few tokens at a time (they won't sell them in quantity). At the rate we are going it might be a year before we're able to get enough for the New Issues Service. However, Mr. Nicolosi will try to get enough of them for the N.I.S.

The GSA token from Denver is another one that we've been unable to do anything with. It is used in a motor pool in a kind of taxi service from the Federal Center to downtown Denver. It took us a little while to break the red tape when we listed the GSA token from Washington, D.C. So possibly we may also be able to do the same with this Denver token, eventually. Mr. Frisbee will try to get us a supply for the N.I.S.

Emzy Thompson had reported the Jacksonville token some time ago, and claims it was used in 1947 or thereabouts for fare from Jacksonville to Camp Blanding. Supposedly the plain one was used one way, and the gun-metal plated one for the return trip.

In June, 1959, I noted a raise in fares for Davenport, Ia., and figured that they might have a new token. However, when I sent to them, they sent me a token from Moline, Ill., for my 20¢. Maybe I was just too soon, because sometime later they got their own tokens for Davenport (both companies under the same ownership). In obtaining a supply of the new token for the N.I.S., Mr. Nicolosi learned that they first sold at 6/\$1 but since have gone up to 6/\$1.05. A coin dealer has been advertising these tokens, and Mr. Mazeau mentioned this to Mr. Nicolosi. Since then a couple other collectors have noted this dealer's ad and mentioned it to us.

On June 4, 1960, the company in Wichita, Kans., was taken over by some of the people who operate the M.K. & O. Transit of Tulsa. A friend of Mr. Schwartz notified him of a new token being used. In sending to the company for these tokens, Mr. Nicolosi also learned that they had a new student token. Tokens of Wichita Transportation, the former company, should all be obsolete. However, this company also operates in Lawrence and so some of the 16mm tokens, Kans 970 D E F--which have been used also in Lawrence--may still be in use there. The M K & O, after starting operations in Tulsa, have never had a token rate there to my knowledge. But they may get one.

On page 50 of the June, 1959, Fare Box we had an article about the Wood County Bridge, and in reporting this new discovery from Wisconsin Rapids, Mr. DiMichael mentions that there may well also be tokens in 3¢ and 5¢ denominations waiting to be found.

The tokens we have listed as Patterns do not carry any price. In nearly all cases, there never were enough of any pattern token to rate a regular listing, and as they were never sold (used as fare) there is no price on them. However, in the next edition of the Catalogue there will be prices listed for Zone Checks. These can be obtained sometimes, by paying another fare and claiming the zone check was lost. So these zone checks will probably be priced at the zone fare if it is known.

Recently I paid a visit to the Seattle Club. The City of Seattle will have an International Exposition in 1962, and the Seattle boys are hoping to have the 1962 Convention of the A.V.A. held in Seattle. There will be a Monorail system operating in Seattle by then, from

downtown out to the Exposition Grounds, about one mile. At present it is expected that it will be similar to the one in Disneyland. It would be very appropriate if they would issue a special Monorail token, but we'll have to wait and see about that.

While in Seattle I went on a few side trips. One was over to Bremerton to see the bridge the last token was used on. However, since the token was issued it is now also being used on the Manette Bridge in Bremerton, at the same toll rate. Interestingly enough, the picture on this token is not of the bridge it is used on, but it is a picture of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge (which doesn't use tokens).

If I can get the time off, I plan to take a three or four week vacation trip, including the Austin Convention. Since I won't be back before August 15, the next Fare Box will be a little late, probably mailed out from Boston after John Coffee gets back there. I do not know how many of you plan to attend the Austin Convention, but if any quick answers are required, just write me in care of Eroy Kimmons at Austin. Incidentally, I haven't heard of any group that will bid for the 1961 Convention. So if you'd like to have it for your city, be sure to write in. Seattle wants it for 1962, but 1961 is open.

Frank Guernsey has reported a couple of tokens which we do not believe to be transportation tokens...

 C. & N.W. R.R. 1904 X-PASS 80
Fe 28 Sd C.B. Iowa (all letters incuse)

Apparently this is a Chicago & Northwestern RR item used in Council Bluffs, Ia. But we don't know if it's a seat check, a meal ticket, a regular pass, or what. Perhaps someone will recognize it.

The other token Mr. Guernsey reported is a bronze 30mm token, pierced. It says Mt. Hood Skyway with a picture of a car or bus being hauled up on a cable. However, one side of it says "Lucky Coin" so it may be merely an advertising piece or souvenir of the first run on February 3, 1951. Perhaps someone can fill us in on more details.

JUNE MEETING IN THE GOLDEN STATE

The June meeting of members of the Association of California Transportation Token Collectors was held at the usual place and time, Clifton's Cafeteria, June 12, at 2 p.m. Present were K. Smith, R. Smith, Roselinsky, Miller, Ross, and Cutler. Mrs. Ross was a visitor. Mention was made of the next, August, meeting to be held at the home of Mr. Miller of Costa Mesa, where it will be chicken barbecued ala Miller style. All planning to attend please notify Mr. Miller so he can make proper preparations. The prize token for attendance was won by Mr. Robert Smith of Santa Ana. The usual sale of tokens took place and the meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

- Edward M. Cutler, Secy.

In the June Fare Box we published a very interesting article about the tokens of the Star & Crescent Ferry. This article was written by Tom McDaniel. Tom had sent it in several months back but forgot to put his name on it.

THE FARE BOX

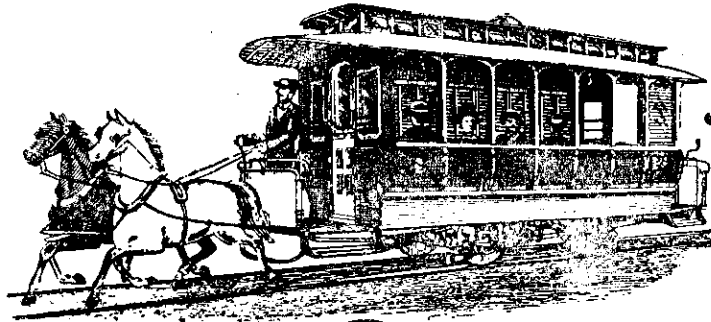
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THE AUGUST ISSUE COMES TO YOU A BIT TARDILY. AFTER PAYING OVER \$25 TO HAVE THE JULY ISSUE MIMEOGRAPHED IN TACOMA, I WAS DETERMINED NOT TO WASTE THAT MUCH MONEY AGAIN. SO I WAITED TILL I RETURNED TO BOSTON TO GET THIS ISSUE OUT. HOWEVER, THE LATENESS IS COMPENSATED SOMEWHAT BY THE FACT THAT IT IS A VERY INTERESTING ISSUE, ONE OF THE BEST ISSUES WE'VE EVER PRODUCED. THERE ARE MORE GOOD ARTICLES INSIDE THAN WE'VE HAD FOR A LONG TIME. I WANT TO THANK THE LOYAL MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN SENDING ME ARTICLES. I STILL HAVE SEVERAL GOOD ONES ON HAND, AND WE SHALL PUBLISH THEM EVENTUALLY.

I AM SURE EVERY A.V.A. MEMBER JOINS ME IN SENDING OUR NEW PRESIDENT, F. GORDON SMITH, EVERY GOOD WISH FOR SUCCESS DURING HIS ADMINISTRATION. AND AT THE SAME TIME, WE WANT TO THANK OUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT, BILL EISENBERG, FOR ALL THAT HE HAS DONE FOR THE HOBBY DURING THE 3 YEARS OF HIS ADMINISTRATION. DURING BILL'S LONG TENURE IN OFFICE, OUR ASSOCIATION MADE SOME OF ITS GREATEST STRIDES.

REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE AUSTIN CONVENTION WAS ONE OF THE NICEST WE'VE EVER HAD. THOSE WHO KNOW EROY KIMMONS WILL UNDERSTAND THIS: WHENEVER EROY IS IN CHARGE, THINGS GO PRETTY WELL. A BUS WAS CHARTERED TO TAKE THE MEMBERS PRESENT AROUND AUSTIN, AND ON SUNDAY MR. & MRS. KIMMONS WERE HOST TO THE WHOLE GROUP FOR A LUNCH AT BARTON SPRINGS OF BARBEQUED CHICKEN. LATER MOST OF THE MEMBERS WENT OVER TO THE KIMMONS' HOUSE FOR A WATERMELON PARTY. A.V.A. MEMBERS WHO HAVE NEVER ATTENDED A CONVENTION HAVE MISSED SOMETHING! TRY TO MAKE IT NEXT YEAR AT MINNEAPOLIS.

OVER 20 VECTURISTS IN BOSTON FOR A.N.A. CONVENTION

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION IN BOSTON, ATTENDED BY OVER 1,000 COIN COLLECTORS, WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. YOUR EDITOR WAS HONORED BY BEING ASKED TO SIT AT THE HEAD TABLE AT THE BANQUET AND TO GIVE THE INVOCATION. AT LEAST 20 CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSN. WERE PRESENT, INCLUDING: DUANE FEISEL, HARRY LESSIN, DR. EMRICK, JOHN COFFEE, PAUL GINTHER, T.B. SPRAGUE, WALTER GRIMALA, ALAN FARGEON, BILL HOFMANN, MAX SCHWARTZ, GORDON SMITH, J. DOUGLAS FERGUSON, JOHN FORD, GEORGE FULD, FOSTER PALMER, EDDY ECHENBERG, PROSPER DE VOS, MORT DAWSON. SEVERAL FORMER MEMBERS WERE ALSO PRESENT, AND AT LEAST FIVE OTHERS ASKED FOR APPLICATIONS TO JOIN THE A.V.A. ALL TOLD, IT WAS A PROFITABLE MEETING FOR VECTURISTS.

YOUR EDITOR ADDED 3 CENSUS TOKENS TO HIS COLLECTION WHILE AT THE CONVENTION, LEARNED ABOUT A NEW DISCOVERY FROM ALASKA, AND SEVERAL OTHER RARE UNLISTED TOKENS. IT WAS ESPECIALLY NICE TO MEET MR. FERGUSON, ONE OF OUR MOST RESPECTED MEMBERS, AND TO CHAT WITH MORT DAWSON, JOHN FORD, DUANE FEISEL, DR. EMRICK, DICK JOHNSON, BILL HOFMANN, AND COUNTLESS OTHERS. I AM ESPECIALLY INDEBTED TO MAX SCHWARTZ WHO GUIDED ME AROUND AND SAW TO IT THAT I WAS INTRODUCED TO EVERYBODY IN SIGHT. FOR LEARNING NEW INFORMATION AND MEETING OTHER VECTURISTS, NOTHING CAN BEAT AN A.N.A. CONVENTION. INCIDENTALLY, THE A.V.A. IS A CORPORATE MEMBER OF THE ANA.

THE FRASER TUNNEL TOKEN OF COLORADO

ONE OF OUR MOST ACTIVE MEMBERS IN THE OLD DAYS WAS EDGAR LEVY, OF COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. ED SOLD OUT HIS COLLECTION SEVERAL YEARS AGO IN THE MOST TALKED-ABOUT TOKEN AUCTION EVER HELD. IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO HEAR FROM HIM, AND RECENTLY HE WROTE YOUR EDITOR, AND AMONG OTHER THINGS ASKED ME TO PASS ON TO OUR READERS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THAT INTRIGUING AND VERY RARE TOKEN, COLO 380 A.

THE TOKEN WAS USED ON AN AUTO BUS IN THE SUMMER, AND A HORSE-DRAWN SLED IN THE WINTER...FROM NOVEMBER 1924 TO MARCH 1927. IT RAN FROM FRASER TO THE WEST PORTAL OF THE TUNNEL, A DISTANCE OF $5\frac{1}{2}$ MILES. ABOUT 12 TO 18 PASSENGERS WERE CARRIED EACH TRIP. THE OWNER ADDS: "OUR SLED HAD A HUGE STOVE INSIDE TO KEEP US WARM, AS WE HAD TO TRAVEL OFTEN IN 40 TO 50 BELOW ZERO WEATHER. AFTER A HEAVY SNOW WE HAD 4 HORSES, OTHERWISE 2, AND WE ALWAYS GOT THERE ALTHOUGH SOMETIMES LATE WHEN WE HAD UNUSUALLY BAD WEATHER. WE MADE 3 ROUND TRIPS DAILY IN ORDER TO MEET EACH CHANGE OF SHIFT."

10TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSN.

= MINUTES OF THE MEETING =

MEETING AT THE STEPHEN F. AUSTIN HOTEL AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:30 A.M., AUGUST 6, 1960. IN THE ABSENCE OF REGULAR OFFICERS, MR. EROY L. KIMMONS PRESIDED, ASSISTED BY R.K. FRISBEE. EDWARD M. CUTLER WAS APPOINTED TO ACT AS CONVENTION SECRETARY. THERE WAS A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER FOR OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS. THE GREETING SPEECH TO MEMBERS WAS MADE BY MR. BERTRAM OF AUSTIN.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE: FREIBERG, NICOLOSI, BARNETT, FRISBEE, CUTLER, CLYMER, IRWIN, MULLIN, BERTRAM, KIMMONS, AND CROCKETT.

MINUTES OF THE 1959 CONVENTION WERE APPROVED AS PRINTED IN THE FARE BOX. RALPH FREIBERG AND J.C. CLYMER WERE APPOINTED TO ASSIST MR. BERTRAM IN COUNTING THE BALLOTS. A MEMO FROM KENNETH SMITH PERTAINING TO ADVICE AND DISPOSAL OF A COLLECTION OF ANY DECEASED MEMBER WAS APPROVED BY MEMBERS AT THE CONVENTION PROVIDED THAT IT ALSO BE APPROVED BY A.C.T.T.C. MEMBERS. GREETINGS TO THE CONVENTION WERE READ FROM PRESIDENT EISENBERG, VICE-PRESIDENT ATWOOD, BOB BUTLER OF THE MINNEAPOLIS CLUB, AND OTHER MEMBERS. THERE WAS QUITE A BIT OF DISCUSSION ON ARTICLES HELD BY THE CURATOR. IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE A.V.A. SHOULD BE GIVEN AN INVENTORY LIST OF ALL ARTICLES HELD BY THE CURATOR OR OTHER PROPERTY OF A.V.A. MOTION CARRIED. THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS READ BY MR. FRISBEE. THE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE FARE BOX BY MR. COFFEE, THE EDITOR, COVERING FINANCIAL STATEMENT WAS AUDITED BY THE AUDITING COMMITTEE AND APPROVED. (AUDITING COMMITTEE: IRWIN & BARNETT) A LENGTHY REPORT BY MR. COFFEE ON THE SALE OF CATALOGUES WAS APPROVED AS READ, AND AS AMENDED BY THE TREASURER.

MR. COFFEE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF IMPROVING THE APPEARANCE OF THE OFFICIAL A.V.A. SEAL, BY REPLACING THE LETTERS "AVA" IN THE CENTER WITH A PICTURE OF A HORSECAR, BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE CONFUSE "AVA" IN OUR SEAL WITH "AA" WHICH ARE THE INITIALS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE INSIGNIA DESIGN BE CHANGED. THERE WERE SUGGESTIONS THAT SINCE THE MASTHEAD OF THE FARE BOX ALREADY HAS A PICTURE OF A HORSE CAR THAT PERHAPS A STREETCAR & BUS WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE. THE EDITOR IS TO CONTACT VARIOUS PEOPLE AND PLACES AND REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

MEETING RECESSED AT 11:30 A.M. FOR LUNCH. MEETING RESUMED AT 12:15 P.M.

THE ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORTED THE RESULTS OF THE BALLOTING FOR A.V.A. OFFICERS, AS FOLLOWS: (142 VOTES CAST). FOR PRESIDENT: F. GORDON SMITH 85; WILLIAM E. EISENBERG 57. ATWOOD AND FRISBEE EACH RECEIVED 131 VOTES; DIMICHAEL AND MILLER EACH RECEIVED 132 VOTES. 10 BALLOTS VOTED ONLY FOR PRESIDENT. RESULTS CERTIFIED BY FREIBERG, CLYMER, AND BERTRAM (CHAIRMAN). SO F. GORDON SMITH IS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE A.V.A., AND MR. EISENBERG REPLACES MR. KIMMONS ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AS THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT.

AUSTIN CONVENTION (CONTINUED)

THE OFFICERS OF THE A.V.A. ARE AS FOLLOWS: PRESIDENT, F. GORDON SMITH. VICE-PRESIDENT, ROLAND C. ATWOOD. SECRETARY, DANIEL DIMICHAEL. TREASURER, R.K. FRISBEE. CURATOR, EDRICK J. MILLER. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, WILLIAM E. EISENBERG.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT MR. COFFEE ADVERTISE TOKEN COLLECTING AS A HOBBY IN VARIOUS COIN PUBLICATIONS, THE EXPENSES TO BE PAID OUT OF THE A.V.A. TREASURY. MOTION CARRIED.

THERE WERE ONLY TWO BIDS FOR THE 1961 CONVENTION CITY, ONE FROM KANSAS CITY, MO., AND ONE FROM MINNEAPOLIS. THE KANSAS CITY REQUEST WAS FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THERE, AND WAS REJECTED BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF A HOST. IT WAS THEN MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED, THAT THE 1961 A.V.A. CONVENTION BE HELD AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., THE FIRST WEEKEND IN AUGUST.

THE CONVENTION ADJOURNED AT 1:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

EDWARD M. CUTLER, ACTING SECY.

= THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT =

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AGE 39; INSURANCE. COLLECTING 2 YEARS, CANADA ONLY.
- 330 MAURICE BRAVEMAN - 3817 LEWIN AVE. - BALTIMORE 15, MD.
AGE 44; ACCOUNTANT. COLLECTING 1 YEAR.
- 331 HARVEY S. BERNSTEIN - 811 CENTRAL AVE. - ST. PETERSBURG 1,
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- 332 MALCOLM L. BUEHLER - 116 PIPER ROAD - HAMDEN 14, CONN.
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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

IT IS WITH REAL PLEASURE THAT I ACCEPT THE OFFICE AS YOUR PRESIDENT, AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONFIDENCE. THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF OUR ASSOCIATION, OR ANY ASSOCIATION, DOES NOT DEPEND ON ONE MEMBER ALONE, BUT IS DEPENDENT ON THE COMBINED COOPERATION OF ALL MEMBERS. NOW THERE MUST BE MANY EXCELLENT IDEAS IN YOUR MINDS THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO YOUR ASSOCIATION. WHAT DO YOU FEEL IS THE BEST METHOD TO BRING ABOUT BEST RESULTS? JUST WHAT IS YOUR OPINION AS TO HOW BEST WE CAN INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP? WHAT DO YOU WANT AN UP-AND-COMING ASSOCIATION, OR AN ASSOCIATION THAT IS JUST LYING DORMANT? IT TAKES BIG PEOPLE WHO THINK BIG TO MAKE A BIG ASSOCIATION. YOU ARE ALL BIG MEN AND MEN OF YOUR WORD, SO ALL WE NEED IS A LITTLE ACTION. I FEEL THAT EVERY MEMBER SHOULD BRING IN AT LEAST ONE NEW MEMBER, PREFERABLY WITH LIFE MEMBERSHIP. \$2.50 IS ALL THAT IS REQUIRED FROM JULY 1 TO DEC. 31, SO THE TIME IS NOW. SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO DAN DIMICHAEL WITH REQUIRED FEE. REMEMBER MORE NEW MEMBERS MORE NEW FRIENDS AND MORE TRADES. YOUR EFFORT WILL BE APPRECIATED AND I WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS. THANK YOU.

- F. GORDON SMITH, PRESIDENT.

CALIFORNIA COLLECTORS MEET

THE AUGUST MEETING OF THE ASSN. OF CALIF. TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS MET SUNDAY, AUG. 14 AT 2 PM AT THE HOME OF MR. & MRS. E.J. MILLER OF COSTA MESA. MEMBERS PRESENT WERE: ATWOOD, GALLAGHER, MILLER, ROSS, K. SMITH, R. SMITH, AND VON BOLTENSTERN. VISITORS PRESENT WERE: MRS. GALLAGHER, MRS. MILLER, MR. & MRS. ROHRER, MRS. ROSS, MRS. K. SMITH AND SON. AFTER CHEF MILLER GOT THROUGH ROLLING THE BARBECUED TURKEY AROUND THE BACKYARD, MR. VON BOLTENSTERN WAS KIND ENOUGH TO DO THE CARVING HONORS AND WE WERE IN BUSINESS. A FEW POUNDS LATER ALL WERE INVITED INSIDE WHERE 110 COLOR SLIDES OF SOME OF MR. ATWOOD'S RAREST TOKENS WERE SHOWN. THE 2 \$1 TOKEN DOOR PRIZES WERE WON BY MR. ROSS AND MR. GALLAGHER. AFTER SEVERAL SCOOPS OF HOME-MADE PINEAPPLE SHERBET, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:00 P.M.

- EDRICK J. MILLER,
VICE-PRESIDENT, A.C.T.T.C.

ELEVEN PRESENT FOR SEATTLE CLUB MEETING

THE AUGUST 12 MEETING OF THE SEATTLE TRANSPORTATION TOKEN CLUB (THE WORLD'S OLDEST TRANSPORTATION TOKEN ORGANIZATION) MET AT THE NEW SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY AT 8:30 P.M. (STTC MEETS THERE THE 2ND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH). PRESIDENT CLARENCE E. HEPPNER PRESIDED. PRESENT WERE: WAYNE BILDERBACK, GEORGE GOULD, AUGUST NILSON, MARY LAKE, PAUL FOUTS, JOHN COFFEE, ROBERT CHAMBERLAIN, C.L. CARLSON, IVAN SHIRROD, C.E. HEPPNER, AND CECIL G. JEFFERSON.

MR. COFFEE DESCRIBED A LENGTHY LONG-DISTANCE PHONE CALL HE HAD RECEIVED FROM EMZY THOMPSON, WHO IS NOW IN HAGERSTOWN, MD. JOHN ALSO EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD PICKED UP 3 CENSUS TOKENS SINCE OUR JULY MEETING, ONE OF THEM AN UNLISTED DEPOTEL.

PLANS FOR THE HOPED-FOR 1962 A.V.A. CONVENTION IN SEATTLE WERE DISCUSSED, AND HOPE WAS EXPRESSED THAT A SPECIAL TOKEN FOR SEATTLE NEW MONO RAIL COULD BE ISSUED.

GEORGE GOULD GAVE A REPORT ON THE NEW SCHOOL TOKEN FROM TACOMA, BUT EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY OF THEM AS YET.

CLARENCE HEPPNER DISPLAYED SEVERAL OF THE RARE TOKENS FROM HIS COLLECTION, INCLUDING NY 630 M (OF WHICH ONLY 2 ARE KNOWN), WISC 510 G, AND THE UNIQUE PATTERN WASH 998 B.

IVAN SHIRROD DESCRIBED HIS GOOD FORTUNE IN PICKING UP A NEELY'S TAXI TOKEN (UNIDENTIFIED #72) AND A WISC 410 A BOTH IN THE PARKING METER COLLECTIONS AT PULLMAN, WASH. HE THEN TOLD HOW HE VISITED MOSCOW, IDAHO, AND THERE LEARNED THAT NEELY'S TAXI HAD OPERATED IN THAT CITY. HE TALKED TO MR. NEELY, WHO NOW OPERATES AN AUTOMOBILE AGENCY, BUT NO MORE TOKENS WERE TO BE HAD. THEY WERE USED IN THE 1930'S.

PLANS WERE MADE FOR THE SEPTEMBER BANQUET AT HOTEL HUNGERFORD, WHICH IS TO BE SUBSIDIZED BY THE CLUB TREASURY, AND IT WAS STRESSED THAT THIS WAS TO BE A FAMILY NIGHT WITH NO BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED.

THERE WAS MUCH DISCUSSION OF THE RECENT AUSTIN AVA CONVENTION; ABOUT VARIOUS RARE TOKENS; ABOUT HOW TO GO ABOUT OBTAINING MORE RARE TOKENS. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:45 P.M.

- CECIL G. JEFFERSON, SECRETARY.

NEW CONSTITUTION TO BE PRINTED SOON

FOR OVER A YEAR THE A.V.A. HAS BEEN GOVERNED BY THE NEW CONSTITUTION ADOPTED AT THE SANTA MONICA CONVENTION AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. IN ONE OF HIS FIRST ACTS AS THE NEW A.V.A. PRESIDENT, MR. F. GORDON SMITH INSTRUCTED YOUR EDITOR TO SEE TO THE PRINTING OF THIS INSTRUMENT IMMEDIATELY. AS SOON AS IT IS READY, A COPY OF IT, TOGETHER WITH THE CODE OF ETHICS, WILL BE MAILED TO EACH A.V.A. MEMBER.

THE GAGE TRANSFER LINE OF LOGAN, OHIO

AFTER MUCH CORRESPONDENCE, YOUR EDITOR WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO FIND AN ELDERLY GENTLEMAN IN LOGAN WHO OWNED ONE OF THESE TOKENS (THERE ARE ONLY 2 OF THEM KNOWN TO EXIST). I AM REPRODUCING HIS LETTER BELOW EXACTLY AS HE WROTE IT:

"YOU WERE RIGHT IN PRESUMING THE W.L. GAGE HACK LINE WAS 50 OR 60 YEARS OLD IF NOT OLDER. 'DAD' GAGE NO RELATION OF MINE STARTED WITH CABS ENTRANCE ON EACH SIDE CAPACITY ABOUT 4 DRIVER UP HIGH IN FRONT. THEN HE BOUGHT HACKS WITH REAR ENTRANCE SEATS ON EACH SIDE 5 PASSENGERS TO SIDE, GLASSED IN WINDOWS RAISE & LOWER ACCORDING TO WEATHER. HAD TWO OF THIS KIND ONE FOR TRAVELING MEN, AND ONE FOR TOWN TRADE. THEN HE BOUGHT AN AUTO BUSS ON THE PRINCIPAL OF HORSE DRAWN BUSESSES, ONLY VERY HIGH. DRIVER UP-SET IT AND GAGE GOT RID OF IT AND WENT BACK TO THE 2-HORSE-DRAWN CAB. ONE TIME THERE WERE 12 PASSENGER TRAINS IN AND OUT OF LOGAN, OHIO. NOW THERE ARE NONE. I DROVE HACK FOR DAD GAGE AFTER SCHOOL WAS OUT IN SUMMER UNTIL FALL 1909-1910. ENCLOSED ONE OF HIS TOKENS. I DON'T THINK YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GET MANY OF THEM..."

FROM ANOTHER PARTY IN LOGAN I LEARNED THAT THE FARE WAS 15¢ ONE WAY OR 25¢ ROUND TRIP, EACH PIECE OF BAGGAGE 15¢ EXTRA. THE HACKS WERE VERY SIMILAR TO OLD STAGE COACHES.

= J.M.C.

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

LOTS OF MAIL PILED UP WHILE I WAS AWAY AT THE CONVENTION IN AUSTIN. I'LL ADD THAT THIS WAS A WONDERFUL CONVENTION AND THOSE NOT THERE MISSED A SWELL TIME. THANKS FOR A SWELL TIME TO TWO WONDERFUL HOSTS, MR. & MRS. KIMMONS. TWO TOKENS COMING YOUR WAY THIS MONTH: NEBR 540 Z AND WASH 880 L. THANKS TO JOHN COFFEE FOR OBTAINING THE TACOMA TOKENS FOR US. WELCOME THIS MONTH TO THE N.I.S. TO MR. FREDRICK SMITH OF SHERBROOKE, QUE. I AM STILL TRYING TO GET THE FOLLOWING TOKENS: GSA OF DENVER; COOKE ST. LINE OF WATERBURY; L.C.C. MOTOR COACH OF PENNA. (THEY STILL HAVE MY CHECK, HAVE HAD IT FOR MONTHS NOW!) BUT NO TOKENS, SO I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT IT OUT. TRY TO SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR AT THE CONVENTION IN MINNEAPOLIS. RALPH FREIBERG AND I TRAVELED A TOTAL OF 5,822 MILES TO GET TO THE AUSTIN CONVENTION (3 WEEKS TRAVELING) VIA PHOENIX, EL PASO, DEL RIO, EAGLE PASS, LAREDO, BROWNSVILLE, CORPUS CHRISTI, VICTORIA, GALVESTON, PORT ARTHUR, LAKE CHARLES, HOUSTON, AUSTIN, FORT WORTH, DALLAS, WICHITA FALLS, CHILDRES, AMARILLO, ALBUQUERQUE, FLAGSTAFF, KINGMAN, BARSTOW, BAKERSFIELD, PASO ROBLES, AND (FINALLY) SAN FRANCISCO! A MEMORABLE TRIP.....BUT NO TOKENS.

= JOHN G. NICOLosi

NEW COLLECTORS ATTENTION: SEND FOR MY LIST OF DUPLICATES. SOME I HAVE FOR SALE AT CAT. - NY 790 D; PA 870 A, 360 A B C (20¢ EACH, ACTUAL FARE 22½¢). ALSO SOME HARD TIMES TOKENS.

DANIEL DiMICHAEL - P.O. Box 485 - COATESVILLE, PA.

FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE: MONT 660 E F G; NEBR 700 E H; NM 40 B E, 810 A B C D; NJ 15 A B, 20 C E, 555 C F, 885 A B; NY 25 C E, 105 B C D F H, 230 B C D J, 630 X AH AM AR AI AS, 631 C D E, 690 A, 715 A, 790 A B C. WILL LIST OTHERS ON REQUEST.

F. GORDON SMITH - 14 MILLER STILE RD. - QUINCY 69, MASS.

FOR SALE: CAL 450 K 25c, CONN 305 P 20c, DC 500 AD 30c, MD 560 E 20c, MASS 740 A 30c, MINN 540 A H 20c, OHIO 160 F 25c, WASH 920 D 25c, GERMANY 550 A 25c, BRIT COL 800 D 20c, QUEBEC 620 U V X 30c EACH, 200 B 20c, 825 A 20c, 850 H 20c, 875 B 20c.

JOHN G. NICOLosi - 3002 GALINDO ST. - OAKLAND 1, CALIF.

BEAUTIFUL OLD MISSOURI-KANSAS-TEXAS RR STOCK CERTIFICATES ISSUED NEAR 1900. 2 DISTINCT TYPES, ONE SHOWS EARLY "ROUND HOUSE" OPERATIONS; THE OTHER SHOWS A TYPICAL "STATION SCENE." ALL HAVE NICE EXAMPLE OF EARLY LOCOMOTIVE USED THEN. SPECIFY WHICH WHEN ORDERING, OR TAKE BOTH. I'M ASKING ONLY 25¢ EACH IN COIN PLUS STAMPED ENVELOPE.

JON A. HEIM - 551½ E. ALCOTT ST. - PHILADELPHIA 20, PA.

WILL ACCEPT BIDS ON KENTUCKY 135 A "COLD SPRINGS BUS COMPANY" AS REPORTED IN JULY FARE BOX. WANT CASH, CW TOKENS, TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, CATALOGUING OVER \$1, OR LARGE CENTS AND HALF CENTS. I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS NOT DEEMED BY ME SATISFACTORY.

FOSTER B. PDLLACK - 1841 BROADWAY, Rm 808 - NEW YORK 23, N.Y.

WANTED TO BUY: GLOSSY PRINTS OF OLD HORSE CARS, STREETCARS, ETC. CAN LET MEMBERS KNOW WHERE THEY CAN PURCHASE 13 8x10 GLOSSY PRINTS OF OLD SOUTHERN CALIF. HORSECARS FOR \$3.63 (ALL PRINTS DIFFERENT) ALSO WANTED TO BUY TRADE CHECKS, U.S. ONLY.

EDRICK J. MILLER - 694 SENATE STREET - COSTA MESA, CALIF.

I HAVE WASH 250 A E F (EDMONDS) IN GOOD SHAPE. WILL TRADE FOR SOMETHING I DON'T HAVE OF EQUAL CAT. VALUE.

CLARENCE E. HEPPNER - 1331 3RD AVENUE - SEATTLE 1, WASH.

WILL SWAP INDIANA 280 A (EVANSVILLE HORSECAR TOKEN) FOR SOMETHING I NEED IN TOKENS OF SIMILAR VALUE OR RARITY.

J.M. COFFEE, JR. - P.O. Box 1204 - BOSTON 4, MASS.

A.V.A. 10TH ANNIVERSARY HORSECAR MEDAL

THERE ARE STILL MANY MEMBERS WHO AS YET HAVE NOT OBTAINED OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY MEDAL. ARE YOU ONE OF THESE MEMBERS? IF SO THERE ARE A FEW LEFT, IN FACT JUST EIGHTEEN, THAT CAN BE HAD FOR JUST \$1.00, FIRST COME FIRST SERVED. YOUR PAYMENT WILL BE RETURNED IN CASE OF FULL SELL OUT. SEND CHECK OR M.O. TODAY.

F. GORDON SMITH - 14 MILLER STILE ROAD - QUINCY 69, MASS.

THE ST. FRANCISVILLE FERRY TOKENS

BY LEE R. SANDERS

DURING A RECENT TRIP ALONG THE WABASH RIVER, I SPENT TWO DAYS IN ST. FRANCISVILLE, ILL., IN SEARCH OF THE FERRY TOKENS (ILL 768 A,B,C) AND TO GET WHAT HISTORY I COULD ABOUT THESE OLD FERRIES. I HAD LITTLE LUCK IN FINDING THE 25¢ TOKENS, BUT DID GET A FEW OF THE 12½¢ ONE. THE 25¢ TOKENS ARE VERY RARE AND IT IS DOUBTFUL IF ANY MORE OF THESE WILL EVER SHOW UP. WITH ONLY ONE OF THE ALUMINUM, AND TWO OF THE BRASS 25¢ TOKENS KNOWN, THESE MUST BE CLASSED AMONG THE RAREST OF TRANSPORTATION TOKENS.

THE FIRST FERRY EVER TO OPERATE IN ST. FRANCISVILLE WAS IN 1804. IT WAS ABOUT A HALF MILE UPSTREAM FROM THE PRESENT FERRY SITE. THE GILLISPIE FERRY STARTED IN THE 1870'S. AROUND 1914 GILLISPIE BOUGHT THE OLD FERRY AND DID AWAY WITH IT IN ORDER TO THROW ALL THE BUSINESS TO THE ONE FERRY, OPERATED BY HIM. THE FIRST TOKENS TO BE USED WERE STRUCK ABOUT 1905. THE 25¢ TOKENS WERE GIVEN OUT BY THE ELEVATOR TO FARMERS ACROSS THE RIVER AT HARVEST TIME, AS A CREDIT SO THEY COULD BRING THEIR GRAIN ACROSS. THE FERRY NEVER ISSUED THE 25¢ TOKENS--IT ACCEPTED THEM FROM THE FARMERS FOR A ROUND TRIP, AND THEN THE ELEVATOR WOULD REDEEM THEM FROM THE FERRY. THE 12½¢ TOKENS WERE PUT OUT BY MR. GILLISPIE TO MAKE CHANGE. THE ROUND TRIP WAS 25¢, AND IF ANYONE WASN'T RETURNING THE SAME DAY, OR WAS RETURNING AT ANOTHER FERRY, THEN HE WOULD BE GIVEN ONE OF THE 12½¢ TOKENS.

I WAS VERY ANXIOUS TO TRY TO FIND OUT IF THERE EVER WAS AN ALUMINUM 12½¢ TOKEN USED. FROM THE BEST INFORMATION I COULD GATHER, THERE WAS NOT. THE FIRST TOKEN TO BE USED WAS THE 25¢ ALUMINUM. THIS TOKEN WAS UNSATISFACTORY WITH THE MEN AT THE FERRY BECAUSE IT WAS HARD TO HANDLE, AND TOO MANY WERE LOST. IT WAS ONLY USED A SHORT TIME, AND THEN THE BRASS ONES WERE MADE. THE ALUMINUM TOKENS WERE THEN ALL DESTROYED. FROM WHAT I COULD GATHER, THE 12½¢ TOKENS WERE MADE AT THE SAME TIME THE BRASS 25¢ ONES WERE PUT INTO USE. THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY TOKENS USED SINCE AROUND 1920.

COLORADO RAILROAD PASS SELLS FOR \$102 AT AUCTION

AT A COIN COLLECTORS' AUCTION THIS SUMMER, ONE OF THE RARE OTTO MEARS RAILROAD PASSES IN SILVER WAS UP FOR SALE (SEE PAGE 30 OF ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE). SEVERAL SEATTLE COLLECTORS PUT IN BIDS OF \$100, BUT THE PASS WAS KNOCKED DOWN TO AN UNKNOWN BUYER FOR \$102.00. THE DEALER WHO EXECUTED THE BID STATED AFTERWARD THAT THIS BUYER HAD BEEN PREPARED TO PAY \$300 IF NECESSARY. THESE PASSES ARE IN A SPECIAL CATEGORY, OF COURSE, AND SUCH A HIGH PRICE SHOULD IN NO WAY BE CONSIDERED AS INDICATIVE OF THE VALUES OF REGULAR TRANSPORTATION TOKENS. HOWEVER, EVEN SOME CELLULOIDS HAVE BEEN GOING FOR \$25 TO \$30 EACH OF LATE.

CONNECTICUT

NEW MILFORD 325 (REPORTED BY MELVYN A. SCOTT)
 HOUSATONIC R.R. SECTION NO. 7 ONE PASSAGE
 /BETWEEN N. MILFORD AND KENT
 A o B 42 Sd [BLANK][OBVERSE LETTERS INCUSE] \$3.50

NEBRASKA

LINCOLN 540 (REPORTED BY FRANK GUERNSEY)
 GENERAL TRANSIT LINES, INC. GTL
 Z WM 16 BAR GOOD FOR ONE FARE G T L .25

OHIO

LOGAN 465 (REPORTED BY GEORGE FULD)
 W.L. GAGE LIVERY & TRANSFER LINE LOGAN, OHIO.
 A o A 25 Sd GOOD FOR 1 FARE 3.50

MANCHESTER 495 (REPORTED BY HAROLD FORD, JR.)

ERDBRINK & CO. C. & O. TRANSFER MANCHESTER, O.
 /(MANUFACTURER'S NAME)
 A o A Sq Sd GOOD FOR 1 TRIP (27MM)(VAR.S.) 3.50

PENNSYLVANIA

HAZLETON 455 (REPORTED BY EDWARD M. CUTLER)
 L. & C.C. MTR. TR. CO. ONE FARE (BUS)
 H Bz 23 Dd GO BY BUS CHARTER ONE FROM US .15

WASHINGTON

TACOMA 880 (REPORTED BY J.M. COFFEE, JR.)
 TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
 L Bz 23 T-SC GOOD FOR ONE SCHOOL FARE .15

WISCONSIN

MARSHFIELD 440 (REPORTED BY MORTON H. DAWSON)
 F.A. BAUER BUS & TRANSFER LINE MARSHFIELD, WIS.
 G o A 29 Sd F.A. BAUER BUS & TRANSFER LINE MARSHFIELD,
 /WIS. GOOD FOR ONE RIDE TO HOTEL OR
 /RETURN 2.50

MANUFACTURERS SAMPLES

GROUP 17 (REPORTED BY PETER MAGEE)
 E Bz 23 BALL ALLOCATED TOKEN GMM

CORRECTIONS:

TO THE LISTING OF PA 525 S IN MAY SUPPLEMENT, ADD (Sc). THE
 SIZE IS (28MM). TO THE UNIDENTIFIED LIST ON TOKEN #10, ADD
 (OBVERSE LETTERS INCUSE), BUT REMOVE THOSE WORDS FROM #11, AS
 #11 IS NOT INCUSE. ON MD 998 D, RECENTLY LISTED, REMOVE THE
 WORD "ONLY" FROM REVERSE, MAKING IT READ "GOOD FOR ONE FARE"

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

WE ARE LATE THIS MONTH BECAUSE WE ATTENDED THE AUSTIN CONVENTION. TRAVELED BY AUTO WITH JOHN NICOLosi AND COVERED 5,400 MILES. AS FAR AS FINDING ANY TOKENS IT WAS A WASTE OF TIME, BUT WE ENJOYED MEETING THOSE COLLECTORS WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION, AND SAW A LOT OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, WHICH COVERS A HUGE AREA. NEXT YEAR WE HOPE TO ATTEND THE ONE IN MINNEAPOLIS, AND IN 1962 IN SEATTLE. SO PERHAPS AT ONE OF THESE TWO I CAN MEET OTHER COLLECTORS WHOM I STILL HAVEN'T GOT TO KNOW.

FOR THIS MONTH'S LISTINGS WE HAVE ANOTHER OF THE HOUSATONIC RR TOKENS FROM CONNECTICUT. AS THIS IS THE 4TH ONE OF THESE THAT HAVE TURNED UP, WE BELIEVE THERE MIGHT BE AT LEAST 8 OTHERS FROM THE OTHER SECTIONS. WE KNOW THERE WERE AT LEAST 12 SECTIONS.

NEXT A TOKEN FROM LINCOLN, NEBR. THIS ONE MAKES MY FACE RED BECAUSE I VISITED THERE LAST DECEMBER AND RODE ON BUSES OF LINCOLN CITY LINES, AND EVEN ASKED ABOUT TOKENS, BUT NO ONE MENTIONED ANYTHING ABOUT A DIFFERENT LINE USING TOKENS. I EVEN WENT THROUGH WHAT FOREIGN TOKENS THE LINCOLN CITY LINES HAD ON HAND AND DIDN'T NOTE ANY OF THE GTL ONES. AS THE CITY FARE ON LINCOLN CITY LINES IS 15¢ AND THE FARE ON GENERAL TRANSIT IS 25¢, I FIGURE THE LATTER MUST BE A SUBURBAN LINE. WE HAVE THE TOKENS FOR NEW ISSUES SERVICE, BUT STILL NO INFORMATION ON JUST WHERE THE TOKEN IS USED. IT WAS FIRST USED SEPTEMBER 19, 1958, AT 5/\$1 BUT SINCE THEN HAS GONE UP TO 4/\$1.

NEXT TWO DEPOTEL TOKENS FROM OHIO. ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE MR. COFFEE HAS AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE LOGAN ONE. HAROLD FORD PICKED UP TWO OF THE MANCHESTER ONES, WHICH ARE DIE VARIETIES, BUT ONE OF THEM IS IN POOR CONDITION. ONE IS SQUARE; THE OTHER MAY HAVE BEEN SQUARE CUT DOWN TO OCTAGON SHAPE, OR MAY HAVE BEEN OCTAGONAL IN THE FIRST PLACE. WE HOPE SOMEDAY TO PICK UP ANOTHER OF THE LATTER SO THAT WE CAN BE MORE CERTAIN ABOUT IT. THE TOKEN WAS USED FROM ABOUT 1892 TO 1910. E.F.W. ERDRINK OPERATED THE LINE WHICH RAN FROM MANCHESTER ACROSS THE OHIO RIVER VIA A FERRY TO THE C. & O. RY. DEPOT IN SOUTH MANCHESTER, KY. IT WAS A 2-HORSE-DRAWN BUS AND TODAY NEITHER THE FERRY NOR THE DEPOT EXISTS. THESE TOKENS HAVE THE MANUFACTURER'S NAME ON THEM BUT IT IS VERY HARD TO MAKE OUT SO RATHER THAN TRY WE JUST LISTED IT AS "MANUFACTURER'S NAME."

NEXT A NEW ONE FROM HAZLETON BY CARBON COUNTY MOTOR TRANSIT Co. THIS WAS ONE OF THE 4 COMPANIES WHO TOOK OVER PARTS OF THE RUNS OF THE FORMER HAZLETON AUTO BUS Co. THIS TOKEN WAS FIRST USED NOV. 19, 1959, AT 2/25. WE HAVE RUN INTO DIFFICULTY IN GETTING THEM FOR THE N.I.S. A CHECK SENT THEM BY MR. NICOLosi HAS BEEN NEITHER CASHED NOR RETURNED. IF AND WHEN THEY SEND THE TOKENS, THEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS USUAL BY N.I.S.

MR. COFFEE LEARNED ABOUT THE NEW TACOMA SCHOOL TOKEN FROM GEORGE GOULD AT A MEETING OF THE SEATTLE TRANSPORTATION TOKEN CLUB. AFTER SEVERAL VISITS TO THE BUS COMPANY AND THE SCHOOL BOARD IN TACOMA, MR. COFFEE OBTAINED 100 OF THEM FOR THE N.I.S. AND REPORTED THE TOKEN TO US. THIS NEW TOKEN GOES INTO USE ON

SEPTEMBER 7, 1960, TO REPLACE PAPER TICKETS FORMERLY USED. THE "SCHOOL DISTRICT #10" INCLUDES ALL OF TACOMA. THE TOKENS ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, AND ARE GIVEN OUT FREE TO SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO LIVE OVER 2 MILES FROM THEIR SCHOOL (1½ MILES IN THE CASE OF GRADE SCHOOL). THEY ARE GOOD FOR A 12½¢ SCHOOL FARE, AND THE TACOMA TRANSIT Co. TURNS THEM IN TO THE SCHOOL BOARD, WHICH REIMBURSES THE TRANSIT COMPANY 12½¢ EACH. IN ORDER TO USE THEM, THE KIDS HAVE TO SHOW AN IDENTIFICATION CARD. THERE WERE 75,000 STRUCK. THIS MAY BE THE FIRST OF A NEW TREND, SO POSSIBLY IN THE FUTURE OTHER TOKENS OF THIS NATURE WILL APPEAR.

SEE AN ARTICLE ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE ABOUT THE MARSHFIELD, WISC., DEPOTEL TOKEN.

SPEAKING OF DEPOTELS: A LOT OF THESE ARE TURNING UP NOW, BUT NEVER IN LARGE QUANTITIES. THEY CONTINUE TO BE VERY RARE. THE TOKENS WERE USUALLY USED BY TRAVELING SALESMEN ("DRUMMERS") AND VERY FEW OF THE ORDINARY CITIZENS OF THE TOWN EVER SAW THE TOKENS OR USED THEM. SO OFTEN ASKING QUESTIONS AROUND TOWN DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD. THE TOKENS WERE USED ON THE HACK THAT CARRIED THE DRUMMERS FROM THE DEPOT TO THE HOTEL, WHICH WAS USUALLY FIVE OR SIX BLOCKS AWAY. THE TOKENS WERE OFTEN USED AS INDUCEMENTS TO THE DRUMMERS SO THEY WOULD STAY AT HOTELS, AND WERE GIVEN FREE TRANSPORTATION FROM HOTELS TO DEPOTS, OR VICE-VERSA. USUALLY THE VEHICLE WAS HORSE-DRAWN. NEARLY EVERY DEPOTEL TOKEN DATES FROM BEFORE WORLD WAR I. SO SIZE UP A TOWN AND SEE HOW FAR THE DEPOT WAS FROM THE HOTEL, AND THEN START ASKING QUESTIONS.

THE MARSHFIELD DEPOTEL TOKEN

MORT DAWSON DISCOVERED THIS TOKEN, AND WAS VERY FORTUNATE IN UNCOVERING A FEW OF THEM. USUALLY, WHEN A COLLECTOR DIGS UP A DEPOTEL TOKEN HE GETS ONLY ONE, AND THAT'S THE END OF IT. BUT MORT SAYS HE HAS 5 DUPLICATES AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO SWAP THEM FOR RARE TOKENS HE NEEDS. IF INTERESTED, WRITE HIM AND LET HIM KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE TO OFFER.

THE TOKENS THEMSELVES WERE USED, FIRST, ON A HORSE-DRAWN HACK, AND LATER ON A GASOLINE BUS. THEY WERE USED BETWEEN 1900 AND 1918, WHEN THE COMPANY CEASED OPERATIONS. THE FARE WAS 25¢ ROUND TRIP FROM THE DEPOT TO THE HOTEL, WITH A TOKEN BEING GIVEN THE PASSENGER FOR THE RETURN TRIP BACK TO THE DEPOT. ONLY 500 TOKENS WERE STRUCK ALTOGETHER.

JACKSONVILLE (FLA.) COACH Co. HAS UPPED FARES FROM 20c TO 25c AND TOKENS FROM 5/90 TO 5/\$1....PORT ARTHUR (TEX.) TRANSIT Co. HAS UPPED FARES FROM 15c TO 20c; STUDENT TOKENS FROM 10/75 TO 10/\$1....BUS SERVICE AT KLAMATH FALLS, ORE., HAS QUIT.

THE FARE BOX

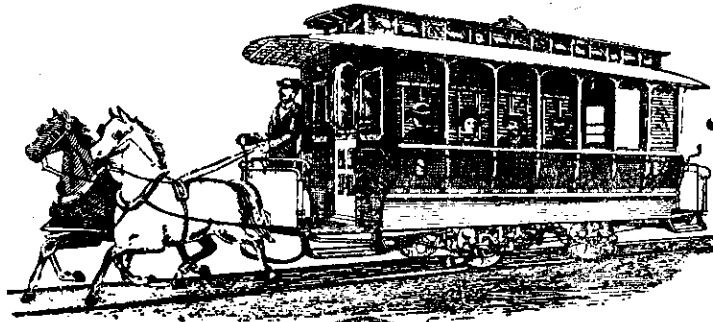
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A 16-PAGE BOOKLET CONTAINING THE NEW A.V.A. CONSTITUTION, THE CODE OF ETHICS, AND A 2-PAGE HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION, WILL BE READY AT THE PRINTERS ON SEPTEMBER 30, AND THEY WILL BE MAILED TO ALL MEMBERS IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. THE SHORT HISTORY, WRITTEN BY THE EDITOR, WAS MERELY ADDED IN TO FILL OUT THE NECESSARY 16 PAGES.

PROOFS MADE FROM CUTS OF THE NEW PROPOSED A.V.A. SEAL WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD THIS WEEK. I BELIEVE IT IS A GREAT IMPROVEMENT ON THE OLD ONE, INCORPORATING THE COMMON DENOMINATOR OF SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE MANY MEMBERS WHO SENT ME THEIR IDEAS.

IF ANYONE KNOWS THE WHEREABOUTS OF OUR MEMBER DONALD J.T. WACKER, PLEASE INFORM THE EDITOR. HIS FARE BOX CAME BACK INSCRIBED "MOVED, LEFT NO ADDRESS." WHICH REMINDS US OF THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE FARE BOX INFORMED OF YOUR NEW ADDRESS IF YOU MOVE.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE IS AN IMPORTANT ARTICLE ABOUT THE NEW PHILADELPHIA SOUVENIR TOKEN. IF YOU WANT TO OBTAIN ONE OF THESE TOKENS, I SUGGEST YOU READ THAT ARTICLE IMMEDIATELY.

REMEMBER THAT ADVERTISING IN THE FARE BOX IS FREE TO A.V.A. MEMBERS--UP TO 6 LINES IN EVERY ISSUE IF DESIRED. USE YOUR FREE AD PRIVILEGE, IT'S A MARKET PLACE FOR COLLECTORS.

PRESIDENT LISTS NEW PROPOSALS

PRESIDENT F. GORDON SMITH HAS DRAWN UP A LIST OF SUGGESTED PROPOSALS FOR THE A.V.A., AND ASKED ME TO PRINT THEM IN THE FARE BOX. ANY MEMBERS WHO HAVE COMMENTS OR FURTHER IDEAS ARE INVITED TO CONTACT HIM.

1. PUBLISH COMPLETE ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS.
2. PUT A.V.A. SEAL ON ALL MEMBERSHIP CARDS.
3. ISSUE SUITABLE CERTIFICATE TO PAST A.V.A. OFFICERS.
4. ADVERTISING PROGRAM IN CURRENT COIN MAGAZINES.
5. SEEK TO GET BACK FORMER MEMBERS THRU PUTTING A.V.A. NUMBER ON AN INEXPENSIVE METAL POCKET PIECE.
6. ENCLOSE APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP WITH COPIES OF FARE BOX ONCE A YEAR. EVERY MEMBER GET A MEMBER.
7. QUESTION & ANSWER COLUMN IN THE FARE BOX.
8. MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO PAY THE \$30 LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE IN 3 EQUAL MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS TO RELIEVE BURDER OF FULL \$30.
9. PUBLISH NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE AT LEAST TWICE IN FARE BOX BEFORE MAILING OUT BALLOTS.
10. SEND NOTIFICATION BY ELECTION COMMITTEE TO SECRETARY, AND ALL CANDIDATES TO BE INFORMED BY HIM IMMEDIATELY OF THE RESULTS.
11. A.V.A. REPRESENTATION AT EACH A.N.A. CONVENTION BY LOCAL A.V.A. MEMBER.
12. PUBLISH PROPOSALS WHEN APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE BOARD IN THE FARE BOX.
13. OBTAIN SMALL PHOTO OF EACH MEMBER AND PUT UP IN SUITABLE MOUNTING OR FOLDER FOR ARCHIVES, AND FOR SALE TO ALL AT A NOMINAL COST.
14. PERHAPS A LOTTERY OFFERING A RARE TOKEN IN A DRAWING TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE 25¢--FUNDS TO BE GIVEN TO TREASURY.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
BANK BALANCE	\$677.90	FARE BOX	\$207.00
180 MEMBERSHIPS, \$3	540.00	FARE BOX	176.47
18 NEW MEMBERS, \$4	72.00	FARE BOX	263.56
5 HALF NEW MEMBERS	12.50	SECRETARY	16.25
15 LIFE MEMBERS	420.00	SECRETARY	3.17
BANK INTEREST	12.26	STATIONERY	46.50
ANNIVERSAY MEDAL SALES	25.00	OVERPMT ON MEDALS	12.58
	<u>\$1,759.66</u>		<u>\$725.53</u>

CASH ON HAND, 7/29/60 \$1,034.13

TRANSPORTATION TOKENS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
BY LARRY GINGRAS

THE TRANSPORTATION TOKENS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA HAVE LONG BEEN A FAVORITE STUDY OF MINE, AND THE TRACKING DOWN OF THE STORY BEHIND THEM HAS PROVIDED ME WITH MANY PLEASANT HOURS. ALTHOUGH I'M SURE THAT THE TOKENS WHICH HAVE BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THIS PROVINCE WERE LISTED IN GOOD FAITH, I HAVE FOUND EVIDENCE DURING MY RESEARCH THAT WOULD APPEAR TO CAST SOME DOUBT AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SOME OF THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THEIR PROPER CATEGORY.

FIRST OF ALL THERE IS THE RECENTLY-LISTED UNION JACK MOTORS TOKEN. IT IS TRUE THAT THIS FIRM DID EXIST IN VANCOUVER, BUT THEY WERE A FLY-BY-NIGHT OUTFIT, CONTINUALLY MOVING FROM ONE OFFICE LOCATION TO ANOTHER DURING THE FEW MONTHS THEY WERE IN BUSINESS DURING 1917. I HAVE BEFORE ME "THE OBJECTS FOR WHICH THIS COMPANY HAS BEEN INCORPORATED," AND WHILE YOU MIGHT INTERPRET ONE PARAGRAPH AS MEANING THAT THEY INTENDED TO, OR HAD AUTHORITY TO, TRANSPORT FREIGHT AND PASSENGERS, THEY STATE QUITE DEFINITELY THAT THEIR OBJECTS WERE TO BUY AND SELL MOTOR VEHICLES, ACCESSORIES, BILLS OF EXCHANGE, PROMISSORY NOTES, ETC. THIS COULD VERY WELL MEAN THAT THEY WERE IN THE NEW OR USED CAR BUSINESS. ONE GENTLEMAN I INTERVIEWED DURING MY RESEARCH HAD OFFICE SPACE AT 330 SEYMOUR STREET AT THE SAME TIME THAT UNION JACK MOTORS DID, AND HE ASSURED ME THAT THEY WERE NOT TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS OR GOODS. THE TOKEN IS BLANK ON THE REVERSE AND MAKES NO REFERENCE TO A FARE. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE OR INDICATION THAT THIS TOKEN WAS EVER USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED AS A FARE. THE GENERAL FEELING IS THAT IT WAS NOTHING MORE THAN AN ADVERTISING PIECE.

ANOTHER QUESTIONABLE ATTRIBUTION IS THAT OF THE NEL-TAXI TOKEN WHICH FOR SOME YEARS NOW HAS BEEN CONSIDERED AS A NELSON TOKEN. THE ONLY SPECIMEN OF THIS TOKEN TO COME TO OUR ATTENTION IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN IN THE COLLECTION OF THE LATE MR. COOPER OF CHICAGO. FROM A SURVEY OF THE GENTLEMEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LISTING OF THE CANADIAN SERIES, IT IS QUITE EVIDENT THAT IT WAS ON MR. COOPER'S CLAIM ONLY THAT THIS TOKEN WAS ATTRIBUTED TO NELSON. LET US EXAMINE THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE LEDGER. CONSIDER THE PHONE NUMBERS "1074 NITE 216" WHICH APPEAR ON THE TOKEN. I HAVE ON FILE A LETTER FROM MR. V.C. OWEN, DISTRICT COMMERCIAL AND TRAFFIC MANAGER FOR THE BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY IN NELSON. MR. OWEN HAS THIS TO SAY: "PLEASE BE ADVISED WE SHOW NO RECORD OF A WORKING SERVICE FOR THE NEL-TAXI GOING BACK AS FAR AS 1939." TELEPHONE COMPANY RECORDS SHOW THAT THE NUMBER 1074 WAS NOT ISSUED IN NELSON UNTIL SOME TIME LATER, AND THEN TO A PARTY LINE WHICH DOES NOT SEEM FEASIBLE FOR A TAXI. ATTEMPTS TO ASSOCIATE THE SUBSCRIBERS ON THE PARTY LINE TO A TAXI BUSINESS HAVE ALSO FAILED. YOU WILL ALSO NOTICE THAT THE WORD "NIGHT" IS SHORTENED TO "NITE," WHICH IS A MORE COMMON PRACTISE IN THE UNITED STATES THAN IN

CANADA. THE FACT THAT THIS TOKEN IS MADE OF BRASS WOULD INDICATE THAT IT WAS AN EARLIER ISSUE. SINCE THE POPULATION OF NELSON IS RATHER SMALL, POSSIBLY WE SHOULD LOOK TO A MUCH LARGER CITY WHERE THE NUMBER 1074 MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN USE AT A TIME WHEN BRASS WAS A MORE COMMON METAL FOR THE MANUFACTURING OF TOKENS.

DURING MY VISIT TO NELSON, I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF EXAMINING VARIOUS RECORDS WITHOUT FINDING A NEL-TAXI. I HAVE ALSO TALKED TO MANY OLD TIMERS IN THE TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS, AS WELL AS OTHERS WHO TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE CITY'S HISTORY. ALL WERE QUITE CERTAIN THAT SUCH A FIRM WAS NEVER IN BUSINESS IN NELSON. A SEARCH OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANY RECORDS FOR VANCOUVER, VICTORIA, NEW WESTMINSTER, SPOKANE, AND SEATTLE, HAS ALSO FAILED TO SHED ANY LIGHT ON THE MATTER.

PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT I DO NOT WISH TO GO ON RECORD, AT THIS TIME, AS SUGGESTING THAT THIS TOKEN SHOULD DEFINITELY NOT BE ATTRIBUTED TO NELSON, IN SPITE OF THIS EVIDENCE AND THE FACT THAT LEADING AUTHORITIES SEEM TO CONCUR. FURTHER RESEARCH IS NEEDED.

POSSIBLY THIS TOKEN SHOULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO YOUR CITY. WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS TOKEN OR NEL-TAXI? WHY DID MR. COOPER BELIEVE THIS TO BE A NELSON ISSUE? THE WRITER WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM ANYONE WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THIS CASE. HOWEVER UNIMPORTANT THE INFORMATION MAY SEEM, IT WILL BE MORE THAN WELCOME FOR IT IS ONLY BY PLACING TOGETHER THESE BITS AND PIECES THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO FORM A TRUE PICTURE.

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

BY JOHN G. NICOLosi

THIS WILL BE A LEAN MONTH: ONLY ONE TOKEN TO SEND AND THAT IS A CANADIAN TOKEN, QUEBEC 950 B. THANKS AGAIN, MR. CASSIDY, FOR OBTAIN THEM FOR US. WE DO HAVE SOME PROSPECTS IN VIEW, AND SEVERAL TOKENS PENDING, BUT JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GET HOLD OF THEM AT PRESENT. BUT SOONER OR LATER WE'LL PRY THEM LOOSE. WE DO HAVE A NEW TOKEN, BUT IT'LL BE LISTED AS A VARIETY OF PA 950 J. THIS ONE HAS DIAMONDS ON REVERSE; THE OLD ONES DOES NOT. THIS TOKEN WILL NOT BE SENT TO THE NEW ISSUES MEMBERS. IF ANY OF YOU WANT IT, NOTIFY ME BY POST CARD STATING YOU WANT THE DIAMOND VARIETY, AND DON'T WAIT TOO LONG AS I HAVE TO GET THEM BEFORE THEY ARE MIXED IN WITH THE OTHER TOKENS BY THE COMPANY. SO LET ME KNOW RIGHT AWAY IF YOU WANT IT. THIS MONTH, WE WELCOME ANOTHER NEW ISSUES MEMBER, ROSS BURKHART OF LOS ANGELES, CALIF. WELCOME TO THE FOLD!

THE NEW COMMEMORATIVE TOKEN FROM PHILADELPHIA

BY J.M. COFFEE

AT THE RECENT A.N.A. CONVENTION IN BOSTON, MR. SCHWARTZ LEARNED OF THE EXISTENCE OF A NEW COMMEMORATIVE TOKEN FROM PHILADELPHIA, SIMILAR TO THE THREE EARLIER SUCH TOKENS, PA 750 AA, AB, AND AC. ONE SUCH TOKEN CHANGED HANDS AT THE CONVENTION FOR \$5.00, AND I BELIEVE BOTH MAC AND I REGRETTED THAT WE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO PURCHASE IT, EVEN AT THAT FIGURE. KNOWING HOW DIFFICULT IT HAD BEEN TO OBTAIN THE EARLIER COMMEMORATIVE TOKENS, I WAS NOT HOPEFUL, BUT I NEVERTHELESS WROTE THE PHILADELPHIA TRANSPORTATION Co., OFFERING AND TRYING TO PURCHASE ONE OF THEM FOR MY COLLECTION. I RECEIVED IN REPLY A FLAT TURN DOWN. THEY REFUSED TO PART WITH THE FEW REMAINING TOKENS FOR ANY PRICE.

THIS PAST WEEK, HOWEVER, I HAD OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL TO PHILADELPHIA, AND WHILE THERE RODE OUT TO THE COMPANY OFFICE. AFTER A VERY LONG CONFERENCE WITH THE GENTLEMAN WHO HAD TURNED DOWN MY WRITTEN REQUEST, I HAD BETTER SUCCESS. HE INFORMED ME THAT THE COMPANY HAD HAD 500 OF THE TOKENS STRUCK--HE SHOWED ME THE BILL FOR STRIKING THEM (IT COST PTC \$350)--AND THAT OF THESE, ABOUT 440 HAD BEEN GIVEN OUT TO PROMINENT OFFICIALS AND REPORTERS ON THE OCCASION OF A SPECIAL ADVANCE SHOWING OF THE NEW SUBWAY CARS. THE PTC HAD INVITED THESE DIGNITARIES FOR A FIRST RIDE ON THE NEW CARS, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON. EACH PERSON PRESENT WAS GIVEN ONE OF THESE TOKENS. THE TOKENS WERE GOOD FOR A RIDE ANYWHERE ON THE SYSTEM, AND STILL ARE, ALTHOUGH IT IS NEEDLESS TO SAY THAT NONE WERE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

IN ANY CASE, THE GENTLEMAN AT THE PTC HAD ABOUT 60 OF THE TOKENS LEFT. AS A RESULT OF OUR CONVERSATION, DURING WHICH I STRESSED THE HISTORICAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND PATRIOTIC ADVANTAGES OF OUR HOBBY, HE FINALLY SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SELL THE REMAINING TOKENS TO COLLECTORS FOR \$1.00 APIECE PLUS POSTAGE, WHICH BARELY COVERS THE COST OF PRODUCING THEM. ON BEHALF OF MY FELLOW COLLECTORS, I THANKED HIM PROFUSELY, AND DEPARTED FULL OF THE SELF-SATISFACTION OF A JOB WELL DONE. SO IF ANY OF OUR READERS WANT THE TOKEN, SEND A DOLLAR PLUS POSTAGE TO "PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA TRANSPORTATION Co., 200 W. WYOMING, PHILADELPHIA, PA." ASK FOR THE "MARKET-FRANKFORD SOUVENIR TOKEN." INASMUCH AS THE WORD HAS ALREADY GOT AROUND, I IMAGINE THEY HAVE ABOUT 40 OF THEM LEFT, AND OBVIOUSLY THERE WILL BE MORE THAN 40 REQUESTS. SO IT WILL BE STRICTLY FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. AND, INCIDENTALLY, IT IS ONE TO A CUSTOMER AND ONLY ONE. PLEASE ASK FOR ONLY ONE AND GIVE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE A CHANCE TO GET THIS BEAUTIFUL TOKEN.

I MIGHT ADD THAT I RODE ON THE NEW SUBWAY CARS ON THE MARKET-FRANKFORD LINE. THEY ARE BUILT BY BUDD, AND ARE CERTAINLY THE FINEST, MOST BEAUTIFUL, SMOOTHEST, AND QUIETEST, SUBWAY CARS IN AMERICA. WELL WORTH BRAGGING ABOUT!

FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE: ILL 495 C, 715 A; IND 20 C E, 180 C E, 260 A B C D, 350 B C, 500 A, 590 A, 690 A, 800 A, 890 A D E, KANS 980 A B. I ALSO WILL TRADE 1 COMMON TOKEN, MY CHOICE, FOR ANY WOODEN NICKEL YOU HAVE, AND AS MANY AS YOU HAVE THAT ARE ALL DIFFERENT EXCEPT FOR THE ONE WITH ADVERTISEMENTS ON THEM.

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F.G. PAYNE - P.O. Box 655 - ROANOKE, VA.

OLD MISSOURI-KANSAS-TEXAS RAILROAD STOCK CERTIFICATES ISSUED NEAR THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. THESE ARE NICE, AND WORTH MORE THAN MY ASKING PRICE OF ONLY 25¢ PLUS STAMPED ENVELOPE. MY PROFIT IS SMALL, YOUR PLEASURE WILL BE LARGE. WRITE TODAY, YOU WON'T REGRET IT!

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PITTSBURGH DISTRICT NOTES

BY HARRY C. BARTLEY

THE PITTSBURGH DISTRICT TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB KEPT ITS CONTINUOUS STRING OF MEETINGS INTACT, THANKS TO PROSPER DE VOS, AT WHOSE HOME (1448 ORCHARDVIEW DRIVE, GREENTREE) THE 3RD QUARTERLY SESSION WAS HELD ON SUNDAY, JULY 17, 1960. IN ADDITION TO THE HOST, HIS WIFE AND HIS NEPHEW (PAT CAIN) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND VISITORS WERE PRESENT: CORINNE & BILL BLACK, BILL CARR, HIS WIFE & DAUGHTER, THE WRITER & HIS WIFE, DUANE FEISEL, JOHN MACKIE, AND VISITOR DON TANNER. THE MEETING, ALTHOUGH A BIT UNDER IN ATTENDANCE, WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL AND ALSO A BIT UNUSUAL. EXHIBITION AND BOURSE TABLES WERE SET UP WHICH WERE USED BY MANY OF THOSE PRESENT. IN ADDITION TO TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, INCLUDING THE LIMA, PERU, SOUVENIR ISSUES, THE HOST HAD MANY ITEMS OF NUMISMATIC IMPORTANCE SUCH AS A SELECTED SET OF THE RARE "ALASKA BINGLES" (WHICH WERE FEATURED IN AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY PROSPER IN THE SEPTEMBER, 1959, ISSUE OF NUMISMATIC SCRAPBOOK MAGAZINE). BOTH THE WRITER AND DUANE FEISEL EXHIBITED PATTERNS AND FREAK TRANSPORTATION TOKENS, WHILE MOST OF THE OTHERS HAD TOKENS TO DISPLAY AND ALSO FOR SALE OR TRADE. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THE "TABLE" IDEA HAD BEEN USED, AND ITS SUCCESS WILL INSURE A RETENTION IN THE FUTURE.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE SESSION WAS NOT FORGOTTEN, THOUGH. A BUSINESS MEETING WAS HELD, AIDED AND ABETTED BY THE SERVING OF REFRESHMENTS, SLIGHTLY INTERRUPTED BY THE TAKING OF GROUP PICTURES. THE COMING A.V.A. CONVENTION WAS DISCUSSED, BUT SINCE PRESIDENT EISENBERG WAS ABSENT, NO DEFINITE WORD WAS AVAILABLE AND NO DECISIONS COULD BE MADE. WITH ONE EXCEPTION, ALL PRESENT FELT THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND; WE HOPE AT LEAST ONE OF THE GROUP CAN GO, AS PDTG HAS ALWAYS BEEN REPRESENTED AT A NATIONAL CONVENTION.

IT WAS DECIDED TO HOLD THE NEXT AND FINAL QUARTERLY MEETING AT THE HOME OF OUR OHIO MEMBER, WILLIAM L. CARR. THE DATE WILL BE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16. THE PLACE, 2648 PELTON AVENUE, AKRON, OHIO. THE TIME, 2:00 P.M., D.S.T. BILL WILL HAVE A NICE PROGRAM LINED UP, SO WE HOPE TO SEE ALL OUR REGULAR MEMBERS AS WELL AS ALL THE A.V.A. MEMBERS IN THE TRI-STATE AREA.

A NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TRANSPORT IS BEING BUILT IN ST. LOUIS, TO HOUSE VARIOUS EXTINCT MODES OF TRANSPORTATION. THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL CITY TRANSIT BUILDING, WHICH WILL HOUSE A COLLECTION OF 2 HORSECARS, 14 STREETCARS, AN ELEVATED CAR, 3 INTERURBAN CARS, A TROLLEY COACH, AND 12 MOTOR BUSES. THE MUSEUM OWNS 65 ACRES AND PLANS TO BUILD A \$5,000,000 PLANT. WE SHALL KEEP READERS POSTED ON PROGRESS HERE. IT IS A SPLENDID AND WORTHY UNDERTAKING.

= SEPTEMBER SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =

BY RALPH FREIBERG

IDAHO

MOSCOW 520 (REPORTED BY IVAN SHIRROD)
 NEELY'S TAXI [EX-UNIDENTIFIED #72]
 A o A 21 Sd GOOD FOR 25¢ TAXI SERVICE \$1.00

ILLINOIS

ITASCA 435 (REPORTED BY MAX M. SCHWARTZ)
 MEDINAH COACH
 B o WM 24 Sd 2 3.50

KENTUCKY

LOUISVILLE 510 (REPORTED BY EMZY L. THOMPSON)
 SUBURB BUS LINE
 BT B 22 Sd 20 .20

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA 750 (REPORTED BY DAN DIMICHAEL & J.M. COFFEE)
 NEW MARKET-FRANKFORD CARS INAUGURAL JULY 1960
 AVo B 32 BALL GOOD FOR ONE FARE PTC 1.00

UNIDENTIFIED (REPORTED BY SCHWARTZ [73] AND A NON-MEMBER [74])

73 A 21 Sd CLOUDY'S FERRY RETURN CHECK
 VOID AFTER AUG. 30 1917 (Sc)
 ONE BUS FARE T.D. DOKE
 74 B 25 Sd HOTEL -TO- DEPOT ONLY

CANADA-QUEBEC

THREE RIVERS 950 (REPORTED BY J.A.W. CASSIDY)
 CIE DE TRANSPORT ST-AURICE TROIS-RIVIERES
 /1 PASSAGE FARE (BEAVER)
 B WM 22 Sd (SAME AS OBVERSE) .15

[ADD TO VARIETIES LIST: PA 950 J (DIAMONDS & No DIAMONDS)]

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

THIS MONTH WE ARE LISTING SOME NICE TOKENS AND MY WANT-LIST IS GETTING LONGER FASTER THAN IT IS GETTING SHORTER. FIRST WE HAVE A TOKEN MENTIONED IN THE REPORT OF THE SEATTLE CLUB IN THE AUGUST FARE BOX, PAGE 70. THEN ONE FROM ITASCA, ILL., WHICH IS A PLACE I KNOW VERY LITTLE ABOUT. THERE WAS A NOTE ABOUT IT ON PAGE 77 OF THE OCTOBER 1955 FARE BOX MENTIONING THAT MEDINAH WAS ONLY A COUPLE MILES FROM ITASCA, AND THAT MEDINAH WAS ONLY SO-NAMED SINCE 1920.

AND ANOTHER ONE FROM LOUISVILLE. ALTHOUGH MR. THOMPSON IS NO LONGER AN A.V.A. MEMBER HE SOMETIMES REPORTS NEW TOKENS TO US. THIS IS ANOTHER OF THOSE COMPANIES WHICH AREN'T MUCH INTERESTED IN COOPERATING WITH COLLECTORS. I BELIEVE THIS TO-

KEN IS USED BY SUBURBAN BUS LINE, A SUBURBAN OUTFIT RUNNING FROM LOUISVILLE TO CORAL RIDGE AND FAIRDALE, KY. THE ONLY THING I CAN FIGURE IS THAT IT IS A 20¢ FARE, BUT AS FOR THE TOKEN RATE USED IN THESE PLACES, I DON'T KNOW. WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET INFORMATION ON IT FOR OVER 4 MONTHS. FOR ALL I KNOW, IT SHOULD BE LISTED FROM ONE OF THE OTHER TOWNS RATHER THAN LOUISVILLE. BUT PERHAPS AFTER THIS LISTING, SOMEONE CAN HELP OUT AND GET THE INFORMATION FOR US, AND PERHAPS EVEN SOME OF THE TOKENS FOR THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE. I BELIEVE IT IS STILL IN USE.

THERE IS AN ARTICLE ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE BY MR. COFFEE ABOUT THE NEW SOUVENIR TOKEN FROM PHILADELPHIA.

SOME COLLECTORS KEEP VARIETIES AND OTHERS DON'T. THE COMPANY AT WASHINGTON, PA., SEEMS TO CHANGE THEIR TOKENS WITH EVERY FARE HIKE. NOTE WASH 950 J--THAT IS, PA 950 J FROM WASHINGTON. WHEN FARES WENT TO 4/55 THEY ORDERED NEW TOKENS, WHICH HAD NO DIAMONDS ON THE REVERSE. WHEN THE FARE WENT TO 4/60, THEY PLATED THEIR TOKENS (950 K). NOW THEY HAVE ANOTHER FARE HIKE AS OF SEPTEMBER 4, 1960, AND TOOK THEIR TOKENS AND CLEANED THE PLATING OFF OF THEM. HOWEVER, AS THEY NEEDED MORE TOKENS, THEY PUT IN A RE-ORDER, AND THE NEW BATCH HAS DIAMONDS ON THE REVERSE. SO THIS IS ONE TIME WE CAN SAY THE NO-DIAMOND TOKEN WAS FIRST USED IN SEPTEMBER, 1956, AND THE DIAMOND TOKEN WAS USED FIRST IN SEPTEMBER, 1960. THOSE THAT WANT THE TOKEN WITH DIAMONDS SHOULD NOTIFY JOHN NICOLSI, AS THE NEW VARIETY WILL NOT BE SENT YOU UNLESS YOU SAY YOU WANT IT.

NEXT ANOTHER OF THE CLOUDY'S FERRY MAVERICKS. IT SEEMS THAT THESE TOKENS WERE ONLY GOOD UNTIL A CERTAIN DATE (SEE UNIDENTIFIED #67). SO POSSIBLY THERE MIGHT BE OTHER VARIETIES WITH OTHER DATES ON THEM. HOWEVER, THE MAIN PROBLEM IS TO FIND OUT WHERE CLOUDY'S FERRY OPERATED. SO EVEN IF YOU HAVE NON-COLLECTING FRIENDS, ASK THEM IF THEY EVER HEARD OF THIS OUTFIT, WHICH OPERATED SOME 45 YEARS AGO.

NEXT ANOTHER MAVERICK, REPORTED BY A NON-MEMBER WHO HAD PURCHASED ONE OF ATWOOD'S CATALOGUES AND SAID HE COULDN'T FIND THIS TOKEN LISTED. OF COURSE, IT WASN'T LISTED BECAUSE WE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT IT...ALL OF WHICH IS ANOTHER GOOD REASON WHY WE SHOULD GET OUR CATALOGUE INTO THE HANDS OF COIN COLLECTORS, AS THEY MAY BE ABLE TO REPORT UNLISTED TOKENS TO US. THIS TOKEN APPEARS TO BE A DEPOTEL.

MR. FEISEL REPORTED AN INTERESTING PARKING TOKEN FROM NEW CASTLE, PA. FIRST, THE MERCHANTS OF THAT TOWN HAVE SMALL ALUMINUM TOKENS WHICH ARE GIVEN OUT WITH PURCHASES. WHEN YOU HAVE ACCUMULATED 5 OF THEM, YOU CAN EXCHANGE THOSE 5 FOR A PARKING TOKEN. HOWEVER, IF YOU WANT TO RIDE THE BUS HOME YOU CAN USE THIS TOKEN AS 5¢ TOWARD PAYMENT OF BUS FARE. HOWEVER, AS I BELIEVE THE FARE IN NEW CASTLE IS 20¢, IT WOULD THEREFORE TAKE 4 OF THESE TO PAY YOUR FARE, OR A TOKEN AND 15¢. THOSE WHO COLLECT PARKING TOKENS COULD CALL IT EITHER WAY.

ANOTHER INTERESTING ITEM IS AN OPERATORS RECEIPT USED BY PITTSBURGH RAILWAYS--A 32MM BRASS TOKEN USED AS A RECEIPT FOR TOKENS AND CASH RECEIVED. POSSIBLY THE NUMBER OF THE OPERATOR WAS STAMPED ON THESE TOKENS, AND WHEN THEY TURNED THEIR MONEY AND CASH BACK IN, THEY WOULD GET THIS TOKEN BACK. ALTHOUGH NOT TRULY A TRANSPORTATION TOKEN, THIS ITEM IS WORTH MENTIONING. DUANE FEISEL HAS PICKED UP A COUPLE OF THESE AND ASKED ME TO MENTION IT.

EVERY NOW AND THEN COLLECTORS MAKE VARIOUS TRIPS AND STOP AT COMPANIES THAT USE TOKENS. IF YOU ARE ONE OF THESE, I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU'D GIVE ME INFORMATION ON RATES OF FARE, ETC.

ON MY OWN TRIP RECENTLY, WE FIRST WENT TO EL PASO, WHERE THEY'RE STILL USING 320 B AT 2/15, WHICH I BELIEVE IS LOWEST TOKEN RATE IN THE U.S. NEXT TO DEL RIO, INQUIRING ABOUT 265 A. THIS WAS USED FIRST ABOUT 1952 OR 53 WHEN SERVICE BEGAN FROM DEL RIO TO LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE; THE BUS LINE IS NOW DISCONTINUED, REPLACED BY A MILITARY BUS. NEXT TO BROWNSVILLE, WHERE BOTH COMPANIES ARE NOW ON A DIME FARE, OFF TOKENS OVER 2 YEARS. NEXT TO VICTORIA WHERE TOKENS AND THE BUS HAVE BEEN OBSOLETE FOR TWO YEARS. AT CORPUS CHRISTIE, 220 A IS STILL USED AT 7/\$1 RATE WHICH HAS BEEN IN EFFECT OVER A YEAR. THEN TO GALVESTON WHERE FARE WENT TO 20¢ OR 5/80 TWO MONTHS AGO. 360 G STILL USED, BUT H DISCONTINUED TWO YEARS AGO. ALTHOUGH THEY HAD TOKENS MADE WITH THE NEW NAME ON THEM FOR ADULT AND $\frac{1}{2}$ FARES, THEY STILL USED 360 C AS STUDENT FARES TILL TWO YEARS BACK. THEN OVER TO PORT ARTHUR; THEY'RE OFF TOKENS, BUT AFTER I GOT HOME I LEARNED THAT THEY WENT TO 20¢ OR 2/35 BUT ARE USING TOKENS OF PADUCAH, KY. THIS FIRM IS ONE OF A GROUP THAT USES PADUCAH TOKENS WHENEVER THEY NEED TOKENS. SO FAR I KNOW THAT THESE PADUCAH TOKENS HAVE BEEN USED AT: PADUCAH, JOPLIN, TEXARKANA, AND PORT ARTHUR. FOR STUDENTS THEY HAVE A PUNCH CARD. THEN AT VERNON I LEARNED THERE IS NO BUS SERVICE AT ALL NOW. THENCE TO BEAUMONT WHERE THEY ARE STILL USING 65 I AT 20¢ OR 4/75. THIS IS THE ONLY TOKEN USED. AT BAYTOWN THERE IS NO MORE BUS SERVICE. AT HOUSTON TOKENS SELL 4/85, BUT YALE STREET TRANSP. Co. HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED. AT LOCKHART WE LEARNED THAT THE OLD TOKEN WAS ACTUALLY USED ON A MULE CAR LINE IN THE EARLY 1880'S TO EARLY 1890'S. AT WACO FARE IS 20¢ OR 2/35 (950 C). AT AUSTIN THE COMPANY IS ON STRAIGHT 15¢ FARE (NO TOKENS). FORT WORTH IS STILL ON TOKENS, BUT ASKING FOR A HIKE. AT DALLAS TOKENS HAVE BEEN 4/85 SINCE DEC. 59 BUT THEY'RE ASKING FOR MORE. THEY STILL DON'T HAVE NEW TOKENS WITH THE NAME DALLAS TRANSIT Co. ON THEM--THEY'RE USING THE OLD RAILWAY TOKENS. AT WICHITA FALLS IT'S 20¢, NO TOKENS. AT AMARILLO IT'S 20¢ OR 3/50, AND SCHOOL TOKENS 10¢ OR 3/25. I COVERED QUITE A FEW CITIES AND TOWNS, AND DIDN'T FIND ANY NEW TOKENS. BUT AT LEAST I PICKED UP A LOT OF INFORMATION...AND FROM THE ABOVE YOU WILL SEE THAT MANY OF THE TOKENS WE HAVE MARKED OBSOLETE IN THE CATALOGUE ARE NOW IN USE, WHILE OTHERS ARE NOW OBSOLETE WHICH ARE LISTED AS CURRENT.

THE FARE BOX

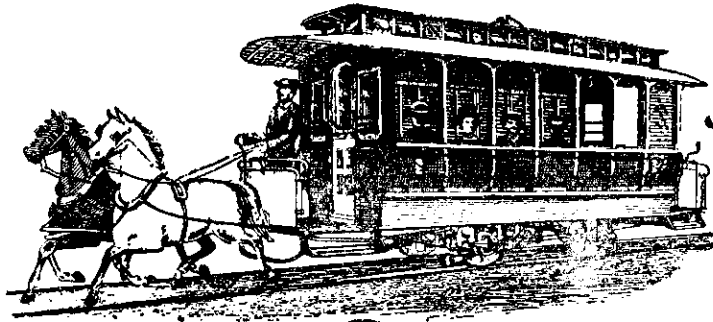
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ANY MEMBER WHO HAS JOINED THIS YEAR, AND WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED BACK COPIES OF THE FARE BOX TO WHICH HE IS ENTITLED, SHOULD CONTACT THE EDITOR, AND WE SHALL RECTIFY THE MATTER.

WE ARE INAUGURATING A NEW POLICY REGARDING THE MAILING OF PAGES FOR THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST. WHEN AN ISSUE OF THE FARE BOX CONSISTS OF ONLY 8 PAGES (4 SHEETS) WE ARE NOT GOING TO SEND A SHEET OF THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST. INSTEAD, WE'LL HOLD IT OVER TILL THE FOLLOWING MONTH, OR INCLUDE IT IN A 3RD CLASS PACKAGE. BY ADDING THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST SHEET TO THIS ISSUE, FOR EXAMPLE, IT WOULD PUT IT OVER ONE OUNCE, THUS MAKING IT 8¢ PER COPY INSTEAD OF 4¢, WHICH MEANS, IN EFFECT, THAT IT WOULD COST US \$8.80 IN ORDER TO INCLUDE THAT SHEET THIS MONTH. YOU WILL STILL GET JUST AS MANY FOREIGN PAGES PER YEAR, BUT WE ARE GOING TO BUNCH THEM UP AFTER THIS AND SAVE OURSELVES A LOT OF POSTAGE MONEY. AS A MATTER OF FACT, YOU CAN LOOK FOR FOREIGN PAGES COMING TO YOU IN BUNCHES, BY 3RD CLASS MAIL, FROM NOW ON. WE HOPE TO GET THE WHOLE FOREIGN LIST FINISHED MUCH SOONER, NOW THAT OUR FRIEND ALBERT FIELD IS CUTTING STENCILS FOR US.

OUR PRESIDENT, MR. SMITH, IS MAKING UP A SCRAPBOOK OF PICTURES OF A.V.A. MEMBERS. SO WHY NOT SEND HIM A SNAPSHOT OF YOURSELF--A SMALL ONE WILL DO NICELY.

GOLDEN STATE CLUB MEETS AGAIN

THE 20TH MEETING OF THE ASSN. OF CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS MET OCTOBER 9 AT CLIFTON'S CAFETERIA IN LAKEWOOD. EIGHT REGULAR MEMBERS ATTENDED PLUS THE WIVES OF 2 MEMBERS. MEMBERS PRESENT WERE: MILLER, ROSELINSKY, ATWOOD, K. SMITH, VON BOLTENSTERN, ROSS, FREIBERG, AND CUTLER. VISITORS INCLUDED MRS. ROSS AND MRS. MILLER. PLANS WERE IN ORDER TO DISPLAY CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION TOKENS AT THE COMING HOBBY SHOW. MORE ABOUT THAT AT THE NEXT MEETING IN DECEMBER. I'D LIKE ALSO TO BRING TO MIND TO ALL OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS THE REGULAR ELECTION OF OFFICERS WHICH TAKES PLACE NEXT MEETING...AND THAT 1961 DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ALSO. MAKE IT A POINT TO ATTEND THIS PARTICULAR MEETING.

AGAIN WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF HAVING MR. FREIBERG WITH US. ALSO WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR THANKS TO MR. CLYMER AND MR. MUL-LIN WHO WERE GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE LOAN OF THEIR WONDERFUL SNAPS OF THE RECENT AUSTIN CONVENTION.

THE PROOFS OF THE NEW A.V.A. SEAL WERE EXAMINED BY ALL PRESENT, AND IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT THE NEW SEAL IS A VAST IMPROVEMENT OVER THE OLD ONE.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT DOOR PRIZES FOR ATTENDING WOULD BE ELIMINATED, AS ITS INTENTION WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. MR. MILLER INFORMS US THAT THE COLORED SLIDES WILL SOON BE READY; THERE IS STILL LOTS OF WORK TO BE DONE. A SALE AND EXCHANGE OF TOKENS TOOK PLACE FOR THE BALANCE OF THE MEETING, WHICH AD-JOURNED AT 4:30 P.M.

- EDWARD M. CUTLER, TREAS.

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

THIS MONTH YOU'LL RECEIVE MINN 230 Q; PA 190 C; ONTARIO 200 A. THANKS, AS USUAL, TO MR. CASSIDY FOR OBTAIN THE CANADIAN TOKEN FOR US...A VERY NICE TOKEN, LARGE AND THICK. THANKS TO MR. HIORTH FOR OBTAINING THE PENNA. TOKENS FOR US. I AM STILL WORKING ON PA 455 H (COMPANY WON'T COOPERATE WITH COLLECTORS), AND I AM ALSO ON THE TRAIL OF ANOTHER GSA TOKEN FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., AS WELL AS THE ONE FROM DENVER. THE COOKE STREET LINE TOKEN, CONN 560 I, WILL SOON GET TO YOU; I'M ALMOST CERTAIN YOU WILL HAVE THEM NEXT MONTH (NOVEMBER).

STILL HAVE A COUPLE TOKENS PENDING. WE'LL GET TO THEM EVENTUALLY ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE COMPANIES COOPERATE OR NOT.

THIS MONTH WE WELCOME TO THE N.I.S. ANOTHER NEW MEMBER, FROM AUSTIN, TEX. WELCOME, BUTCH CROCKETT!

- JOHN G. NICOLosi

THE STREETCAR ERA IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

BY RALPH FREIBERG

THE FIRST MULE-DRAWN STREETCARS HERE WERE OPERATED BY THE AUSTIN CITY RAILROAD ON JANUARY 15, 1875. FARE WAS 5¢, WITH TOKENS SELLING AT 10 FOR 45¢, BUT WE CAN'T BE CERTAIN IF TOKENS WERE USED FROM THE FIRST DAY. IN ANY CASE, THESE ARE THE TOKENS LISTED AS TEXAS 50 A. TOKENS WERE USED WITH SUCH FREQUENCY THAT EVERY STORE IN TOWN ACCEPTED THEM AS CASH FOR PURCHASES.

ON FEBRUARY 26, 1891, AUSTIN RAPID TRANSIT RAILWAY CO. PUT ITS ELECTRIC CARS IN OPERATION, IN COMPETITION WITH THE MULE CARS OF AUSTIN CITY R.R. A FEW MONTHS LATER BOTH COMPANIES MERGED, AND THE LAST MULE CAR RAN ON OCTOBER 25, 1891. ON APRIL 7, 1900, THE DAM BROKE AND RUINED THE POWERHOUSE WHICH SUPPLIED POWER FOR THE STREETCARS. AS THE CARS WERE UNABLE TO RUN, THE MULE CARS WERE RETURNED TO SERVICE FOR ABOUT 9 MONTHS.

AUSTIN RAPID TRANSIT CO., DURING MOST OF ITS OPERATION FROM 1892 TO 1902, RAN AT A LOSS, AND A NEW COMPANY, AUSTIN ELECTRIC RAILWAY CO., WAS CHARTERED MAY 29, 1902. THE PROPERTY OF THIS FIRM WAS, IN TURN, PURCHASED BY AUSTIN STREET RAILWAY, WHICH WAS CHARTERED JANUARY 3, 1911.

FROM JANUARY 15, 1875, TO JUNE 1, 1920, THE ADULT FARE WAS 5¢, BUT DURING THAT TIME THE ONLY COMPANY TO USE TOKENS WAS THE AUSTIN CITY R.R. BUT ON JUNE 1, 1920, THE ADULT FARE WENT TO 7¢ CASH OR 4 TOKENS FOR 25¢, WITH CHILDREN'S FARE 3¢. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF 50 B OR 50 C WAS THE FIRST TOKEN USED BY AUSTIN STREET RAILWAY CO. ON JULY 5, 1929, FARES WENT TO 10¢ WITH TOKENS 7½¢ AND HALF FARE TOKENS AT 25 FOR \$1. ON OCTOBER 12, 1939, TOKENS WERE REDUCED TO 6¢, WHICH FARE WAS STILL IN EFFECT ON VJ DAY.

ON FEBRUARY 7, 1940, THERE WAS A CELEBRATION MARKING THE LAST DAY OF STREETCARS. BUSES TOOK OVER. SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE NAME OF THE COMPANY BECAME THE AUSTIN TRANSIT COMPANY. SO TOKENS 50 A B C D ARE STREETCAR TOKENS, AND TOKENS 50 E TO L ARE BUS TOKENS. IN 1955 THE COMPANY WAS SOLD AND THE NEW NAME WAS AUSTIN TRANSIT CORPORATION. FARE AT PRESENT IS 15¢ WITH NO TOKENS; IF THE FARE GOES UP, IT'S HARD TO TELL IF THEY WILL HAUL OUT THE OLD TOKENS OR ISSUE NEW ONES.

BEECH GROVE TRACTION CORP. (INDIANA 90 A B C) OPERATED FROM 1911 TO 1937, A 6-MILE LINE FROM INDIANAPOLIS TO BEECH GROVE. ITS FARE WAS 10¢ THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY. TOWARD THE END, AS IT STRUGGLED TO STAY IN BUSINESS, IT WAS SO SHORT OF REVENUE THAT IT PAID ITS EMPLOYEES IN FARE TOKENS! ITS ELECTRIC SUPPLY CAME FROM INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAYS, WHICH FINALLY CUT OFF POWER TO BEECH GROVE TRACTION WHEN THE LATTER COULDN'T PAY ITS ELECTRIC BILL. AND THUS PASSED INTO HISTORY A HEROIC LITTLE LINE THAT COULD NEVER QUITE GET OUT OF THE RED.

WANTED ONLY IN EXCELLENT CONDITION: CALIF 300 D, 945 E F; GA 630 A; KY 510 BH BI; MINN 540 R O W AA AC, 760 L; Mo 440 Q; NY 25 G, 735 C D; OHIO 175 AA; TENN 345 D, 600 L; VARIETIES COLO 760 FA HB; CONN 560 EB; FLA 300 CA, 610 CB; ILL 70 AB, 285 AB, 755 Bb Cb, 795 IA JA Jc.

KENNETH SMITH - 328 AVENUE F - REDONDO BEACH, CALIF.

WANTED THE FOLLOWING NEW JERSEY TOKENS: 20 A B, 115 A, 185 A B C, 290 A B C D E, 555 E, 605 A, 675 A B C, 730 A B, 945 A, 995 A, ZONE CHECKS 997 ZC-2,3,4,5 AND N.J. PATTERNS.

LEON S. ROSENBLUM - 36-24 FERRY HTS. - FAIR LAWN, N.J.

WANTED: MICH 775 A B D E AND TENN 345 A B C D AND TENN 710 B.

WILLING TO PAY OVER CATALOG FOR NICE SPECIMENS.

DONALD N. MAZEAU - 155 BORMANN RD. - EAST HAVEN, CONN.

HAVE LATEST WHITMAN COIN FOLDERS AND COIN PUBLICATIONS TO TRADE (90% OF RETAIL PRICE, POSTPAID) FOR TOKENS I NEED, AT CATALOG VALUE. SEND LIST OF YOUR DUPLICATE TOKENS WITH YOUR ORDER.

GEORGE W. SCHRODER - 78-14 160TH ST. - FLUSHING 66, N.Y.

WANTED: SWIZZLE STICKS (COCKTAIL STIRRERS) WITH PRINTING ON THEM SUCH AS THE NAME OF A HOTEL, BAR, RESTAURANT, ETC. NAME YOUR PRICE. I WILL RETURN 4¢ STAMP WITH MY REPLY.

EDRICK J. MILLER - 694 SENATE STREET - COSTA MESA, CALIF.

OLD TROLLEY TRANSFERS - 180 DIFFERENT CITIES = ALL 1900-1936.

SEE PAGE ABOUT A.V.A. IN MY NEW BOOK "ROCHESTER-SYRACUSE & EASTERN" 370 PHOTOS OF 9 TROLLEY COMPANIES - 8 1/2 x 11. \$3.40.

WILLIAM R. GORDON - 811 GARSON AVE. - ROCHESTER 9, N.Y.

FOR SALE: UNUSED U.S. COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS IN BLOCKS OF FOUR. NEARLY EVERYTHING FROM 1920 TO 1954 IN EXCELLENT CONDITION AND PRICED AT LESS THAN CATALOGUE.

RALPH W. WINANT - 500 W. SUMMIT AVE. - WILMINGTON 4, DEL.

FOR SALE AT CATALOGUE: CAL 275 A B; IND 90 A; KANS 600 A; MICH 360 A; NJ 30 A, 885 A; NY 70 A, 305 A, 505 A, 690 A, 715 A, 780 D; NC 670 A; ND 960 A; PA 25 A B C D, 70 A B C, 320 A, 720 A, 775 A B, 870 A; VA 120 A B, 600 B D L. WELCOME YOUR WANT-LIST.

F. GORDON SMITH - 14 MILLER STILE RD. - QUINCY 69, MASS.

WANTED: PLEASE QUOTE ME NUMBER & PRICE ON THE FOLLOWING. WILL REFUND YOUR POSTAGE: VA 20 A B C D F H, 110 A, 350 A, 730 A D.

F.G. PAYNE - P.O. Box 655 - ROANOKE, VA.

FOR SALE: I HAVE ABOUT 1,600 DIFFERENT DUPLICATES OF THE MORE OR LESS COMMON VARIETIES, 15¢ TO \$1, WHICH I SEEK TO SELL AT CATALOG VALUES ON A FIRST COME BASIS. SEND ME YOUR COMMON WANT-LIST. MY DUPLICATES INCLUDE MANY PLAIN & COATED AND OTHER VARIETIES.

HAROLD FORD, JR. - 2491 ELLSWORTH APT. 23 - BERKELEY 4, CALIF.

FOR SALE, STAMP PLEASE: MFG SAMPLE GROUP 23-A AT 15¢. ALSO HAVE 2 PACKETS OF TOKENS, EACH CONTAIN 125 DIFF. PRICE \$10 EACH POSTPAID--FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.

JOHN G. NICOLOSI - 3002 GALINDO ST. - OAKLAND 1, CALIF.

CANADIAN TOKENS WANTED - WILL TRADE U.S. OR CANADIAN TOKENS FOR TOKENS I NEED. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE.

MORTON H. DAWSON - 182 WHITING LANE - WEST HARTFORD 7, CONN.

FOR SALE AT CATALOG PLUS 12¢ POSTAGE: ALAS 50 B; ARIZ 640 BA;
ARK 450 B; CAL 110 A C, 745 P, 760 D E, 775 I, 945 B; COLO 760
N; FLA 130 CA CB D; GA 70 D; IDA 440 M; IND 260 A, 280 B, 460
U; IA 30 F, 730 A, 850 J; KANS 540 C, 600 A C, 970 G; KY 670 D.
C. B. HOLCOMBE - 49 CLARKE STREET - BURLINGTON, VERMONT

FOR SALE AT CATALOG: MICH 515 A AND B; MINN 820 B AND C.
SPECIAL: MD 60 I FOR ONLY 75¢ (LESS THAN CATALOGUE!). ALSO,
100 DIFF. U.S. TOKENS FOR \$7.50 POSTPAID.
J. M. COFFEE, JR. - P. O. BOX 1204 - BOSTON 4, MASS.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 337 JACK W. NANNERY - 215 MAUJER ST. - BROOKLYN, N.Y.
AGE 36; POLICE OFFICER. 25 PIECES.
- 338 MAX PINKUS - 34 NASSAU STREET - TORONTO 2B, ONTARIO
AGE 48; INSURANCE AGENT. COLLECTING 1 YEAR.
- 339 F. PAUL BIERY - 505 PARK AVE. - NEW CUMBERLAND, PENNA.
AGE 36; GENERAL FOREMAN.

ADMITTED TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP

L-236J CLIFFORD MISHLER - P. O. BOX 187 - VANDALIA, MICHIGAN.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- 315 DR. MARK HITE - 6469 MONTGOMERY RD. - CINCINNATI 13, O.
261 ADOLPH LARSON - 208 RUDER ST. - WAUSAU, WISCONSIN.

SPONSORS OF APPLICANTS FOR THIS MONTH: 337 RALPH HINDE.
338 DANIEL DIMICHAEL. 339 DANIEL DIMICHAEL.

ONLY 15 HORSECAR MEDALS LEFT

WE NOW HAVE A NEW A.V.A. SEAL. IN VIEW OF THIS CHANGE,
OUR A.V.A. 10TH ANNIVERSARY BRONZE OXIDIZED HORSECAR MEDAL HAS
BECOME A COLLECTORS' ITEM. THE FIRST 15 MEMBERS WHO SEND
\$1.04 CAN OBTAIN ONE OF THESE MEDALS. THAT'S ALL THERE ARE
LEFT AND NO MORE TO BE HAD AT ANY PRICE.
F. GORDON SMITH - 14 MILLER STILE RD. - QUINCY 69, MASS.

TENN 540 D IS NOW IN USE AS A SCHOOL TOKEN AT 12½¢ EACH...ALL
HARRIMAN, TENN., TOKENS NOW OBSOLETE...TOKENS AT FORT WAYNE
ARE NOW 4/\$1 INSTEAD OF 4/95...FARES AT AKRON ARE NOW 30¢ CASH
WITH TOKENS 3/80 INSTEAD OF 4/\$1...THEY'RE GETTING HIGHER!

KANSAS

OSWEGO 770 (REPORTED BY GEORGE FULD)
 ALEXANDER McCULLY LIVERY. BUS & TRANSFER COM'Y.
 /RETURN CHECK FOR HOTELS ONLY PHONE 60.
 /ALWAYS ON TIME OPEN DAY & NIGHT OSWEGO, KS.

A o K 38 Sd THIS IS THE HOME OF ROUNDS' SPRAGUE
 /RECORD 2-24 $\frac{1}{2}$ 34 IN THE LIST IF YOU
 /WANT A GOOD HORSE LET ME KNOW \$3.50

KENTUCKY

HENDERSON 370 (REPORTED BY J.M. COFFEE, JR.)
 HENDERSON ST RAILWAY CO

E o Ct 22 Sd [SAME AS OBVERSE] 3.50

MINNESOTA

DULUTH 230 (REPORTED BY HAROLD CHESNEY)
 DULUTH-SUPERIOR TRANSIT COMPANY DST

Q Bz 23 BALL GOOD FOR ONE SCHOOL FARE DST (3 SLOTS) .15

PENNSYLVANIA

CHESTER 190 (REPORTED BY CLARENCE HIORTH)
 RED ARROW LINES, INC. (BUS TYPE 3)

C WM 16 BAR GOOD FOR ONE ZONE FARE (BUS) .25

MANUFACTURERS SAMPLES

GROUP 7 (REPORTED BY JOHN NICOLOSI)
 (SAME AS 7A)

G Bz 20 BAR GOOD FOR ONE FARE (BUS)(NO DIAMONDS)(.800)

GROUP 33 (REPORTED BY KENNETH SMITH)
 (SAME AS 33A)

C WM 23 K GOOD FOR ONE FARE

CANADA - ONTARIO

CORNWALL 200 (REPORTED BY J.A.W. CASSIDY)
 CORNWALL INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE COMPANY LTD.
 /(BRIDGE)

A WM 27 Sd THE CORNWALL-MASSENA INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE
 /(BRIDGE) .35

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

EACH MONTH WE TRY TO LIST TOKENS WHICH THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE IS SENDING OUT, BUT IT'S HARD TO HAVE THE FARE BOX AND THE NEW ISSUES ARRIVE SIMULTANEOUSLY. SO WHEN YOU GET TOKENS FROM THE N.I.S. WAIT A FEW DAYS FOR THE REPORT IN THE FARE BOX WHEN YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE THE NUMBERS ASSIGNED TO THEM.

VERY LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT THE KANSAS DEPOTEL, EXCEPT THAT IT IS ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING TOKENS TO BE DISCOVERED IN SOME TIME. MR. COFFEE WROTE AN ARTICLE, WHICH WAS PRINTED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE NEWSPAPER IN OSWEGO, BUT NOBODY IN TOWN SEEMS TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE TOKEN OR THE COMPANY THAT ISSUED IT. TWO SPECIMENS ARE KNOWN TO EXIST.

THE HENDERSON, KY., CELLULOID WAS USED ON A HORSECAR LINE. ON PAGE 58 OF THE FARE BOX THERE IS A NOTE WHICH MENTIONED THAT THERE ARE ONLY 27 VARIETIES OF TOKENS LISTED WHICH HAVE HORSE CARS ON THEM. HOWEVER, MANY OTHERS WERE USED ON HORSECAR LINES BECAUSE MOST TOKENS ISSUED PRIOR TO 1900 WOULD HAVE BEEN USED ON SUCH LINES. THE HENDERSON STREET RAILWAY Co. WAS CHARTERED FEBRUARY 13, 1886, AND BEGAN OPERATIONS OCTOBER 7, 1887. IT WAS REORGANIZED IN 1894 AS THE HENDERSON ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY Co. HORSES WERE USED TILL 1896. SO OUR TOKEN WAS ISSUED SOME TIME BETWEEN 1887 AND 1894, AND OBVIOUSLY WAS USED ON THE HORSECARS. THIS IS THE ONLY SPECIMEN KNOWN. MR. COFFEE HAS SOUGHT OTHERS THROUGH NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, BUT SO FAR HAS HAD NO SUCCESS. LATER ON, THERE WAS A HENDERSON TRACTION Co. CHARTERED APRIL 13, 1907, AS SUCCESSOR TO HENDERSON CITY RAILWAY Co. HENDERSON TRACTION CEASED OPERATIONS JULY 17, 1923. WE HAVE TOKENS LISTED FOR HENDERSON TRACTION--ONE LISTED AS COPPER AND ONE AS BRONZE. THE COPPER TOKENS I BELIEVE WERE FIRST USED SOMEWHERE AROUND 1916 TO 1920. THEN, I BELIEVE, THE COPPER PROVED TOO SOFT AND BRONZE WAS USED ON THE RE-ORDERS STARTING AROUND 1921. SO, FROM THIS, YOU CAN ALMOST DATE CERTAIN OF THE TOKENS IN OUR CATALOGUE, SUCH AS THOSE FROM SEATTLE, SAGINAW, KANSAS CITY, AND ST. LOUIS. IN ST. LOUIS THE 1919 TOKENS ARE COPPER AND THE 1920 ARE BRONZE. SO I'M ALMOST INCLINED TO DOUBT ANY COPPER TOKEN AFTER 1921, EXCEPT IN A FEW RARE CASES WHERE THE TOKENS WERE STRUCK BY A SMALL CONCERN [SUCH AS OUR BRATTLEBORO SPECIAL TOKENS].

NEXT, A TOKEN BEING SENT OUT BY THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE. ON THE START OF THE NEW SCHOOL TERM, SEPTEMBER 6, 1960, DULUTH ISSUED A SCHOOL TOKEN. FARE IS 15¢ STRAIGHT FOR SCHOOL FARES, BUT I IMAGINE THEY ARE LIMITING IT TO THOSE WHO PURCHASE TOKENS AT THE PROPER PLACE, INSTEAD OF USING A CASH FARE.

NEXT THE CHESTER, PA., TOKEN. THE SOUTH PENNA. BUS Co. WAS ON STRIKE AND IT WAS NOT SETTLED, SO THEY SOLD OUT TO THE PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN TRANSPORTATION Co. (WHICH COMPANY IS LISTED UNDER UPPER DARBY). THIS HAPPENED ABOUT THE FIRST OF JULY, SO THE PST STARTED TO RUN BUSES IN CHESTER AND CALLED THE OPERATION THE RED ARROW LINES, AND CAME OUT WITH A NEW TOKEN. THE COMPANY IS USING THE SAME RATES THAT SOUTH PENNA. BUS Co. HAD IN NOVEMBER, 1959: 23¢ OR 2 TOKENS FOR 45¢. SO MARK 190 A AND B AS OBSOLETE, BECAUSE THE COMPANY IS DEFUNCT.

EVERY NOW AND THEN SOMEONE WILL QUESTION IF A TOKEN IS LISTED FROM THE CORRECT CITY. I'VE RECEIVED SUCH A QUESTION

ABOUT MD 560. A--WHY WAS IT LISTED FROM HAGERSTOWN. UP TO NOW IT WAS LISTED IN HAGERSTOWN BECAUSE THE MAIN OFFICE OF THE COMPANY WAS IN THAT CITY, AND WHEN THE TOKENS SHOWED UP IT WAS ASSUMED THEY WERE USED IN HAGERSTOWN. NOW, HOWEVER, INFORMATION COMES TO US THAT THIS TOKEN WAS USED IN OTHER CITIES, SUCH AS CHAMBERSBURG, PA., PRIOR TO WHEN 175 A & B WERE ISSUED. MD 560 A MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN USED IN FREDERICK, MD. BUT RATHER THAN JUST SWITCH THE LISTING, WE'LL ADD A NOTE UNDER THIS LISTING SAYING THAT THE HEAD OFFICE WAS IN HAGERSTOWN, BUT THAT THE TOKEN WAS USED IN CHAMBERSBURG AND FREDERICK.

THERE IS ALSO THE POSSIBILITY THAT OTHER TOKENS ARE NOT LISTED CORRECTLY, BUT SO FAR NOTHING DEFINITE HAS COME UP TO PROVE US WRONG. FOR MYSELF, I'D LIKE TO HAVE MORE DEFINITE PROOF THAT ILL 150 B IS REALLY FROM CHICAGO. I CAN FIND NO TRACE OF SUCH A LINE THERE IN ANY HISTORY. THE TOKEN MAY BE FROM MADISON, INDIANA. THEN, AGAIN, MD 60 O MAY NOT BE FROM BALTIMORE AT ALL, BUT PERHAPS FROM SOME PLACE LIKE PEORIA, ILL. SO ALSO NJ 730 A AND B. I'VE NEVER HAD ANY PROOF THAT THESE ARE FROM NEW JERSEY, AND THEY MAY WELL HAVE BEEN USED SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDWEST AROUND OMAHA, OR PERHAPS EVEN WYOMING AS THEY HAVE THE SHAMROCK SIMILAR TO TOKENS FROM WYOMING AND COLORADO. SO IF ANYONE EVER NOTES ANY LISTING ABOUT WHICH HE HAS SOME LEGITIMATE DOUBTS, BE SURE TO LET US KNOW.

THE FINAL TOKEN WE HAVE LISTED IS THE NEW BRIDGE TOKEN USED ON A BRIDGE ACROSS THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER BETWEEN CORNWALL, ONTARIO, AND MASSENA, NEW YORK. IT IS A BEAUTIFUL TOKEN, WELL-STRUCK AND HEAVY. THE TOKENS COST 35¢ APIECE AND, ALTHOUGH LISTED UNDER CANADA, THEY COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED TO BE UNITED STATES TOKENS, BECAUSE THE BRIDGE CONNECTS BOTH COUNTRIES.

A.V.A. ADOPTS NEW OFFICIAL SEAL

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD HAVE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A NEW SEAL DESIGNED BY MR. COFFEE, TO REPLACE THE OLD ONE WITH "AVA" IN THE CENTER. THE NEW SEAL IS SIMILAR TO THE OLD ONE AROUND THE BORDER. THE MAIN DIFFERENCE IS THAT, IN PLACE OF THE "AVA" MONOGRAM IN THE CENTER, THERE IS THE LIKENESS OF AN OLD ELECTRIC STREETCAR. THE STREETCAR USED AS A MODEL IS THE ONE USED ON THE OLD LANCASTER, OHIO, CELLULOID TOKENS (AND ALSO ON THE OLD INDIANAPOLIS CELLULOIDS). THOSE TOKENS, DATING FROM 1897, USED A LITTLE CAR WHICH SEEMED APPROPRIATE FOR OUR SEAL. OLD TIME MEMBERS WILL ALSO RECALL THAT A SIMILAR CAR WAS USED BY MR. MOORE ON THE MASTHEAD OF EARLY ISSUES OF THE FARE BOX. IT IS AN ATTRACTIVE SEAL, AND WHEN PRESENT STOCK RUNS OUT, IT WILL BE PRINTED ON MASTHEADS OF THE FARE BOX, THE A.V.A. STATIONERY, AND MEMBERSHIP CARDS.

THE FARE BOX

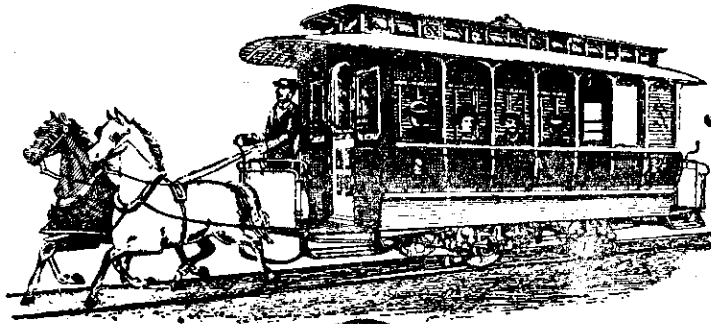
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SOME TIME VERY SOON WE SHALL BE SENDING TO MEMBERS A 3RD CLASS PACKAGE OF FOREIGN CHECK LIST PAGES, AS WELL AS MORE PAGES OF THE SCHWARTZ VARIETIES LIST, IF POSSIBLE. WITH BOTH MR. DAWSON AND MR. FIELD CUTTING STENCILS, WORK IS PROGRESSING MUCH MORE RAPIDLY ON THE FOREIGN LIST. IF ANYONE ELSE, WHO IS A FAIR TYPIST, WOULD CARE TO HELP WITH THIS WORK, PLEASE CONTACT MR. SMITH.

A NEW ORGANIZATION IS BEING FORMED, WE UNDERSTAND, WHICH WILL BE FOR COLLECTORS OF ALL KINDS OF TOKENS AND MEDALS. DR. GEORGE FULD, OF OUR ASSOCIATION, IS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE NEW SOCIETY.

TOGETHER WITH THIS ISSUE, WE ARE MAILING ALL A.V.A. MEMBERS THEIR DUES STATEMENT FOR 1961. PLEASE FILL IT IN, AND MAIL IT TO DANIEL DIMICHAEL TOGETHER WITH YOUR \$3 1961 DUES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT IS A GREAT HELP TO OUR ASSOCIATION IF YOU WILL PAY YOUR DUES EARLY, RATHER THAN WAITING TILL THE LAST MINUTE. OF COURSE LIFE MEMBERS MAY DISREGARD THIS NOTICE, AS THEY DO NOT HAVE TO PAY DUES.

OUR FRIEND MR. WHITFIELD OF ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., HAS BEEN EXPERIMENTING WITH PLASTER MOULDS, OR CASTS, OF RARE TRANSPORTATION TOKENS. THEY COME OUT QUITE WELL, AND HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF GIVING ONE THE FEEL AS WELL AS THE APPEARANCE OF A TOKEN. THIS MAY BE A GOOD WAY TO SUPPLEMENT OUR SLIDES, IN ORDER TO GIVE MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE RARE TOKENS WHICH THEY MAY NEVER SEE "IN THE FLESH."

THE A.V.A. SLIDES IN COLOR

IN VIEW OF THE DEPLORABLE CONDITION OF OUR SLIDES AND THE METAL CASE WHEN THEY WERE RECEIVED FROM OUR FORMER CURATOR, MAY I SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING: OUR SLIDES ARE NOW IN GOOD SHAPE AND AT YOUR DISPOSAL. BUT ONLY BY A PERSONAL REQUEST TO YOUR NEW CURATOR WILL THEY BE SENT TO YOU. WE WANT YOU TO ENJOY VIEWING THESE SLIDES INDIVIDUALLY OR AT YOUR CLUB MEETINGS WHENEVER POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, IN THE INTEREST OF OUR ASSOCIATION, AND TO FACILITATE CONTROL, THE FOLLOWING RULES WILL APPLY TO THOSE REQUESTING TO BORROW OUR SLIDES:

1. A PERSONAL REQUEST TO EDRICK J. MILLER - 694 SENATE STREET, COSTA, MESA, CALIF., GIVING DATE AND PLACE OF SHOWING.
2. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR SLIDES MUST BE AFFIXED TO A RELEASE FORM, AND THIS FORM IS TO BE RETURNED TO OUR CURATOR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF SLIDES (SEE FORM BELOW).
3. IF FULL CASE (153 SLIDES) IS NOT DESIRED, KINDLY STATE NUMBER REQUIRED.
4. IF SLIDES ARE AVAILABLE YOU WILL BE REQUESTED TO FORWARD REQUIRED POSTAGE AND FEE FOR \$100 INSURANCE.
5. AFTER SHOWING, SLIDES ARE TO BE RETURNED WITHIN 3 DAYS TO OUR CURATOR, WELL PACKED AND TIED, POSTPAID AND INSURED TO VALUE OF \$100 FOR FULL CASE; \$25 VALUE FOR 1 TO 40 SLIDES; \$50 VALUE FOR 41 TO 80 SLIDES; \$75 FOR 80 TO 120; \$100 OVER 120.

THE RELEASE FORM SHOULD BE WORDED AS FOLLOWS: "THIS IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF _____ (ENTER NUMBER) 35MM SLIDES KNOWN TO BE PROPERTY OF AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION. IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED SLIDES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED UNDAMAGED AND REASONABLE CARE WILL BE EXERCISED TO KEEP SAID SLIDES IN USABLE CONDITION. IT IS FURTHER AGREED THAT SAID SLIDES SHALL ALWAYS REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE AMERICAN VECTURIST ASSOCIATION. (GIVE DATE AND SIGN NAME)"

- F. GORDON SMITH,
PRESIDENT.

FARES IN LAS VEGAS, NEV., HAVE GONE UP TO 25¢ FROM 15¢... SAFETY MOTOR TRANSIT OF ROANOKE, VA., HAS UPPED FARES FROM 15¢ TO 20¢ AND TOKENS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT BACK INTO USE AT 2/35... HAMILTON, O., IS NOW WITHOUT BUS SERVICE (TOKENS OBSOLETE)... FARE AT WILKES-BARRE, PA., IS UP FROM 23¢ TO 25¢; TOKENS ARE UP FROM 2/45 TO 4/95... A 34-PAGE BOOKLET WITH LOTS OF EXCELLENT PICTURES GIVES THE HISTORY OF TRANSIT IN OAKLAND, CALIF., AREA FROM EARLY HORSECARS TO DATE, PUBLISHED FREE BY ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT - 1106 BROADWAY, OAKLAND, CALIF.

THE TRANSFER LINES OF FULTON, MO.

BY HAROLD FORD, JR.

THE STORY OF THE FULTON TOKENS BEGAN IN EUROPE IN THE SUMMER OF 1959. THE TOKEN LISTED AS No 350 B WAS FOUND IN AN ANTIQUE SHOP IN COPENHAGEN, DENMARK. I RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES IN THE LATE FALL OF 1959 AND SPENT ABOUT A MONTH VISITING THE FAMILY HOME NEAR KANSAS CITY. WHILE IN THE MID-WEST I SPENT SOME TIME IN FULTON, A SMALL FARMING COMMUNITY OF ABOUT 10,000 LOCATED IN CENTRAL MISSOURI, CHECKING OUT THE HISTORY BEHIND MY "EUROPEAN FIND" AND THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL SPECIMENS. I VISITED THE FAMILIES OF BOTH TUCKER AND JAMESON, AND RECEIVED A WRITE-UP ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER, WITH A PICTURE OF MYSELF DISCUSSING TOKENS WITH ONE OF THE TUCKERS. MY SEARCH DID NOT TURN UP ANY ADDITIONAL SPECIMENS OF THE BRASS TOKEN, BUT DID PAY OFF IN TWO ADDITIONAL VARIETIES, AN ALUMINUM TOKEN THAT WAS USED BY THE JAMESON LINE WHICH PRECEDED THE TUCKER LINE, AND A LATER ISSUE BY THE TUCKER OUTFIT.

I LEARNED THAT THE LATE J. ROY TUCKER BOUGHT THE TRANSFER LINE FROM THE LATE JOHN JAMESON IN EITHER 1906 OR 1907. THE LINE OPERATED BOTH PASSENGER AND FREIGHT WAGONS FROM THE RAILROAD DEPOT TO THE LOCAL HOTELS AND BUSINESS PLACES. J. ROY TUCKER RAN THE LINE UNTIL ABOUT 1942 AND HIS SON CONTINUED OPERATIONS FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEARS, ALTHOUGH THE PASSENGER PART OF THE SERVICE WAS DISCONTINUED ABOUT 1920.

TUCKER DESCRIBED THE WAGONS USED FOR PASSENGERS AS BUSSES DRAWN BY 2 HORSES WITH SEATS ON EACH SIDE SO THAT OCCUPANTS ON OPPOSITE SIDES FACED EACH OTHER. THE BUSES COULD TRANSPORT ABOUT 10 PERSONS AT A TIME, WITH THEIR BAGGAGE IN A RACK ON THE ROOF. PASSENGER SERVICE WAS FROM THE DEPOT TO THE OLD FULTON HOTEL AT 6TH & COURT STS., OR TO THE PALACE HOTEL, 5TH & MARKET STS. THE TOKEN WAS ISSUED AS THE RETURN PORTION OF THE FARE. MISSOURI SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF STUDENTS ALSO WERE TRANSPORTED TO AND FROM TRAINS DURING THEIR ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

JAMESON STARTED THE TRANSFER BUSINESS IN FULTON IN THE EARLY 1890'S; AN EXACT DATE COULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED. THEREFORE THE TOKEN WE ARE LISTING AS 350 A WAS USED AROUND THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. 350 B, THE TOKEN FOUND IN DENMARK, WAS USED ABOUT 1906-1909, AND 350 C WAS USED AROUND 1917, AS I AM TOLD IT WAS USED NEARLY 10 YEARS AFTER THE BRASS TOKEN.

I HAVE HAD SEVERAL ADDITIONAL ARTICLES AND ONE AD IN THE FULTON NEWSPAPER SINCE LAST DECEMBER WITH NO ADDITIONAL RESULTS TO SHOW. THEREFORE THE TOWN WOULD SEEM TO BE DRY OF ADDITIONAL SPECIMENS.

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= TURNSTILE TOKENS =
BY RALPH FREIBERG

LAST MONTH I MADE A TRIP TO A COIN CONVENTION DOWN IN SAN DIEGO, PROBABLY JUST FOR A GOOD EXCUSE TO SEE EXACTLY HOW CERTAIN TOKENS WERE USED IN SAN DIEGO. PART OF MY HOBBY IS ALSO TO RIDE FERRIES OR VEHICLES THAT HAVE USED TOKENS. I WENT TO LOOK AT THE STAR & CRESCENT FERRY AND ALSO TO RIDE ONE OF THEM. AT THE PRESENT TIME THEY ARE ON A STRAIGHT DIME FARE. HOWEVER, ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS FOR USING TOKENS WHEN THEY DID USE THEM, AND NOT TICKETS, IS THAT TURNSTILES ARE USED. AND THESE TURNSTILES BROUGHT TO MY MIND A WHOLE PHASE OF TOKEN-COLLECTING. JUST HOW MANY TOKENS DO WE HAVE THAT WERE MADE FOR USE IN TURNSTILES?

ONE OF THE LARGEST USERS OF TURNSTILES IS THE NEW YORK SUBWAY. WHEN THEY HAD A NICKEL FARE, AND LATER A DIME FARE, TOKENS WERE NOT NEEDED. BUT WHEN THEY WENT TO 15¢, A TOKEN WAS NEEDED BECAUSE NEARLY ALL TURNSTILES WORK WITH ONLY ONE COIN. THIS MAY NOT BE TRUE IN THE NEAR FUTURE BECAUSE A NEW TURNSTILE IS BEING DEVISED FOR MULTIPLE COINS...SO CONCEIVABLY TOKENS WOULD THEN NOT BE NEEDED BY THE NEW YORK SUBWAY EXCEPT AS REDUCED RATE TOKENS. I BELIEVE THAT NEARLY EVERY SUEWAY USES TURNSTILES. THEY HAVE THEM IN BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA, CHICAGO, AND THE H & M IN NEW YORK. I'VE NEVER BEEN ON THE TORONTO SUBWAY SO DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT ONE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MOST FERRY BOATS HAVE ALSO USED TURNSTILES. WE HAVE OTHER TURNSTILES FOR WALKING ACROSS BRIDGES. IF THE TOLL IS A PENNY OR A NICKEL, NO TOKEN IS NEEDED. BUT IF THEY HAVE A 7¢ OR 8¢ TOLL, THEN A TOKEN WOULD BE NEEDED. A COUPLE OF NEW JERSEY FERRIES, WITH FARES OF 7¢ OR 8¢, DID USE TOKENS (NJ 30 A AND 220 A).

WE HAVE HAD TRANSFER TURNSTILES, WHICH OPERATED ON A TOKEN GIVEN IN EXCHANGE FOR A TRANSFER. MANY OF THE BROOKLYN, N.Y., STREETCARS AND BUSES HAD TURNSTILES ON THE CARS, SO EITHER A NICKEL OR A TOKEN GIVEN IN EXCHANGE FOR A TRANSFER, OR IN EXCHANGE FOR A SCHOOL TICKET, WAS NECESSARY. AS FAR AS I KNOW THE ONLY TOKENS WE HAVE THAT MENTION TURNSTILE ARE PA 480 A B AND NY 628 A B, BUT UP TO NOW I STILL HAVE NO IDEA WHERE THE TURNSTILES ON THE NY 628 TOKENS WERE LOCATED. THEN WE DO HAVE NY 631 G AND H FOR THE PEREY TURNSTILE, BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHY THESE TOKENS ARE LISTED. THERE'S ANOTHER ONE OF THEM, WITH A DIFFERENT PLATING, BUT I AM NOT GOING TO LIST IT UNTIL I KNOW WHAT THE TURNSTILE WAS USED FOR.

THEN WE HAVE SOME FERRY TOKENS WHICH ARE NOTED AS "HUB TOKENS" BECAUSE OF THE RAISED COLLAR ON THEM. THESE WERE USED IN TURNSTILES. THERE ARE NONE OF THESE HUB TOKENS PRESENTLY IN USE, SO I CANNOT MAKE ANY TRIPS TO OBSERVE THEIR USE AT FIRST HAND. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE ONE OF THESE DAYS TO MAKE A

LIST OF TOKENS USED IN VARIOUS TURNSTILES, SO IF ANYONE FEELS LIKE WRITING AND LET ME KNOW SOME TOKENS THAT I HAVE NOT MENTIONED WHICH WERE MAINLY FOR TURNSTILES, PLEASE DO SO, AND WE CAN COMPILE SUCH A LIST.

THE IDEA OF MENTIONING TURNSTILES CAME TO ME AFTER SEEING THE ONE USED IN SAN DIEGO, AND THEN COMING UPON AN ARTICLE IN THE MAGAZINE BUS TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 1943, PAGE 39. SO IF ANYONE KNOWS OF A LIBRARY THAT HAS THIS MAGAZINE, HE CAN CHECK ON IT. WITHOUT HAVING READ THIS ARTICLE, I DOUBT IF MORE THAN ONE OR TWO COLLECTORS REALIZED THE NATURE OF THE USE OF THE PICATINNY ARSENAL TOKENS OF DOVER, N.J. BEING ZINC TOKENS, THE ONLY CLUE WAS THAT THEY MUST HAVE BEEN USED DURING THE WAR. WELL, IT SEEMS THAT WHEN THESE WAR WORKERS CAME OFF THE SHIFT--AND THERE WERE A GOOD MANY OF THEM EMPLOYED THERE-- THERE WOULD BE A MAD RUSH FOR THE BUSES. AS THERE WERE 3 DIFFERENT FARES (ZONE 1 20c, ZONE 2 30c, ZONE 3 35c) WORKERS WENT TO 3 DIFFERENT AREAS TO BOARD THE BUSES. TO GET INTO THESE AREAS THEY WOULD PASS THROUGH GATES OR TURNSTILES AND USE THESE TOKENS. SINCE THE FARE WAS PAID AT THE TURNSTILE, THERE WAS THEN, OF COURSE, NO NEED OF PAYING FARE WHEN ENTERING THE BUS. WITHIN EACH FARE AREA, THERE MIGHT BE BUSES GOING TO SEVERAL DESTINATIONS, BUT ALL IN THE SAME FARE ZONE. THE ZONE 3, OR 35c ZONE, MIGHT HAVE GONE AS FAR AS NEW YORK CITY. AT LEAST, IN 1943, 35c WOULD CARRY YOU A GOOD DEAL FARTHER THAN IT DOES NOW.

TRANSIT IN AUBURN, N.Y.

WHEN THE 1958 CATALOGUE WAS ISSUED WE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE ABBREVIATIONS ON NY 35 A AND B STOOD FOR. I HAVE RUN ACROSS THE FOLLOWING IN THE MEANTIME: ON APRIL 15, 1871, TWO COMPANIES WERE CHARTERED: EAST GENESEE & SEWARD AVENUE RY. Co., AND THE AUBURN & OWASCO LAKE RY. Co. BOTH COMPANIES HAD THE SAME PRESIDENT, BUT ON OCTOBER 1, 1886, THEY BECAME CONSOLIDATED AND WERE THEN KNOWN AS AUBURN CITY RY. Co. SO THE TOKENS OF EAST GENESEE & SEWARD AVENUE RAILWAY WERE PROBABLY USED BETWEEN 1871 AND 1886. WHY SOME OF THESE EARLY COMPANIES USED BOTH BROWN AND BLACK TOKENS IS SOMETHING I DO NOT KNOW.

STREETCAR SERVICE IN AUBURN WAS ENDED APRIL 15, 1930. CUYUGA OMNIBUS Co. OPERATED FROM ABOUT 1927 TO 1950. AUBURN BUS Co. HAD ITS FIRST TOKEN LISTED BY US IN THE FEBRUARY 1950 FARE BOX, AND THIS COMPANY OPERATED UNTIL JULY, 1954, WHEN THERE WAS AN ARGUMENT WITH THE DRIVERS, WHO REFUSED TO WORK UNTIL THEY WERE PAID. AT THE PRESENT TIME, I DOUBT IF THERE IS EITHER BUS SERVICE OR TOKENS IN AUBURN, N.Y.

- RALPH FREIBERG

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NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

BY JOHN G. NICOLosi

AS I PROMISED YOU LAST MONTH, YOU WILL THIS MONTH RECEIVE CONN 560 I, A VERY ELUSIVE TOKEN BECAUSE THE COMPANY WOULDN'T COOPERATE, AND FINALLY IT TOOK 3 DIFFERENT COLLECTORS TO ROUND UP THE 100 WE NEEDED FOR N.I.S. THANKS TO MESSRS. FORD, ATKINS AND DAWSON. MR. ATKINS MADE A SPECIAL TRIP BY AUTO TO GET SOME FOR US. THANKS AGAIN, GENTLEMEN! ALSO YOU WILL RECEIVE TWO MORE SUPREME TAXI TOKENS OF BOSTON, MASS 115 X AND W. THESE ARE OCTAGONAL, WHEREAS THE OTHER SUPREME TOKENS ALREADY LISTED ARE CIRCULAR. I REGRET THAT WE SHALL BE UNABLE TO HANDLE MASS 115 V, BECAUSE THEY CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED IN DRIBBLES, SO MR. SMITH WILL HANDLE THEM PERSONALLY. THANKS TO MR. F.G. SMITH FOR OBTAINING THE W AND X FOR US. THOSE OF YOU WHO ORDERED PA 950 J, THE DIAMOND VARIETY, WILL ALSO RECEIVE IT THIS MONTH. SOME HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT OUT. THIS MONTH WE ALSO WELCOME TO THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE AS A NEW MEMBER MR. D.M. STEWART OF CALGARY, ALBERTA. WELCOME ABOARD!

THERE IS A NEW YELLOW PLASTIC PARKING TOKEN FROM HOLLAND, REPORTED TO US BY MR. HAZEVOET OF WEST AMSTERDAM. THIS IS THE FIRST SUCH TOKEN WE'VE HEARD ABOUT FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S. AND CANADA. THE TOKEN, STILL HARD TO OBTAIN OVER HERE, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

HOTEL BOUWES ZANDVOORT 1 GULDEN
 PY 32 SD GELDIG TIJDENS VERBLIJF HOTEL BOUWES P

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION ADVISORY SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING IS THE EXCHANGE SERVICE PROPOSAL AS ADOPTED AND READ TO THE A.V.A. CONVENTION IN 1960, AND WRONGLY MIS-QUOTED BY SOME PARTIES:

WHEN THE EXCHANGE SERVICE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS WAS ORGANIZED, ONE OF ITS PROVISIONS WAS AN ADVISORY SERVICE TO SURVIVORS. IF THE COLLECTOR DIED WITHOUT DESIGNATING A SPECIFIC PARTY TO GET THE COLLECTION OR DISPOSE OF THE COLLECTION, THE PARTY INHERITING THE TOKENS COULD FREE OF CHARGE GET ADVICE ON HOW BEST TO DISPOSE OF THE COLLECTION. THE PARTY WAS NOT UNDER ANY OBLIGATION TO TAKE THIS ADVICE. THIS ADVISORY SERVICE IS HOPED TO BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THE MAIN COLLECTORS IN THE CALIFORNIA CLUB WHO COULD EACH GIVE THE INHERITOR HIS OPINION AS TO THE BEST METHOD OF DISPOSING OF THE COLLECTION. MIGHT EVEN WIND UP WITH 2 OR 3 OF THE ADVISERS BIDDING AGAINST EACH OTHER. YOU WILL NOT GET A COMMITTEE REPORT BUT SEPARATE REPORTS FROM EACH ADVISER AS THERE ARE BOUND TO BE AREAS OF CONFLICT AS TO VALUATIONS, ETC. IF THE PARTY, AFTER GETTING ALL THE REPORTS, DECIDES THAT SOME OTHER PARTY'S OFFER IS BETTER, HE CAN TAKE THE OTHER PARTY'S OFFER AND FORGET ABOUT OUR ADVISER'S RECOMMENDATIONS. OUR SERVICE IS FREE AND DOES NOT PLACE YOU UNDER ANY OBLIGATION.
-BY KENNETH SMITH, PRESIDENT, ASSN. OF CALIF. TRANSP. TOKEN COLLECTORS.

THE ADVISERS ARE KENNETH SMITH (CHAIRMAN), ROLAND C. ATWOOD, JOHN M. COFFEE, JR., AND RALPH FREIBERG, AT PRESENT.

- KENNETH SMITH

THE SILVER-PLATED DEKALB TOKEN

ONE OF OUR RAREST TOKENS HAS BEEN ILL 200 E, WHICH LISTS AT \$3.50 IN THE CATALOGUE. BUT IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, SEVERAL SPECIMENS OF ILL 200 E HAVE BEEN SHOWING UP, BUT SILVER-PLATED AND WITH THE WORDS "GOOD ONLY" SCRATCHED OFF THE REVERSE.

NO ONE SEEMS TO KNOW WHERE THESE HAVE BEEN COMING FROM, OR ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT THEM. INASMUCH AS THE WORDS "GOOD ONLY" WERE REMOVED PRIOR TO THE SILVER-PLATING, HOWEVER, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THEY MAY HAVE BEEN USED SOMEWHERE IN THIS CONDITION. THEY MAY, INDEED, BE IN USE AT THE PRESENT TIME...AND IF SO, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THERE ARE MORE OF THE ORIGINAL ILL 200 E LYING AROUND.

IF ANYONE KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT THE ORIGIN OR USE OF THIS PLATED TOKEN, PLEASE LET US KNOW ABOUT IT.

MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON 115 (REPORTED BY F. GORDON SMITH)

V	B	35	Sd	[LIKE O, BUT LETTER R ON OBVERSE]	\$0.25
W	B	Oc	Sd	" " " " " " " [35MM]	.25
X	B	Oc	Sd	" " " " S " " ["]	.25

[R FOR ROSLINDALE; S FOR SOUTH BOSTON]

MISSOURI

FULTON 350 (REPORTED BY HAROLD FORD, JR.)

				JAMESON'S TRANSFER FULTON, MO.	
A	o	A	Oc	Sd	GOOD FROM HOTEL TO DEPOT [30MM] 3.50
				TUCKER TRANSFER CO. SUCCESSORS TO	
				/JAMESON'S TRANSFER FULTON MO.	
B	o	B	31	Sd	GOOD FROM HOTEL TO DEPOT 3.50
				TUCKER'S TRANSFER LINE FULTON, MO.	
C	o	Fr	36	Sd	GOOD ONLY FROM HOTEL TO DEPOT 2.50

TIMETABLES

				ALBANY & TROY EVENING LINE GOOD FOR 50	
				/CTS IN OBTAINING STATE ROOM PASSAGE	
				/OF STEAMERS I.H. CUNERT & SON	
H	B	37	Sd	VANDERBILT AND CONNECTICUT LEAVE ALBANY	
				/DAILY AT 8 P.M. SATURDAY EXCEPTED NEW	
				/YORK PIER 44 N. RIVER 6 P.M. FARE	
				/ONLY \$1.50	

CORRECTION

ON KY 370 E, LISTED LAST MONTH, ADD THE WORDS "ONE FARE" TO BOTH OBVERSE AND REVERSE INSCRIPTIONS.

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

THIS MONTH WE HAVE A FEW MORE TAXI TOKENS FOR THE SUPREME MARKETS IN THE BOSTON AREA. THE STORE IN ROSLINDALE IS USING THE LETTER R. WHEN MR. SMITH LEARNED THAT THE 115 V AND X WERE IN USE, HE ASKED THE SUPREME MARKETS FOR 100 OF EACH FOR COLLECTORS. THEY SAID THEY WOULD MAKE UP AN EXTRA BATCH FOR US. HOWEVER, WHAT THEY MADE UP CAME THROUGH ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM THE ORIGINALS. THE ROSLINDALE TOKEN THEY MADE UP FOR US TURNED OUT TO BE OCTAGONAL, INSTEAD OF ROUND, THUS GIVING US A NEW VARIETY BUT LEAVING US STILL NOT HAVING ENOUGH OF THE ROUND "R" TOKEN FOR COLLECTORS. THEN THE SOUTH BOSTON TOKEN THEY SUPPLIED US WAS OCTAGONAL LIKE THE ORIGINAL 115 X, BUT IT HAD MUCH LARGER LETTERS--LETTERS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT, THUS

GIVING US TWO IMPORTANT DIE VARIETIES OF 115 X. THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE WILL BE SENDING OUT THE 115 W AND THE LARGE LETTER VARIETY OF 115 X. IT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE 115 V OR THE SMALL LETTER VARIETY OF 115 X. HOWEVER, MR. F. GORDON SMITH HAS A FEW EXTRAS OF THESE AND COLLECTORS DESIRING THEM MAY CONTACT HIM DIRECTLY. INCIDENTALLY, THE TOKENS MADE UP SPECIALLY FOR US COLLECTORS WERE MADE IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY SO THAT SOME OF THEM ARE ACTUALLY BEING USED BY THE MARKETS. ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE, IF THERE IS SPACE, MR. SMITH IS RUNNING AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE SUPREME TOKENS.

THE ALUMINUM KITIMAT TICKET OF THE CANADIAN NATIONAL

ON JULY 8, 1955, CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS OFFICIALLY OPENED THE BRANCH LINE JOINING ITS MAIN LINE AT TERRACE, B.C., WITH KITIMAT, B.C., WHERE THE ALUMINUM COMPANY OF CANADA HAD OPENED A LARGE ALUMINUM PLANT. TO COMMEMORATE THE OFFICIAL OPENING, THE CNR, WITH THE COOPERATION OF OTHERS, HAD ALUMINUM RETURN TICKETS MADE, COACH FARE, GOOD FROM TERRACE TO KITIMAT. THESE TICKETS WERE PRESENTED OR GIVEN TO THOSE ATTENDING THE OPENING TO ENABLE THEM TO RIDE THE FIRST TRAIN ON THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW LINE. THE TICKET IS THE STANDARD FORM OF RAILWAY TICKET, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS TRAIL OF '55 KITIMAT OR /BUST GOOD FOR ONE COACH CLASS CONTINUOUS PASSAGE /BY SPECIAL TRAIN, JULY 8, 1955 FROM TERRACE, B.C. /TO KITIMAT, B.C. GOING COUPON NOT GOOD IF DETACHED /HALF IF PUNCHED * FORM EX. 8-7-55 [SEPARATED BY /DASHES FROM THE FOLLOWING:] CANADIAN NATIONAL RAIL- /WAYS THIS SOUVENIR TICKET CELEBRATES THE OFFICIAL /OPENING OF THE CNR TERRACE-KITIMAT BRANCH LINE WITH /CEREMONIES ARRANGED BY THE ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE /OF CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA GOOD FOR ONE COACH CLASS /CONTINUOUS PASSAGE BY SPECIAL TRAIN, JULY 8, 1955 /FROM KITIMAT, B.C. TO TERRACE, B.C. RETURN COUPON /HALF IF PUNCHED * NOT TRANSFERABLE [SIGNATURE] /PRESIDENT FORM EX. 8-7-55

A Ob Sd [BLANK](size 63x120mm)

THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME CONFUSION ABOUT HOW TO MEASURE THE SIZE OF OCTAGONAL TOKENS. THE CORRECT WAY IS TO MEASURE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO OPPOSITE FLAT SIDES. THESE SHOULD BE THE SIDES TO THE LEFT AND RIGHT, RESPECTIVELY, OF THE MATTER INSCRIBED ON THE TOKEN. THIS IS ALSO THE WAY TO MEASURE HEXAGONAL AND SQUARE TOKENS--THE DISTANCE BETWEEN OPPOSITE FLAT SIDES.

THE FARE BOX

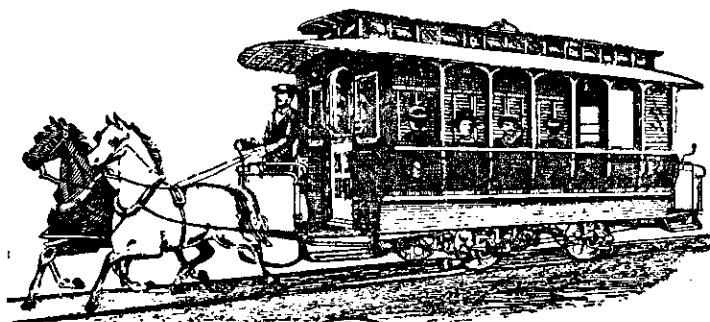
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SINCE THE NOVEMBER ISSUE, WE HAVE MAILED A LARGE PACKAGE, BY 3RD CLASS, TO ALL MEMBERS. IT CONTAINED SEVERAL PAGES OF THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST, SEVERAL OF THE VARIETIES LIST, AND A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. ANY WHO HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THIS MATERIAL SHOULD NOTIFY THE EDITOR IMMEDIATELY.

THIS TIME WE ARE REALLY ENCLOSING THE DUES STATEMENTS. PLEASE FILL THIS STATEMENT OUT AND SEND IT TO OUR SECRETARY TOGETHER WITH YOUR \$3 DUES FOR 1961. IT HELPS A LOT IF YOU DO IT SOONER, RATHER THAN LATER.

OUR GOOD FRIEND HARRY C. BARTLEY HAS JUST RETURNED FROM THE HOSPITAL AND HAS TO TAKE IT EASY FOR A WHILE. HE ASKS ME TO REMIND EVERYBODY THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PITTSBURGH CLUB--ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING, INCIDENTALY--WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, AT 2 P.M. AT HARRY'S HOUSE, 7012 OHIO RIVER BLVD., BEN AVON, PITTSBURGH. ALL WELCOME, AS ALWAYS.

THERE IS AN INTERESTING NEW TOKEN LISTED THIS MONTH, FROM ANDOVER, N.H. THOSE NOT MEMBERS OF THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE WHO WANT ONE OF THEM, OR N.I.S. MEMBERS WHO WANT EXTRAS, MAY HAVE THEM BY WRITING THE EDITOR DIRECTLY AND SENDING 50¢ EACH PLUS A STAMPED ENVELOPE. SUPPLY VERY LIMITED.

THANKS VERY MUCH FOR ALL THE CHRISTMAS CARDS! MERRY CHRISTMAS & A NEW YEAR MADE HAPPY BECAUSE OF LOTS OF TOKENS ADDED TO YOUR COLLECTIONS! WE CLOSE 1960 WITH THE BIGGEST FARE BOX VOLUME IN HISTORY--118 PAGES. INDEX READY NEXT MONTH.

JOHNNIE JONES' COLLECTION UP FOR SALE

TO MY FELLOW VECTURISTS, GREETINGS!

NEAR THE LATTER PART OF AUGUST, JOHNNIE JONES' WIDOW AND LITTLE DAUGHTER SPENT A WEEK AT OUR HOME, BRINGING ALONG JOHNNIE'S TOKEN COLLECTION FOR ME TO CHECK OVER AND OFFER IT FOR BIDS. I CHECKED THIS COLLECTION VERY CAREFULLY, FINDING QUITE A FEW MISTAKES IN VARIOUS METALS, ALSO SOME OF THE BETTER TOKENS MISSING. WHERE A TOKEN WAS LISTED AS ONE METAL, BUT TURNED OUT TO BE IDENTICAL TO ANOTHER, THIS TOKEN WAS THROWN INTO THE COLLECTION FREE GRATIS.

MOST OF THE RARE MISSOURI TOKENS WERE DISPOSED OF IN A CASH SALE FOR A VERY GENEROUS OFFER.

THE TOTAL CATALOGUE VALUE OF THIS COLLECTION, AS IT NOW STANDS, COMES TO \$587.10. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE DUPLICATES, WHICH HAVE AN ADDITIONAL VALUE OF \$75.00 OR MORE.

THIS COLLECTION WILL BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY BID IF IT IS TOO LOW. A SEPARATE BID MAY BE MADE FOR THE DUPLICATES. ALL BIDS MUST BE POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN MIDNIGHT, JANUARY 15, 1961.

JOHNNIE ALSO HAD ONE OF THE 1958 ATWOOD'S CATALOGUES IN LOOSE-LEAF FORM, HOUSED IN A FAULTLESS S.O. RING BINDER, WORTH \$3.00 TO \$4.50. FIRST CHECK FOR \$5 GETS IT. ALSO TO THE HIGH BIDDER: THE FARE BOOK IN LOOSE-LEAF BINDER FROM JANUARY, 1956, THROUGH DECEMBER, 1959.

MAKE ALL BIDS DIRECTLY TO ME. TOKENS WILL BE SHIPPED PREPAID BY RAILWAY EXPRESS.

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OPERATING STEAM RAILROAD MUSEUM SLATED FOR NEW ENGLAND

MR. F. NELSON BLOUNT, PRESIDENT OF THE LITTLE NARROW-GAUGE EDVILLE RAILROAD OF CARVER, MASS., HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A LARGE OPERATING MUSEUM FOR STANDARD-GAUGE STEAM LOCOMOTIVES. IT WILL BE LOCATED BETWEEN BELLOWS FALLS, VERMONT, AND NORTH WALPOLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND WILL BE KNOWN AS "STEAM TOWN, U.S.A. -- CAVALCADE OF STEAM POWER." THEY PLAN TO HAVE A BUILDING TO HOUSE 40 LOCOMOTIVES, FROM EARLIEST TO LATEST MODELS OF AMERICAN, MEXICAN, CANADIAN, AND BRITISH TYPES. TRACK OF THE BOSTON & MAINE RR AND THE RUTLAND RR WILL BE UTILIZED.

= OF STEAMBOATS AND TRAINS AROUND HAVANA, CUBA =

BY ROBERTO PESANT

I WROTE THESE NOTES SOMETIME AGO AND MY INTENTION WAS TO INCLUDE NOT ONLY TOKENS (CUBA 400 A B C) BUT ALSO MEDALS, FOR HAVANA'S RAILROADS HAVE BEEN REMEMBERED IN QUITE A FEW OF THE LATTER. I AM VERY GLAD TO SEND THIS ARTICLE THUS TO THE FARE BOX FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF FELLOW COLLECTORS; AND THOUGH I REALIZE THAT MEDALS ARE, AFTER ALL, A BIT OUT OF PLACE HERE, I CAN NOT RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO MENTION JUST ONE OF THEM--AND MY FAVORITE ONE: A MEDAL STRUCK BY THE CITY OF HAVANA IN 1898 TO RECALL ITS BLOCKADE BY THE UNITED STATES NAVY. THERE IS, BESIDES THE PICTURE OF MANY WARSHIPS, THE MORRO CASTLE, AND STATELY FIGURES, A LITTLE TRAIN SOMEWHERE IN THE BACKGROUND OF IT ALL. I LIKE TO THINK THAT MAYBE THE ARTIST, SR. ANTONIO JIMENEZ, JUST PUT IT THERE FOR NO OTHER REASON EXCEPT THAT HAVANA WAS NOT REALLY HAVANA WITHOUT ITS "SMALL TRAIN AROUND THE BAY."

IT WOULD BE MOST UNFAIR NOT TO SAY THAT I DELIBERATELY TOOK MOST OF THE FACTS FOR THESE NOTES FROM AN ARTICLE WHICH A VERY FINE GENTLEMAN AND FRIEND, DR. JULIO MORALES COELLO, WROTE QUITE A WHILE BACK FOR OUR YACHT CLUB MAGAZINE.

AND LASTLY, BEFORE BEGINNING OUR NARRATIVE, IF IT IS PERMISSIBLE IN THIS KIND OF WORK, I WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE THESE NOTES TO MY AMERICAN FRIEND AND FELLOW COLLECTOR, MR. JACK F. BURNS OF PITTSBURGH, PA., BECAUSE OF HIS ENTHUSIASM AND INTEREST IN CUBAN NUMISMATICS.

BACK IN THE OLD DAYS, IN 1837 TO BE EXACT, THE FIRST STEAMBOAT COMPANY WAS FORMED TO CONNECT HAVANA WITH THE SMALL TOWNSHIP OF REGLA ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE HARBOR. IT WAS NAMED THE EMPRESA DE VAPORES A REGLA, AND LATER KNOWN BY NEARLY EVERYONE AS LA VIEJA EMPRESA (THE OLD ENTERPRISE), TO DISTINGUISH IT FROM ITS SUCCESSOR WHICH STARTED OUT IN 1842, BUT SHORTLY AFTERWARDS MERGED WITH THE FIRST ONE. FROM REGLA, ONE COULD EITHER TAKE A COACH OR, LATER, A HORSE-DRAWN TRAMWAY KNOWN AS THE FIGUERAS TO NEARBY GUANABACOA, A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 10 KILOMETERS. ON THAT VERY SAME YEAR DON EDUARDO FESSER FOUNDED A RAILROAD TO GUANABACOA AND HENCE TO THE CITY OF MATANZAS OVER 100 KILOMETERS A WAY, WHICH IT EVENTUALLY REACHED IN 1858. THIS WAS THE SECOND OLDEST RAILROAD IN CUBA, FOR THE FIRST ONE WAS STARTED ALL OF 3 YEARS EARLIER, IN 1834, BY THE COUNT OF VILLANUEVA AND STRETCHED FROM HAVANA TO BEJUCAL, A STAGGERING RUN OF 25 KILOMETERS.

THE FOLLOWING YEAR, SENOR FESSER, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BANCO DEL COMERCIO, FOUNDED A NEW COMPANY, THE COMPANIA DEL FERROCARRIL DE BAHIA Y ALMACENES DE REGLA LTDA. (THE BAY RAILROAD COMPANY AND REGLA WAREHOUSES, LTD.) THIS NEW COMPANY STARTED BUSINESS WITH 3 STURDY WOODEN-HULLED FERRIES WITH SIDE

PADDLES AND ROUNDED PROWS; AND THOUGH SMALL IN SIZE, NEVERTHELESS THEY "HAVE LARGE ENOUGH HOUSING SPACE FOR THEIR ENGINES AND OTHER MACHINERY, AS WELL AS AMPLE SPACE FOR VEHICLES AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE SEÑORES PASSENGERS." FURTHERMORE, THEY WERE REGALLY NAMED THE MARIA CRISTINA, MARIA ISABEL, AND ALPHONSO XII, WHICH MUCH LATER, WITH THE ADVENT OF THE REPUBLIC, WERE DUTIFULLY RECHRISTENED THE AMERICA, INVENCIBLE, AND VICTORIA, NO LESS IMPOSING AND MORE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE TIMES, FOR THE SPANISH ROYAL HOUSE HAD PASSED INTO OBLIVION IN CUBA'S DESTINY.

THE TOKENS OF HAVANA, CUBA 480 A AND B, PORTRAY ON THEIR REVERSE ONE OF THESE LITTLE SHIPS AND THE DATE UNDERNEATH, 1881, BEARS WITNESS TO THEIR NEAT CONSTRUCTION AND SEAWORTHINESS, FOR DURING ALL THESE YEARS THEY PATIENTLY PLOWED BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THEIR BERTHS AT LUZ (HAVANA), FESSER, REGLA AND CASA BLANCA. YEARS LATER THE COMPANY REINFORCED THE FLEET WITH 3 MORE SISTER SHIPS: THE HABANERO, FESSER, AND CASABLANCA. A CONTEMPORARY NOTICE (1834) PAINSTAKINGLY ITEMIZES THE FARES:

"EACH WHITE PERSON 1 REAL. CHILDREN 5-8 YEARS $\frac{1}{2}$ REAL. EACH COLORED PERSON $\frac{1}{2}$ REAL. SAME BUT CARRYING BAGGAGE 1 REAL. SADDLED HORSE 1 REAL. UNSADDLED HORSE $\frac{1}{2}$ REAL. OXEN OR COW 1 REAL. ANY SMALLER 4-LEGGED ANIMAL $\frac{1}{2}$ REAL. 1-HORSE CARRIAGE & DRIVER 2 REALS. SAME BUT 2-HORSED 3 REALS. SAME BUT 3-HORSED 4 REALS. LARGER 4-WHEELED CARRIAGE WITH DRIVER & HORSE(S) 5 REALS." (FIGURE 1 REAL EQUAL TO A DIME)

AND SO ON, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL STYLES OF WHEELED VEHICLES AND INNUMERABLE COMBINATIONS OF DRIVERS, WHEELS, BURDENS, AND ANIMALS. MOREOVER IT STRICTLY CALLED ATTENTION THAT SERVICE STARTED PROMPTLY AT 4:30 A.M. AND JUST AS PROMPTLY ENDED AT 9:30 P.M. LATER, BECAUSE A LARGER PUBLIC ATTENDED THE THEATRES OF PAYRET, ALBIZU AND TACON, SERVICE WAS STRETCHED UNTIL 11 P.M. AND THE LAST FERRY CAME TO BE KNOWN AS THE "THEATRE SPECIAL."

MUCH LATER, ABOUT 1905, TWO BIGGER AND BETTER FERRIES WERE ADDED: THE MANUEL UNDERDAWN AND THE GUANABACOA, BOTH BUILT BY ENGLISH SHIPWRIGHTS; THE FORMER AT DUNDEE AND THE LATTER AT FAVERSHAM, NEAR LONDON, BY JAMES POLLOCK & SONS, LTD., BOTH WERE OF A TYPE KNOWN AS THE PENNSYLVANIA, WITH PROPELLERS IN EACH PROW, IRON-HULLED, 140 FEET IN LENGTH, 55 IN BEAM WITH A DISPLACEMENT OF 9 FEET.

ABOUT 1933 THEY WERE FINALLY RETIRED. ROADS ENCIRCLING THE HARBOR AS WELL AS MOTOR LAUNCHES SLOWLY CHOKED THEM OUT OF ALL PROFIT. AS A LAST RESORT THE COMPANY PURCHASED AND OPERATED FAST MOTOR LAUNCHES, BUT THEY WERE UNABLE TO SURVIVE FOR LONG. SOME ENTERPRISING SHOWMAN PURCHASED THE MANUEL UNDERDAWN AND CONVERTED IT INTO A FLOATING NIGHTCLUB, QUAINLY NAMED THE NEPTUNO, BUT THE VENTURE FAILED AND SO IT PASSED AWAY. THE PROUD GUANABACOA HAD A MORE PRACTICAL IF LESS ROMANTIC END.

RAZED DOWN TO HER BARE HULL, SHE WAS TURNED INTO A LOADING SCOW FOR TRAMP STEAMERS, AND MOST LIKELY IS STILL AT HER TRADE UNLESS CAST OFF IN SOME FORGOTTEN BACKWASH. WHATEVER THEIR END, ON THE OBVERSE OF CUBA 480 C THEY ARE PRESERVED FOREVER FOR THOSE WHO COLLECT THESE SMALL HUMBLE PIECES.

BACK NOW TO RAILROADS. DON EDUARDO FESSER HAD A HANDSOME STATION BUILT AT REGLA, WHICH FITTINGLY WAS NAMED AFTER HIM; AND EVEN IF IT TOOK HIM 13 YEARS TO REACH MATANZAS, HIS BRANCH LINE TO GUANABACOA DID RUN EARLY AND ON SCHEDULE. IF TODAY COLLECTORS REGARD HIS ENGINES (PICTURED ON CUBA 480 A, B) AS MERE TOYS, NEVERTHELESS IN THEIR HEYDAY THE IMPRESSION WAS DIFFERENT; SO MUCH SO THAT SOME OF THE NARROWER STREETS OF OLD GUANABACOA WERE QUITE UNABLE TO COPE WITH THEM. ALL OF WHICH GAVE RISE TO A MOST BRILLIANT FEAT IN TRAINMANSHIP, THE KIND THAT IS EVER ENDEARING TO RAILROAD ENTHUSIASTS. THERE WAS A SPUR BY THE OLD HOSPITAL A SHORT DISTANCE FROM WHERE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ENTERED A NARROW STREET. AS THE INCOMING TRAIN APPROACHED IT ON THE DOWNGRADE, THE ENGINE WAS UNCOUPLED FROM THE FOREMOST CAR. IN THOSE RUSHING SECONDS THE ENGINE WOULD SWERVE INTO THE SPUR WHILE WITH SPLIT-SECOND TIMING PRECISION THE SWITCH WAS THROWN BACK ENABLING THE CARS TO CONTINUE ON THE MAIN LINE. NOT TO BE OUTDONE BY THE SWITCHMEN, THE BRAKEMAN JUST AS NEATLY BROUGHT THE HEADLESS TRAIN TO A DEAD STOP, SOME DISTANCE AHEAD, AT THE EXACT PLACE WHERE THE STATION PLATFORM WAS LOCATED, AT THE CORNER OF ANIMAS & VERSALLES STREETS.

IN 1889 THE COMPANY HAD FINALLY WOUND ITS TRACK AROUND THE KIDNEY-SHAPED HARBOR TO CONNECT WITH HAVANA AT CIENAGA. TEN YEARS LATER, IN 1899, AT THE END OF THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE, THE COMPANY SPLIT AND WAS REFORMED AS THE "UNITED RAILWAYS AND REGLA WAREHOUSES LTD." AND AFTER FURTHER MODIFICATIONS IT IS KNOWN TODAY AS THE "FERROCARRILES OCCIDENTALES DE CUBA, S.A." (WESTERN RAILWAYS OF CUBA, INC.)

NOWADAYS LAUNCHES ARE STILL CONNECTING HAVANA TO REGLA; AND FROM THERE THE ELECTRICALLY-POWERED "FERROCARRIL DE HER-SHEY" RUNS TO MATANZAS OVER MUCH THE SAME ROUTE. THE TERMINUS AT REGLA--AND THE FREIGHT YARD--RETAINS THE NAME OF FESSER, BUT THE LINE TO GUANABACOA VANISHED AND IN ITS PLACE THERE ARE BUSES WHICH LIKEWISE HAVE REPLACED THE SMALL TRAIN ROUND THE BAY.

MR. PESANT SENT US THE FOREGOING INTERESTING ARTICLE SOME TIME AGO. IN THE MEANTIME, HIS MAIL AND COPIES OF THE FARE BOX HAVE ALL BEEN RETURNED BY THE POSTOFFICE DOWN IN CUBA, ALL MARKED WITH ONE WORD IN SPANISH WHICH IS DIFFICULT TO MAKE OUT, BUT WHICH LOOKS LIKE "MARDO" OR SOMETHING. SO WHAT HAS BECOME OF OUR MEMBER IN CUBA REMAINS A MYSTERY. IF ANYONE CAN FURNISH INFORMATION ABOUT HIM, PLEASE WRITE THE EDITOR.

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NEW SILVER PASS FROM COLORADO DISCOVERED

GEORGE FULD RECENTLY ACQUIRED ANOTHER OF THE RARE COLORADO RAILROAD PASSES WHICH ARE SO MUCH SOUGHT AFTER BY MANY COLLECTORS. THIS ONE IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF THE BUNCH. IT IS MADE OF STERLING SILVER, RECTANGULAR IN SHAPE, SIZE 84x51MM. THERE IS A BEAUTIFUL SCENE OF MOUNTAINS AND A TRAIN ON HALF THE PASS. ON THE OTHER HALF IS THE FOLLOWING INSCRIPTION:

T.P.A. CONVENTION DENVER COLORADO 1890 PASS BEARER
DENVER & RIO GRANDE RR COLORADO MIDLAND RR UNION
PACIFIC RR TPA [IN MONOGRAM].

FARES AT FORT WORTH, TEX., HAVE BEEN HIKED FROM 20¢ TO 23¢, TOKENS FROM 5/95 TO 4/85....CLINTON (IOWA) ST. RY. CO. WENT OUT OF BUSINESS BUT THE OPERATIONS WERE TAKEN OVER BY INTERSTATE POWER CO. OF DUBUQUE....LOWEST FARE IN THE U.S. IS NOW EL PASO CITY LINES' 2 TOKENS FOR 15¢.

THE SUPREME TAXI SERVICE TOKENS

BY F. GORDON SMITH

[IN ORDER TO HAVE A COMPLETE LISTING, IN ONE PLACE, OF THIS WHOLE COMPLICATED SERIES OF TOKENS, INCLUDING MINOR VARIETIES, WE ARE PUBLISHING THIS LIST MADE UP BY MR. SMITH.]

BOSTON 115

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(MR. SMITH SAYS HE WILL SUPPLY ANY OF THE ABOVE TOKENS, EXCEPT 115 PB AND UB, AND 740 AB, FOR 30¢ A PIECE, POSTPAID. ADDRESS HIM AT 14 MILLER STILE ROAD, QUINCY 69, MASS.)

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THE APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP, LISTED ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE, WERE SPONSORED AS FOLLOWS: 344, MAX M. SCHWARTZ. 345, LEONARD H. PAUL. 346, DANIEL DIMICHAEL. 347, LEONARD H. PAUL. 348, 349, MAX M. SCHWARTZ. 350, F. GORDON SMITH. 351, CLAUDE G. THOMPSON.

THE CORRECT SPELLING OF MEMBER #340 IS LARRY G. FREEMAN. BY A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR, IT WAS LISTED AS "GREEMAN" LAST MONTH.

PARKING TOKENS
BY DUANE H. FEISEL

ONE OF THE NEWER FIELDS ATTRACTING THE ATTENTION OF MANY AVID VECTURISTS IS THE COLLECTING OF TOKENS WHICH ARE USED TO PAY FEES FOR PARKING. THESE TOKENS MAY BE USED IN PARKING METERS, IN PARKING GATES, OR MAY BE GIVEN TO AN ATTENDANT. PARKING TOKENS HAVE BEEN IN USE FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS, AND MANY NEW TOKENS APPEAR ON THE SCENE REGULARLY. THE TOKENS MAY BE USED BY MUNICIPALITIES, BY PRIVATE PARKING COMPANIES, BY HOSPITALS, BY BANKS, AND BY INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS.

EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY TO COMPILE A LISTING OF PARKING TOKENS AS A GUIDE TO COLLECTORS. AT THE PRESENT TIME AN EXTENSIVE SURVEY IS BEING MADE TO LOCATE USERS OF PARKING TOKENS, AND IT IS CONTEMPLATED THAT THE CATALOG COMPILATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE SPRING OF 1961. TO DATE THERE ARE RECORDED 109 DIFFERENT PARKING TOKENS. THESE ARE FROM 19 STATES, FROM 2 FOREIGN COUNTRIES, FROM MANUFACTURERS, AND FROM UNIDENTIFIED SOURCES. THE LARGEST NUMBER, 38, ARE FROM PENNSYLVANIA, WHILE CALIFORNIA WITH 16, IS NEXT IN LINE.

THE COMPILATION OF THE PARKING TOKENS IS BEING DONE IN A FORM EQUIVALENT TO THAT USED IN ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE. ONE DISTINCTIVE DIFFERENCE, HOWEVER, IS THAT THE CITY NUMERAL CODE WILL BE IN THE 3000 SERIES. THUS, PITTSBURGH, GIVEN AS PA 765 IN THE TRANSPORTATION TOKEN LISTING, WILL BE CODED AS PA 3765 IN THE PARKING TOKEN CATALOG. IT IS FELT THAT THIS DIFFERENCE WILL ELIMINATE CONFUSION BETWEEN CODED LISTINGS OF THE TWO TYPES OF TOKENS.

ONE MIGHT ASK HOW PARKING TOKENS ARE RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION TOKENS. APART FROM THE CONSIDERATION THAT AUTOMOBILES ARE A MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, THERE ARE OTHER TIES BETWEEN THE TWO TOKEN FIELDS. A TOKEN FROM ST. LOUIS, MO 910 P, IS ALSO A PARKING TOKEN, AND WILL BE CODED AS MO 3910 A. ANOTHER TOKEN RECENTLY ISSUED IN NEW CASTLE, PA., IS INTENDED PRIMARILY FOR USE IN PARKING METERS, BUT THE TOKENS, GIVEN FREE TO CUSTOMERS UPON PURCHASE OF A CERTAIN AMOUNT, MAY ALSO BE USED IN PAYMENT OF BUS FARE.

ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF KNOWN TOKENS IS INCREASING STEADILY AT A QUITE RAPID RATE, IT IS FELT THAT MANY OTHER TOKENS ARE NOW BEING USED OR HAVE BEEN USED FOR PARKING PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT KNOWN TO COLLECTORS OF THESE TOKENS. PERHAPS YOUR OWN AREA HAS A PARKING TOKEN.

THE UNIDENTIFIED TOKENS ARE BEING LISTED HERE IN THE HOPE THAT SOMEONE WILL BE ABLE TO SHED SOME LIGHT ON THEIR ORIGIN. THE USUAL SYMBOLS AND MANNER OF CODING USED IN ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE ARE APPLIED IN DESCRIBING THESE TOKENS. SEE NEXT PAGE.

UNIDENTIFIED PARKING TOKENS

IF YOU CAN PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON THESE TOKENS, OR ANY OTHER PARKING TOKENS, PLEASE DROP A LINE TO DUANE H. FEISEL, P.O. Box 83 - Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania.

- 1 B 23 Sd KLEINSCHMIDT LABORATORIES
[BLANK](THIS TOKEN WAS USED FOR A SHORT PERIOD /BY COPETAS BROTHERS PARKING, PITTSBURGH, UN- /TIL THEIR OWN TOKENS WERE DELIVERED FROM THE /MANUFACTURER. KLEINSCHMIDT LABORATORIES OF /DEERFIELD, ILL., KNOW NOTHING OF THIS TOKEN.)
- 2 B 23 Sd MARTINA PARKING
PARKING CHECK
SAFE PARK INC.
- 3 WM 17 BAR [SAME AS OBVERSE](THIS TOKEN WAS OBTAINED IN /THE CHICAGO AREA.)
WOOD AVENUE MERCHANTS
- 4 WM 17 W PARK FREE AT PUBLIX
PARK & SHOP
- 5 B 23 Sd PARKING VALIDATION TOKEN
CEDAR-LEE PARKING
- 6 A 27 Sd FREE 1 HOUR PARKING
PARKING METER COIN CITY OF SIOUX CITY
- 7 WM 21 Sd [SAME AS OBVERSE](CITY OFFICIALS AND CHAMBER /OF COMMERCE IN SIOUX CITY, IOWA, CAN PROVIDE /NO INFORMATION ON THIS TOKEN.)

NEW ISSUES SERVICE NEWS

BY JOHN G. NICOLosi

DECEMBER WILL BE A LEAN NEW ISSUES MONTH. BUT WE DO HAVE ONE TOKEN, A SCHOOL TOKEN FROM MANITOWOC, WISC 420 C. YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE IT UNTIL EARLY IN JANUARY; WANT TO AVOID THE CHRISTMAS RUSH WHEN LETTERS MIGHT GET LOST. WE'LL ALSO SEND ALONG AT THAT TIME ANY OTHERS WE MIGHT HAVE FOR YOU. MEANWHILE, STAY HAPPY. LOTS OF CHRISTMAS CHEER TO ALL, ALONG WITH A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR (THIS ALSO INCLUDES NON-NEW ISSUES MEMBERS).

THIS MONTH A \$16,500,000 EAST BAY TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BEGAN TO ROLL WHEN THE ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT BEGINS OPERATING A PUBLICLY-OWNED TRANSIT SYSTEM. THE FORMER KEY SYSTEM CEASES TO EXIST AS A COMPANY; IT FORMERLY OPERATED SERVICE IN THE EAST BAY AND ACROSS THE BAY BRIDGE TO SAN FRANCISCO. 250 LUXURIOUS "TRANSIT LINERS" HAVE BEEN ORDERED AT A COST OF \$7,700,000 ARE ARE SLATED TO START ROLLING THIS MONTH. FORMER KEY BUSES ARE BEING "MODERNIZED" INSIDE AND OUT, WITH A COLOR SCHEME WHICH SENDS THE LONG-FAMILIAR YELLOW & GREEN OF KEY SYSTEM INTO OBLIVION.

UNIDENTIFIED FOREIGN TOKENS

BY KENNETH SMITH

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF TOKEN COMPANIES ABOUT WHICH I NEED INFORMATION AS TO THE USAGE OF THE TOKEN, WHETHER IT WAS FOR TRANSPORTATION, AND ABOUT THE COMPANY. THIS IS TO HELP BRING THE FOREIGN CHECK LIST UP TO DATE. WRITE ME AT 328 AVENUE F, REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

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| Bonan 50 ore | Rederi A.B. Stockholm-Wermdo |
| Bussoz (Paris) | The Soho Regatta |
| C V L 20 ore | Soho Lake 3d |
| C'est du Cuivre (boat) | Stromdalen |
| A. Cattermole Pass | Sthlm-bromma-flysta |
| Islas de Chincha (steamboat) | S.T.V. 6 |
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| Foye de la Marne | Association |
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| J. Hirigoyen Honduras Salado | W.N.S. 1d- |
| K.F.L. Varn (Stockholm?) | Toppon 25 ore |
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| Lindholmen | Villian Angslupsbolaget |
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| Orange Porters Gang | D P C car check |
| Old passage ferry | McMahon car shed Queens Road |
| Prince of Wales 1d- | R.E. & Co. 3d Fairfield Glasgow |
| Pofbar (Paris) | K.M.E. Brucken Marke |
| For the perryian system | Walter King & Co. Toll |
| Riposto Sicilia | Bridge 1 |
| R.S.H.Y. (anchor) | Scotswood Bridge toll token |
| R.R. 2v. | C of L Trams |

LAKWOOD MEETING

THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION TOKEN COLLECTORS MET FOR THE 21ST TIME AT LAKEWOOD, CALIF., WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: BURNS, VON BOLTENSTERN, MILLER, ROSS, SNYDER, K. SMITH, ATWOOD, ROSELINSKY, AND CUTLER. MRS. ROSS WAS THE ONLY VISITOR. THE DISPLAY OF TOKENS FOR THE COMING HOBBY SHOW WAS TAKEN UP, AND MR. VON BOLTENSTERN WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF

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THE PHOTO FAIR DIVISION, CALIFORNIA HOBBY SHOW OF 1961, WILL SEE THAT THE DISPLAY TABLE WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF. TOKENS FOR THE DISPLAY WILL BE PRESENTED BY MR. K. SMITH AND ROLAND C. ATWOOD. FRAMES FOR THE PARTICULAR DISPLAYS ARE STILL TO BE MADE. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1961 TOOK PLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS: PRESIDENT, KENNETH SMITH. VICE-PRESIDENT, FRANK ROSELINSKY. SECRETARY-TREASURER, EDWARD M. CUTLER. AND ROLAND C. ATWOOD WAS SELECTED AS ACTING CURATOR. DONATIONS FOR 1961 WERE ACCEPTED FROM THOSE PRESENT, AND FOR THOSE NOT PRESENT WHO ARE MEMBERS OF ACTTC, PLEASE SEND IN YOUR \$1 TO YOUR SECRETARY, EDWARD M. CUTLER - 11603 RUTHELEN AVE. - LOS ANGELES 47, CALIF...AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND YOUR 1961 MEMBERSHIP CARD WILL BE MAILED TO YOU. AN EXCHANGE AND SALE OF TOKENS TOOK PLACE FOR THE BALANCE OF THE EVENING AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4 P.M.

-- EDWARD M. CUTLER.

THE KICKAPOO TRANSIT COMPANY

THERE ARE ONLY 3 KNOWN SPECIMENS OF THE LITTLE ALUMINUM TOKEN ISSUED BY THIS COMPANY (AND ONE OF THESE IS DAMAGED). THE KICKAPOO TRANSIT COMPANY HAS RATHER A UNIQUE HISTORY OF ITS OWN. THE WHOLE DRAMA OF STREETCAR DEVELOPMENT IN SPRINGFIELD, NO., IS VERY COMPLICATED; THERE WERE DOZENS OF DIFFERENT COMPANIES, AND I SUSPECT THAT MORE TOKENS WILL BE DISCOVERED FROM THERE ISSUED BY VARIOUS OF THE OLD COMPANIES. THE "SPRINGFIELD ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY" WHICH ISSUED THE UNIQUE No 860 A WAS NOT AN ELECTRIC LINE AT ALL, BUT A HORSECAR LINE WITH HOPES OF BECOMING ELECTRIFIED--HOPES THAT NEVER MATERIALIZED.

ON JUNE 16, 1890, THE NEWLY-ORGANIZED METROPOLITAN ELECTRIC RAILWAY ACQUIRED RIGHTS TO ALL STREET RAILWAY BUSINESS IN SPRINGFIELD EXCEPT FOR A SMALL LINE OPERATING FROM THE PUBLIC SQUARE OUT TO THE POOR FARM LOCATED IN "KICKAPOO PRAIRIE." THIS LITTLE KICKAPOO TRANSIT CO. WAS THE SOLE COMPETITION TO THE BIG METROPOLITAN FOR OVER A DECADE. KICKAPOO TRANSIT USED TWO MULE CARS FROM ITS BEGINNING IN 1890 UNTIL 1903, WHEN ELECTRICITY WAS SUBSTITUTED. THE FARE WAS 5¢, AND THE FIRM MADE LITTLE REVENUE. HOWEVER, THE CONDUCTOR MADE EXTRA MONEY BY RUNNING ERRANDS FOR PEOPLE WHO LIVED ALONG THE LINE.

ALTHOUGH THE PROMOTERS OF THE LITTLE KICKAPOO TRANSIT CO. PIOUSLY ASSERTED, IN APPLYING FOR A FRANCHISE, THAT THEY WERE ONLY INTERESTED IN PROVIDING STREETCAR SERVICE TO THE POOR FARM, THEIR REAL REASON WAS REAL ESTATE SPECULATION. THEY PURCHASED 40 ACRES FROM THE POOR FARM, PLOTTED IT INTO LOTS, AND OFFERED IT FOR SALE AN "AN AREA CONNECTED WITH THE CENTER OF SPRINGFIELD BY STREETCAR SERVICE." THE LITTLE LINE WAS BOUGHT OUT IN 1905 BY SPRINGFIELD TRACTION CO., AND THUS ENDED A FASCINATING CHAPTER IN SPRINGFIELD'S TRACTION HISTORY.

ILLINOIS

DANVILLE 190 (REPORTED BY ROLAND C. ATWOOD)
 CITIZENS STREET RAILWAY CO DANVILLE ILLS.
 G o Cc 22 Sd C.S.R.'Y CO. ONE FARE \$3.50

NEW HAMPSHIRE

ANDOVER 30 (REPORTED BY J.M. COFFEE, JR.)
 NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE LRY
 /MID-WINTER CONFERENCE DEC. 27-30 1960
 /ANDOVER, N.H.
 A B 38 Sd GOOD FOR RETURN PASSAGE ON CHARTERED
 /BUS ANDOVER, N.H. TO BOSTON, MASS. .50

PENNSYLVANIA

FREELAND 400 (REPORTED BY JOHN H. KITCH)
 POLTOK BUS FREELAND PA.
 E o B 21 Sd [BLANK] .50

WISCONSIN

MANITOWOC 420 (REPORTED BY EDWARD M. CUTLER)
 SAFE WAY MOTOR MANITOWOC, WIS.
 C B 20 S GOOD FOR ONE SCHOOL FARE .15

NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG

THIS MONTH WE HAVE TWO NEW ISSUES TO REPORT. THERE IS AN ARTICLE ELSEWHERE ABOUT THE ANDOVER, N.H., TOKEN. THE NEW SCHOOL TOKEN FROM MANITOWOC WAS PLACED IN USE FEBRUARY 3, 1960. IT SEEMS A LADY FROM MANITOWOC, A MRS. WATSON, PLACED AN AD IN SOME NUMISMATIC PAPER ADVERTISING TOKENS FOR SALE. MR. CUTLER ANSWERED THE AD AND DISCOVERED IT WAS SOMETHING WE HAD NOT LISTED. SINCE THEN OTHERS HAVE PROBABLY WRITTEN TO THIS SAME PERSON AND OBTAINED THE TOKEN, AND OTHERS HAVE REPORTED IT TO ME AND ALSO TO JOHN NICOLOSI. HOWEVER, MR. NICOLOSI WAS ABLE TO GET A SUPPLY OF THEM FOR THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE AND WILL SEND THEM OUT SHORTLY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

MR. ATWOOD HAS COME UP WITH A VERY NICE OLD ONE. I FIGURE THAT THIS TOKEN WAS PROBABLY USED ABOUT 1890 ON A HORSE CAR LINE.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHEN OR HOW THE POLTOK BUS TOKEN FROM FREELAND, PA., WAS USED. SINCE WE HAVE NO INFORMATION, WE ARE TENTATIVELY LISTING IT AT 50¢, BUT IF ONLY A FEW MORE TURN UP, IT WILL BE PUT IN THE \$3.50 CLASS.

IN THE OCTOBER ISSUE WE REPORTED A TOKEN FOR THE CORNWALL

BRIDGE. IT WAS LISTED AT 35¢. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD CARRY A PRICE OF 50¢. THE TOLL ON THIS BRIDGE IS \$1.00 AND TOKENS WERE FIRST PLACED ON SALE JUNE 28, 1960. AS SILVER DOLLARS ARE NOT TOO COMMON, THEY HAVE A COLLECTION DEVICE IN WHICH YOU PLACE EITHER TWO 50¢ PIECES OR TWO TOKENS. IF YOU PRESENT A DOLLAR BILL YOU WILL BE GIVEN TWO 50¢ PIECES TO DEPOSIT. TOKENS ARE SOLD ONLY IN ROLLS OF TWENTY FOR \$7.00, AND THE BRIDGE ATTENDANT IS NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE ANY ODD TOKENS IN HIS POSSESSION. SO THE TOKEN IS GOOD FOR HALF OF A FARE, AND TWO ARE NECESSARY TO PAY THE TOLL. THOSE WHO DO NOT COLLECT CANADIAN TOKENS SHOULD STILL SAVE THIS ONE, BECAUSE IT COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED A U.S. TOKEN FROM MASSENA, N.Y.

GERALD JOHNSON REPORTS AN ITEM AS FOLLOWS:

K 30 Sd CHICAGO ELEVATED RAILROADS LAMP CHECK
[BLANK]

I HAVE NO IDEA OF WHAT THIS IS, OR WHAT IT WAS USED FOR. IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOMETHING TO TURN ON THE LIGHTS ON THE ELEVATED, BUT I DOUBT IF IT WAS USED FOR TRANSPORTATION. IF ANYONE KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT IT, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

THE ANDOVER, N.H., TOKEN
BY J.M. COFFEE

THE NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL COMMITTEE IS THE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ORGANIZATION FOR NEW ENGLAND OF THE UNITARIAN CHURCH. THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION IS CALLED "LIBERAL RELIGIOUS YOUTH," HENCE THE INITIALS "LRY" ON THE TOKEN. EACH YEAR THEY HOLD A CONFERENCE IN DECEMBER FOR 150 TO 200 HIGH SCHOOL KIDS, AND THE ONES FROM BOSTON CHARTER A BUS OR TWO TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO THE CONFERENCE AND TO RETURN. THOSE TAKING THE CHARTERED BUS PAY THE ROUND TRIP FARE IN ADVANCE, AND ARE THEN GIVEN A TICKET FOR THE TRIP BACK.

THIS YEAR I SUGGESTED THAT THEY USE A TOKEN INSTEAD OF A TICKET, AND THEY LIKED THE IDEA. HENCE THE NEW ISSUE REPORTED FROM ANDOVER, N.H. THE ROUND TRIP FARE IS \$5.50, SO THE TOKEN WILL ACTUALLY BE WORTH \$2.75 FACE VALUE. HOWEVER, AS IT IS A ONE-SHOT DEAL, AFTER THE TRIP IS OVER, IT LOSES ITS FACE VALUE. SO WE'VE LISTED IT AT 50¢. MEMBERS OF THE NEW ISSUES SERVICE WILL RECEIVE THE TOKEN, AS I SECURED 100 OF THEM FOR MR. NICOLOSI. A TOTAL OF 250 WERE COINED. THE TOKEN WILL BE USED ON DECEMBER 30, 1960. THAT IS THE DATE THE RETURN TRIP ON THE CHARTERED BUS WILL BE MADE.

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