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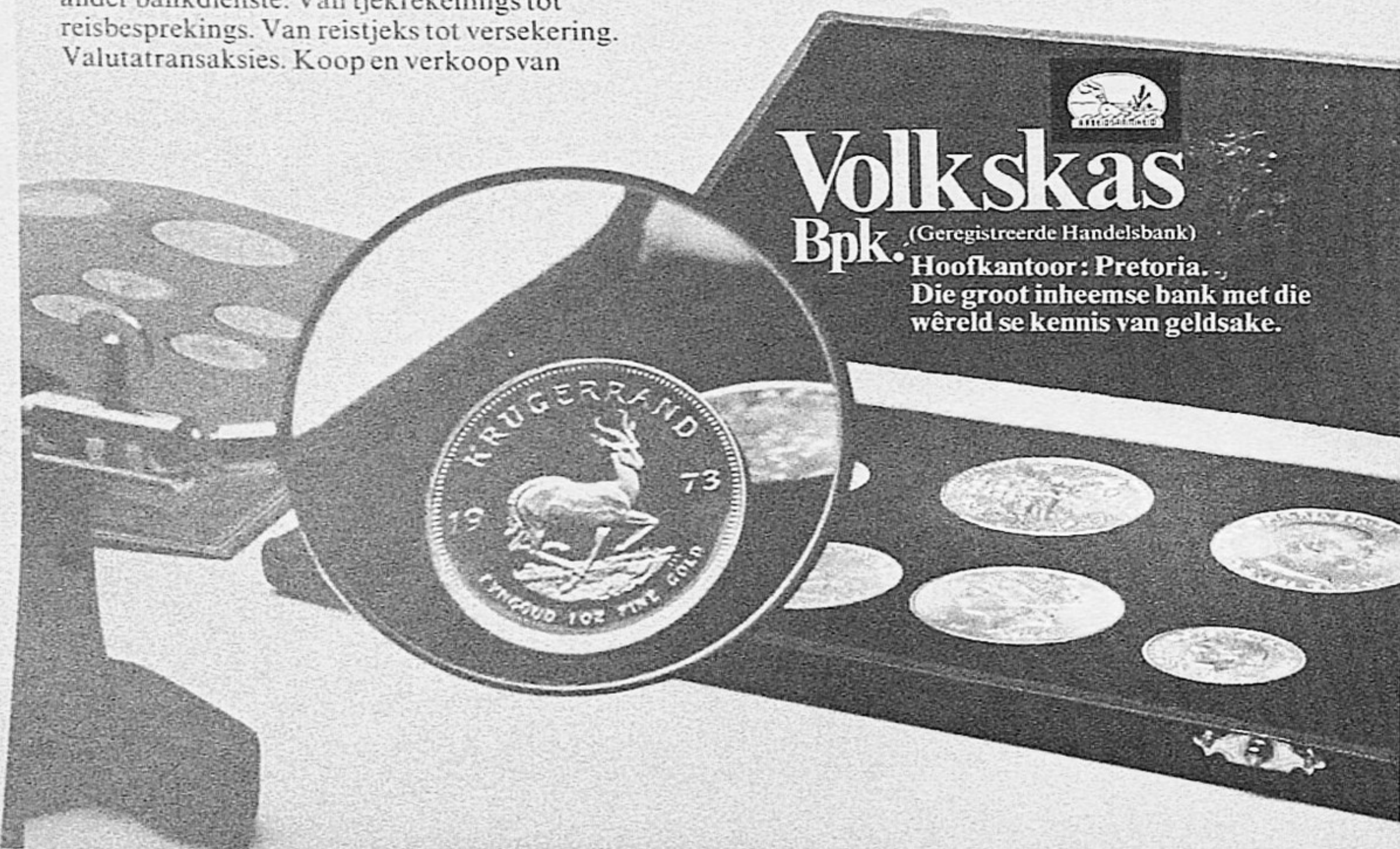
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Een rede is Volkskas se volledige Numismatiese Diens. U plaaslike Volkskas-tak kan u met raad en daad bystaan oor alle numismatiese sake – koop en verkoop van munte uit alle wêrelddele, pryslyste, katalogusse (soos ons GOUE MUNTE, die omvattendste handleiding oor goue munte op die mark), ens.

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The 'Oubaas' who sold money

Collecting Africana with Denis Godfrey

Many Africana dealers began as collectors in their particular field.

I can think of old Frank Thorold and others who set up business after being collectors for many years. And today, too, there are a number of important dealers who first pursued what was merely their hobby.

In the area of coin collecting, which has its strong Africana associations in the coin series produced in this country, the most striking instance of a collector becoming a highly successful dealer was that of Arthur Bickel, who died recently in Johannesburg after a long illness. He was 79.

His name today is synonymous with coin collecting in South Africa, for he established the well-known firm which bears his name Bickels Coins and Medals (Pty) Limited, in 1960 when he retired from active participation in Monks and Fatlis Industries, of which he remained a director all his life.

He decided to turn his hobby of coin collecting into a small business in order to keep busy and to have something interesting to occupy himself.

Friends, relatives and business associates were sceptical. No one believed he could turn the buying and selling of coins into a successful business in South Africa.

The shop at 151 Jeppe Street opened for business in October 1960 and thus, almost certainly, began what was the first street level coin shop on the African Continent.

His son, Dr Richard Bickel, tells me that when the first display of coins and medals went on show in the window facing

Jeppe Street, it was not an uncommon sight to see people hurrying along the pavement come to an abrupt halt to examine the fascinating objects displayed.

Africans would come into the small shop and ask what the "Oubaas" was selling.

When he told them he sold coins, most of them laughed loudly and shook their heads, saying, "Hau! How can the Oubaas sell money?"

The start, it seems, was difficult. In the first three months the plate glass window was smashed four times and all the coins within reach were stolen.

Richard tells me his father, energetic and cheerful always, had other problems, too. Pricing of coins was one. There were no firm guidelines on which to operate and over-the-counter bargaining was the only way buying or selling prices could be established.

He had an old cabinet in his shop crammed with 100 or more SA proof

sets, 1947-50, and tried to persuade people to buy them as gifts, but they resisted the "exorbitant price" of five guineas, as the face value of the coins was only 12s 6d. Today the sets sell readily for hundreds of rands.

In 1968 Vofskas bought an interest in Bickels, and today more than 200 branches and agencies are actively educating and stimulating the public to collect and invest in coins and medals.

So the small hobby shop which was designed to keep Mr Arthur Bickel busy in his retirement, grew into a thriving business and became known throughout Southern Africa as the country's largest and most important numismatic firm.

And Oubaas Bickel often admitted he had never worked harder than when he was building up his coin business. However, he loved and enjoyed every minute of it and psychologists say that what one loves doing is not work . . .

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VAN RAPPORT - SONDAG 18 MEI 1975

Allen Jaffe Noodlottig Beseer

Mnr. Allen Jaffe, 32 bekende muntversamelaar van Kaapstad en veral bekend om sy ywerige deelname aan kragbootwedrenne, sou onder die voorlopers in gister se kragbootwedren in Tafelbaai gewees het. Maar Donderday het sy geliefde sport sy lewe geëis.

Mnr. Jaffe en sy vriend, mnr. Brian Friedman, 27, het Donderdaymiddag sy boot, Kango III, in Tafelbaai getoets. 'n Kabel wat as anker tussen 'n bagger boot en die kaai gespan is, het mnr. Jaffe se keel afgeruk.

Mnr. Jaffe is op slag dood. Mnr. Friedman is in 'n bedenklike toestand in die Groote Schuur-Hospitaal. Prof. Chris Barnard, 'n huis-vriend van die Friedmans, behandel hom.

Ná die ongeluk moes 'n haweboot mnr. Jaffe se tollende boot tot stilstand bring. Die wedren waaraan mnr. Jaffe sou deelneem, het gister soos beplan voortgegaan.

Mnr. Jaffe laat sy vrou en drie kinders agter. Teen druktyd was die toestand van mnr. Friedman onveranderd. Hy het ernstige breinskade. Maar prof. Barnard sê dat sy hoop op herstel "baie goed" is.



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Our Enthusiastic Readers Amazed Us

Dear Sir

I have been a reader and subscriber to your Bulletin since its inception in July 1965, and I have all issues to date. I have enjoyed every issue, and always found something new to learn and interest me, and do regret the Bulletin having become a quarterly.

With kind regards
Your sincerely
(Mrs) P. Horwitz
(Sea Point)

Geate heer,

Dit was vir my as ou intekenaar op u blad interessant om te lees dat die tiende vergaarsdag van die blad in Julie e.k. herdenk sal word. Ek kon dit kwalik glo tot ek die eerste uitgawe Vol. 1 no. 1 van Julie 1965 nageslaan het.

Ek het inderdaad al 68 die uitgawes vanaf Vol. 1 no. 1 tot Vol. 10 no. 3 van Maart 1975-laasgemelde so pas ontvang; ek let op u maak melding van 67 uitgawes. Moontlik het die verwarring gekom met die nommering van die verskillende uitgawes. U het bes moontlik seker ook al self ontdek dat die nommers somtyds bra verwarrend is.

As hierdie foute nou op munte voorgekom het, was my versameling so- maar baie meer werd!

Die uwe
S.W. Pienaar
(Rustenburg)

Dear Sir

Thank you for the March issue which reached me last week. Referring to your note, I have all copies of your Bulletin fortunately, and I find it very interesting to page through back numbers. I really value the set very much and must congratulate all contributors and staff and specially Mr Peter Brown on the high standard.

All the best for the next decade
Yours
Nic de Wet
(Zastron)

We were more than a little surprised, to find that so many of our readers, had all 68 magazines from the July 1965 to the March 1975 issue. It is encouraging to know that COIN AND MEDAL NEWS has been so carefully collected and kept, by so many numismatists in South Africa for almost 10 full years. Congratulations to you all!

At times the numbering of the issues went haywire and we apologise for that. We will try and avoid similar errors in the future.

When we started Coin and Medal News ten years ago, we doubted whether the magazine would continue for even a couple of years. Thanks to all our contributors of articles, our subscribers, our editor and everyone else associated with its publication, we now feel that this magazine has made a very worthwhile contribution to the growth of numismatics in South Africa.

Those subscribers who proved to us that they had all 68 issues, will receive on account there being 68 issues, a 1968 UNC set of S.A. together with a letter of congratulation.

Dear Richard

My heartiest congratulations on your tenth year of publication. I consider it a wonderful achievement for a private numismatic firm.

Also to let you know that I have all your published issues from the very first.

Regards
Dr. Robert Morris
Johannesburg

Meneer

MUNT EN MEDALJE NUUS — P. GREENBERG

Hiermee sertifiseer ek dat bogenoemde kliënt aan ons bewys gelewer het dat hy oor die volledige stel uitgawes van u tydskrif beskik.

Die kliënt het ook aan my meegedeel

dat hy die tydskrifte soos goud bewaar en leersaam vind.

Volgens sy mening behoort die vroegste uitgawes reeds aansienlike Afrikana waarde te besit.

Volkskas Beperk

Meneer

Ek besit al die uitgawes van MUNT — EN MEDALJENUUS wat sedert Julie 1965 verskyn het. In die jongste uitgawe, Maart 1975, Vol. 10 nr. 3, meld u dat daar 67 uitgawes verskyn het; ek het my uitgawes getel en 68 gekry — nie 67 nie.

Indien nodig, sal ek u van die datum en nommer van elke uitgawe voorsien.

Die uwe
C.J. Pienaar
(Boksburg)

Dear Sir

I wish to advise you that I have all your bulletins from the first to the one in which you state that you are celebrating the 10 years — let me know how you wish me to prove my statement. I have no objections to the publication of my name.

Yours faithfully
P.R. Muller
(Pietermaritzburg)

Dear Sir

I have been a subscriber to your magazine for a number of years and wish to congratulate you on the fact that the magazine is almost 10 years old. I have always found the magazine exceedingly interesting and hope that one day it will be published monthly instead of quarterly.

I have in my possession sixty seven issues of the magazine. Kindly advise me whether I have all the issues of your magazine.

Yours faithfully
J.A. Gross
(Brakpan)

Dear Sir

I have all the Coin and Medal News issues from No. 1 to date. I have lost my No. 1 copy and now have a photostat copy of it.

Yours faithfully
W.K. Cox
(King Williams Town)

Beste Bickels,

Met jou aankondiging in die jongste BICKELS MUNT- EN MEDALJE-NUUS waarin jy die tien-jarige bestaan van die tydskrif aankondig, daag jy my werklik uit. Ons het nie net alleen twee eksemplare van elke nommer van julle tydskrif in die Museum nie, maar ek het persoonlik ook 37 artikels geskryf drie briewe aan die redaksie en Mev Els wat onder my leiding navorsing in my afdeling gedoen het, het ook vier artikels in julle blad gepubliseer.

Is daar iemand anders wat vir julle meer artikels geskrywe het? Ek is nogal nuuskierig.

Ek sluit vir jou 'n lys in van my artikels net vir interessantheidshalwe.

Beste groete

MATTHY NEL
AFD. NUMISMATIEK.

ARTIKELS GESKRYF DEUR MATTHY ESTERHUYSEN GEPUBLISEER IN BICKELS MUNT- NE MEDALJENUUS

1. Sodiaktekens op Indiese-munte — Aug. 1966
2. Banknote van die Beleg van Mafeking — Aug. 1966
3. Die Ster-Pagoda — Sep. 1966
4. V.O.C. Ceylonmunte — Oct. 1966
5. Die ontstaan van die eerste banknote — Nov. 1966
6. Boesmantekengeld in die Museumversameling — Feb. 1967
7. Tekengeld van die De Beers Gekonsolideerde Myne — Maart 1967
8. Medaljes uitgereik tydens die Opening van die Eerste Unie Parlement, 1910 — Junie 1967
9. Die eerste Sjinese boot om die Kaap — Junie 1967
10. Munte van Griekwaland — Julie 1967
11. Die Victoria-Kruis — Aug. 1967
12. Casteel De Goede Hoop-dekorasie — Okt. 1967

13. Die Burgerskruis — Nov. 1967
14. Boerekrygsgevangene-medaljes — Des. 1967
15. Die Gelderland-medalje — Maart 1968
16. Nuwe Dekorاسies en Medaljes van die S.A. Polisie — Aug/Sept. 1968
17. Die Goue Kalf-medalje — Okt/Nov 1968
18. Die Boekdrukkuns Herdenk in 1572 en 1823 — Feb/Maart 1969

ONTVANG BICKELS NUMIS- MATIESE NAVORSINGS- TOEKENNING

19. Opening van Zalazar-Stadium in Lourenco Marques — April/Mei 1969
20. Die Brandweerstasie van Pretoria — Junie/Julie 1969
21. Goud waarmee die Burgersponde geslaan is — Okt/Nov. 1969
22. 'n Taler in Die Tyd van Mozart — Des. 69/Jan. 70
23. 'n Dubbelkop-medalje — April/Mei 1970
24. 'n Medalje toegeken vir seiljag — Julie 1970
25. Die gebruik van Begrafnispennings — Okt. 1970
26. De Man was nie 'n man nie — June/Julie 1971
27. Geldstukkie wat is jou verhaal — Junie/Julie 1971
28. Die Jong Roscius (1791-1874) — Okt/Nov. 1971
29. Bybelverwysings op Munte — Des. 71/Jan. 72
30. Sondagkalenders — April/Mei 1972
31. Vierensestig Jaar Regeerder — Junie/Julie 1972
32. Die Karwielpennie — Okt/Nov. 1972
33. Bleydensteinse Duit — Des. 72/Jan. 73
34. In 1924 aan die Museum geskenk (Frits Holm-Medalje) — Des. 72/Jan. 1973
35. Sendinggeld van Niassaland — Feb/Maart 1973
36. Vervalste Krugerponde — Junie/Julie 1973
37. Die funksie van weegskale — Okt/Nov. 1973

GESKRYF DEUR DEELTYDSE ASSISTENTE IN DIE MUSEUM — MEV. LORRAIN ELS

1. A Shekel from the Old Testament — Nov. 1966
2. Chinese Cash Money — March 1967
3. Flora and Fauna of Ancient Greece — June 1967
4. Oddities of the Orient — Sept. 1967

(This is indeed a most impressive list of contributions and we have been very proud to have published so much which has been of great value to collectors in South Africa. But tell us, why haven't we heard from you since October/November 1973? — Editor)

Sir

Congratulations, firstly on the tenth birthday of your magazine COIN AND MEDAL NEWS, and secondly on the excellence of the content and presentation of the periodical.

For the record, I still possess all 67 issues of the magazine, and look forward to the next ten years of its publication.

Regards
Graham Lauré
(Pinegowie)

Dear Sir

It was with interest that I read your note as to how many subscribers have all the volumes of Bickels Coin and Medal News since its inception. I am fortunate enough to be one of those people with a full set and would like to point out that you incorrectly stated that there are 67 copies, that is including the March edition, in the full set. According to my editions, there are 68.

Out of interest, I would like to let you know that I have had the first 8 volumes bound and makes a very impressive addition to my library.

Wishing you all the success in the future and looking forward to your next issue.

Yours faithfully
P. Babich
(Bryanston)

Dear Sir

May I congratulate you on celebrating your tenth birthday. I am fortunate to possess all the issues from No. 1, up to date. Having this complete reference is most rewarding. You may justly be proud of your efforts.

Wishing you continued success.

Yours faithfully
H.P. Mervis
(Bramley)

FORGERIES IN GOLD COINS — JOHN R. COULTAS

(Courtesy April Issue of "Coins & Medals")

THE HISTORY of counterfeit gold coins is as old as the coinage itself, in fact very few periods or types have escaped the counterfeiter's net. Not all forgeries were for the sole object of profit, but were produced to fulfil a real social and commercial need, where insufficient of the legal gold coins were minted to permit the orderly sale and purchase of merchandise. The exact circumstances in fact that prevailed in Britain in the 17th and 18th century which resulted in a flood of trade tokens.

Prior to the advent of coin collectors in sufficient numbers to ensure the counterfeiters of a premium over the legal face or bullion value, early counterfeiters concentrated on producing copies of less weight or debasing the actual metal. In more recent times, particularly from mid to late Victorian, the gilding of silver coins almost identical in design to a gold piece became very common practice. One of the best known examples of this was the 1887 Jubilee head six-pence (withdrawn type) which when gilded passed for a half sovereign.

FORGERY INCREASE

The last ten years have seen a considerable increase in the number of counterfeit gold coins on the market, not only in the rarer type but also for quite common dated specimens, for example 1913 and 1914 half sovereigns, of which I know of several hundred recently illegally brought into the country from the Middle East.

Without question the vast percentage of modern forgeries emanate from the Middle or Far East where it is not illegal to produce counterfeits of other countries' coins, or if it is, the authorities either turn a complete blind eye or are simply not the least bit interested in enforcing any local regulations. This factor, coupled to very low penalties if

convicted in countries where anti-counterfeiting laws do exist, gives considerable encouragement to the counterfeiter deliberately to take in the foreign visitor or tourist.

Fortunately the majority of these types of forgeries are of pretty poor workmanship and would fool no one but the very inexperienced. If you were to enquire after sovereigns in certain parts of the Middle East, say Beirut, you would no doubt be asked whether you were interested in 'British' sovereigns or 'others'. If you replied both, you would be shown two trays, one containing authentic sovereigns, the other counterfeits. The interesting point is that you would be asked to pay 20 per cent to 50 per cent more for the authentic sovereigns. It should be noted therefore that where there is an abundance of counterfeits they do not in any way reduce the value of authentic coins, in fact in most cases quite the reverse. A point of interest is that these dealers can spot even a good counterfeit considerably quicker than most of their British counterparts.

In the last few months I have been shown very good counterfeits of British, American, Austrian and Russian gold coins bought in Europe, the quality of which to the naked eye was good and, unless a person knows what to look for with at least a 10 x 1 magnifying glass, would certainly pass for the authentic article.

UNA AND THE LION

Of far more importance is the quantity of counterfeit rare British material that is being produced; perhaps we can expect this with values in the region of £6 000 to £8 000 for the 1839 'Una and the Lion'. Armed with new techniques and tempted by the vast profit that can be made over the net bullion value, today's counterfeiters are without question capable of

producing exceptionally high quality forgeries. So good in fact that it requires quite elaborate and expensive equipment to be able, with complete confidence to detect them.

The law concerning counterfeit coins is far too complex and lengthy to deal with comprehensively in this article. However, there are certain basic facts which all those who purchase coins should be acquainted with.

Legal tender coins (these include £5 and £2 pieces, sovereigns, half sovereigns and crowns) come under The Coinage Offence Act 1936, parts of which state:

'It is an offence to falsely make or counterfeit any coin resembling any legal tender coin. The fact that it is only a very poor copy, or only partially complete, or that no attempt to sell it or make a profit has been made it would still constitute an offence. The penalty is very severe, from a minimum of three years up to penal servitude for life in the case of gold and silver.

'What is not always fully appreciated is that it is also an offence to gild, silver, file, alter or impair a legal tender coin. Gilding a coin or boring a hole in it for jewellery purposes is technically an offence. Possession of any filings, clippings or dust i.e. drilling a gold coin which you have disposed of but have retained the gold drillings.

'Any person or firm who have in their possession three or more counterfeit coins resembling any gold or silver legal tender coins, knowing them to be false or counterfeit and knowingly attempts to sell one or all of them, even if acknowledging to the would-be purchaser that they are counterfeit, would be committing an offence. It is also an offence to offer to buy a counterfeit coin even at a lower value than the coin imports.'

COINAGE OFFENCE ACT

The 1936 Coinage Offence Act comes under criminal law and as such it would be the responsibility of the police to prosecute. It is not necessary for any witness for the prosecution to be an officer at Her Majesty's Royal Mint, but the police may call any fit person to give evidence that the coin in question is a counterfeit. From this

you may deduct that if you have in good faith purchased a counterfeit coin believing it to be genuine and the seller either refuses to refund your money in full, or states that in his opinion the coin is genuine, then if you are still not happy take the coin round to your local police station, they will then have the coin authenticated or declared a counterfeit, whichever the case may be. However, if it does turn out to be a counterfeit, the responsibility of proving that particular coin was the one you actually purchased from that particular individual is yours.

This now brings us to the very important point of how the purchaser can best protect his interest when buying rare and valuable coins. The first golden rule is always to obtain a proper full descriptive invoice, i.e. if purchasing, say, a 1911 proof £2 piece the invoice should not simply read 'to gold coin £' but to 'one 1911 Proof gold £2 piece £'

Secondly, if purchasing over the counter try to obtain at least a seven-day return privilege, this is particu-

larly important when purchasing from a source you have never purchased from before, or when the source is not a well-established and bona fide coin dealer.

Thirdly, beware of so called bargains. The normal purchase and sale margins of the better known gold coins are fairly tight, so if you are offered a superb specimen in excess of 10 per cent below the current selling price be extra cautious.

In the last ten years I have only come across one forgery as sold to a collector by an established coin dealer and he refunded in full without hesitation. By far the vast majority of forgeries change hands either privately, or are bought from sources which are obviously not experienced and established coin dealers, or do not have a coin department or a very knowledgeable coin expert on their staff.

Finally, on this point of where you purchase expensive gold, or for that matter silver and copper coins, an established dealer has a great deal to lose by knowingly selling you a

counterfeit coin as genuine, not only would he, if proved, be guilty of a criminal offence, the resulting bad publicity could have the result of closing down his business.

We now come to the subject of collectors being able to detect with confidence counterfeit coins for themselves, and here we come on to extremely dangerous ground. Counterfeit coins are not unlike motor cars in that each year produces a spate of new models, some completely new and some with just a face lift. Obviously recent counterfeits have different characteristics to their predecessors, and to describe the characteristics of one particular type of counterfeit could give the purchaser false confidence when deciding to purchase that type which does not show the actual faults described.

In conclusion, I can only repeat that when purchasing expensive collector coins, to purchase only from a reliable source, or at least to obtain the professional opinion of a known, well-established and experienced dealer.

BUYERS' GUIDE TO BRITISH GOLD COINS SINCE 1817

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N.B. Forgeries exist of pieces marked (F)

FIVE POUNDS

GEORGE III	F	VF	EF	FDC
1820 (pattern) (F) ...	*	*	*	£15000

GEORGE IV				
1826 (proof)	*	*	*	£ 5000

VICTORIA				
1839 (proof) with 'Una and the Lion' reverse (F)	*	*	*	£ 6000
1887 JH (F)	£175	£300	£400	£ 450
1893 OH (F)	£240	£300	£425	£ 475

EDWARD VII				
1902 (F)	£200	£300	£400	£ 450

GEORGE V				
1911 (F) (proof)	*	*	*	£ 800

GEORGE VI				
1937 (proof)	*	*	*	£ 700

TWO POUNDS

GEORGE III				
1820 (pattern)	*	*	*	£ 4000

GEORGE VI				
1823 St George on reverse (F)	£ 150	£ 250	£ 350	£ 500
1826 (proof) shield reverse	*	*	£950	*

WILLIAM IV				
1831 (proof)	*	*	£1500	*

VICTORIA				
1887 JH (F)	£ 70	£ 85	£175	£ 225
1893 OH (F)	£ 70	£ 85	£190	£ 250

EDWARD VII				
1902 (F)	£ 70	£ 85	£125	£ 140

GEORGE V				
1911 (F) (proof) ...	*	*	*	£ 260

GEORGE VI				
1937 (proof)	*	*	*	£ 235

SOVEREIGNS

GEORGE III				
1817 (F)	£ 50	£100	£200	£ 300
1818	£ 60	£125	£250	£ 350
1819	£700	£1200	*	*
1820	£ 50	£100	£200	£ 300

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ARTHUR BICKEL 1896-1975

We regret to announce the death, after a lengthy illness, of "Oom Attie" as he was known to many of our readers. He was 79 years of age. Arthur Bickel was born on NOVEMBER 17th 1896 in PALE-RMO, ITALY. His father was of Swiss extraction and his mother German. He came to South Africa with his parents in 1902 and married CORNELIA MARIA YSSEL of Ventersdorp, W. TVL. in 1922. The couple celebrated their Golden Anniversary in 1972.

He joined the firm of L. Fatti and Company Limited in 1921; became the manager in 1923, and continued his association with Monis and Fattis Industries Limited for the rest of his life. At the time of his death he was still a director of this company.

In 1960 after he had retired from active participation in the group affairs, he decided to turn his hobby of coin collecting into a small business. The thought behind this idea was that he just wanted to keep busy and have something interesting to do.

Friends, relatives and business associates were most sceptical. No one seemed to believe that you could turn the buying and selling of coins into a successful business.

The doors of the shop at 151 Jeppe Street, were opened for business in October, 1960. Almost certainly, this was the first street level city coin shop on the African Continent.

When the first display of coins and medals went into the show window facing Jeppe Street, it was not an uncommon sight to see people hurrying along the pavement and coming to an abrupt halt to puzzle out what odd articles this shop was selling. Bantu would come into the small space in front of the counter and ask what the "oubaas" was selling. When he told them "coins", they just shook their heads saying "HAU!" "How the oubaas can sell the money!"

The start was difficult. During the first three months of business the plate glass window was smashed on four occasions and all coins within reach stolen.

The pricing of coins was a real problem. There were no firm guidelines



on which to work and "over-the-counter" bargaining was the only way in which a buying or selling price for a coin could be established. Mr Bickel often recalled that in those days people just had no faith in coins as an investment. He told of an old cabinet in his shop, crammed full with perhaps 100 or more of S.A. Short Proof Sets 1947 to 1950. He tried to encourage people to buy these sets as gifts for birthdays or wedding anniversaries, but they resisted the "exorbitant prices" of five guineas pointing out the total value of the coins in the sets added up to about twelve shillings and six pence. Today these sets cost hundreds of rands per set.

In 1968 VOLKSKAS LIMITED bought an interest in Bickels Coins and Medals (Pty) Limited. Today, more than 200 branches of the bank have display cases exhibiting coins. The network of 500 branches and agencies are actively educating and stimulating the public to collect and to invest in numismatic material.

So the small hobby shop which was designed to just keep Mr Bickel Snr. busy with something to do, grew into a thriving business and became known throughout Southern Africa as the country's largest and best known Numismatic firm. He often admitted that in all his working years he never worked harder than when he was in the coin business, but he loved and enjoyed every minute of it. Not in his wildest dreams would he have believed that his small hobby shop would expand and grow the way it did.

To many of our readers it may come as a surprise that coins were not in fact, the first love of Arthur Bickel. Much as he was fascinated by them, they took second place in his interest in his church. He served on the German Lutheran Church Council for 47 years and during 28 of these years was Chairman of the Council. He was instrumental in establishing a fine old aged home for members of the German Lutheran Church and over the years was associated with all the major planning and development programmes of his church.

It was a source of great satisfaction to him to have been spared for so many years, to have been able to make a considerable contribution to the phenomenal growth of numismatics in South Africa. He felt that a solid foundation had been laid for the continued expansion of interest in numismatics by ever increasing numbers of new numismatists in this country.

The closing of an exciting chapter which started fifteen years ago when Arthur Bickel opened the doors of his shop at 151 Jeppe Street, will, we hope, motivate our readers to contribute their share in ensuring the continued growth of our "hobby" in South Africa.

His vitality, his enthusiasm and his cheerful disposition will be remembered by all who knew him.

BRIEWE:—

Liewe Gerda en Rick

Dit is 'n behoefte van die hart om ons meegevoel en innige betuiging aan julle oor te dra met die heengaan van julle pa en ons vriend. Daar is eensklaps 'n leemte in ons lewens wat daar nie voorheen bestaan het nie.

In my geestesoog sien ek 'n opge-ruimde en blymoedige Christen wat sy pragtige innerlike na buite laat straal het. Die ondeunde gesig wat in lagrimpels uitbars wanneer hy jou sien, die roos in die knoopsgat, die hartlikheid van sy grappie wat hy met jou wil deel, 'n ongebonde wese wat hom nie

THE MAN — ARTHUR BICKEL

It's very much quieter at 151 Jeppe Street now. The telephone still rings and people still burst their way through the front door, but the shop's a little different now. The furniture's the same : And the counters are where they've always been. The airconditioner hums quietly and the aroma of the last tea pot and coffee cup hangs poignantly in the air.

You see Arthur Bickel's not there any more. He died last month. Family man — staunch family man — churchman, firm South African and patriot, wise and kindly businessman he was more than this. Small in stature, perhaps not more than five feet seven inches, he was always larger than life.

No busy day was too busy for him. Answering the phone, serving customers, listening to the conversations of assistants serving customers, scribbling letters and a myriad notes which he always kept in suit pockets, he would pack his briefcase with coins at the end of the day for a quick sales visit to a potential customer on the way home.

Who will forget him firmly wedged behind his desk, bright rose in his lapel, wielding his ballpoint pen like a pickaxe across a sheet of paper. The phone rings and he would pick it up gruffly grunting "hello" and then silence. He would wait for the caller to state his business. And then a smile readjust his glasses and no

matter the nature of the conversation — whether it was church affairs, coin business or family matter — his eyes would sparkle and his voice would burst with enthusiasm.

That's what I'll always remember about him. His enthusiasm for life and everything that went with it.

Ever see him talking to a school boy about coins? You would have thought the boy had a million rand to spend the way Mr Bickel would talk and the time he would spend with the boy.

His funeral was very solemn. They spoke about his determination and his steadfastness in all he tackled. These are the qualities which made a man unique : Make him stand out above his fellow men. But Arthur Bickel was not a solemn man. His conversation bristled with humour. He enjoyed a down-to-earth verbal conflict. He could hold his own with anyone and when it was over, he would smile slightly apologetically, and carry on as though nothing had happened.

Like the time a gypsy visited the shop. Badly dressed, ill-kept and seldom washed, she was the most unlikely customer to have ever graced the shop. Mr Bickel viewed her potential custom with great suspicion, until she produced a wad of green banknotes. Hastily she was invited to sit at his desk and the wares were displayed enticingly before her.

She left, her handbag filled with gold coins and the shop till overflowing with green notes. It was sometime after she left that the elation finally evaporated and he returned to the task of examining a valuable collection of medals only to find his uncouth customer of some minutes previously had helped herself to the prize of the medal collection while his eyes were averted. He never said very much about that only mumbled something about "never to old to learn."

He was always known as a coin collector, but he rarely collected coins. Ask him why and he would jokingly say : "What you want to collect coins for when you can sell them."

But the real reason was typical of the man's generosity and feelings for mankind. He never collected coins because he felt that he would be tempted to keep the best which crossed his desk for himself, thus depriving the good customers of something they really wanted.

He was never too proud to admit not knowing something. Often he would be confronted with something he did not know, and his answer was always straight and uncomplicated : "Hold on while I ask my son . . ." or "Come back tomorrow and I'll find out from another dealer."

He died like he lived. He never gave up anything without a fight. Whether it was the taxman, a difficult customer of a much-sought after coin. Arthur Bickel was always tenacious. And so his last fight was his greatest. His goal was to attend his son's wedding in February and like everything he set his heart on, he achieved this, too.

His monuments are many! And his memories are in the hearts of everyone who knew him.

—P.B.B.

THOSE WHO KNEW HIM

aan die regimentasie en daaglikse sloeregang van die lewe gesteur het nie — in kort, 'n karakter. Ek onthou die ontmoetings met hom en die sprankelende geselstoon, sy entoesiasme by die konvensies maar bowe al die onuitwisbare indruk op my persoonlike lewe.

Susan het die juwelekassie wat by vir ons van Suid-Amerika saamgebring het met pragtige blommetjies versier en op die toonbank in die sitkamer uitgestal. Die leemte is daar en ek weet hoe julle dit moet voel, en die familie.

Liefdegroete
Susan en Willie van As

Dear Rick

I have been saddened to hear the distressing news of Oom Attie's death, and of your loss of your mother only a short time previously. Betty and I want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and with them, at this time.

I first met your dad very shortly after he started his little shop, in the days when his coin business was little more than a hobby, a retirement occupation, after his busy life with Monis. I liked him from the start, a kindly, honest and modest man of great humanity.

We shall miss him. More important, we shall remember him with affection all our lives, until our own time comes to cross the Great Divide.

Yours faithfully
Frank Mitchell

GEORGE IV

Type laureate head/St George

1821	£ 55	£110	£220	£ 300
1822	£ 60	£130	£250	£ 300
1823	£150	£375	*	*
1824	£ 50	£100	*	*
1825	£150	£300	*	*

Type bare head/shield

1825 (F)	£ 55	£110	£220	£ 300
1826	£ 50	£100	£200	£ 250
1827 (F)	£ 60	£120	£250	£ 300
1828	£400	£750	£2000	*
1829	£ 60	£120	£250	£ 300
1830	£ 60	£120	£250	£ 300

WILLIAM IV

1831	£ 70	£120	£300	*
1832	£ 60	£100	£250	*
1833	£ 65	£100	£275	*
1835	£ 75	£175	£350	*
1836	£ 75	£170	£350	*
1837	£ 70	£160	£350	*

VICTORIA

Type I. YH obv, shield rev

1838	£ 30	£ 50	£140	£ 200
1839	£120	£200	£350	£ 450
1841	£300	£500	£850	£*
1842	£ 24	£ 35	£ 70	£ 120
1843	£ 24	£ 30	£ 50	£ 90
1844	£ 24	£ 34	£ 60	£ 100
1845	£ 24	£ 35	£ 65	£ 110
1846	£ 24	£ 30	£ 55	£ 90
1847	£ 24	£ 30	£ 50	£ 90
1848	£ 28	£ 45	£ 80	£ 130
1849	£ 30	£ 55	£ 90	£ 140
1850	£ 24	£ 40	£ 70	£ 130
1851	£ 24	£ 30	£ 50	£ 90
1852	£ 24	£ 30	£ 50	£ 90
1853	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 80
1854	£ 24	£ 28	£ 60	£ 75
1855	£ 24	£ 30	£ 60	£ 80
1856	£ 24	£ 28	£ 60	£ 70
1857	£ 24	£ 28	£ 60	£ 70
1858	£ 35	£ 70	£120	£ 175
1859	£ 32	£ 50	£100	£ 130
1860	£ 24	£ 30	£ 55	£ 65
1861	£ 24	£ 30	£ 55	£ 65
1862	£ 24	£ 28	£ 55	£ 65
1863	£ 24	£ 28	£ 55	£ 65
1863 die number below wreath on reverse	£ 24	£ 28	£ 60	£ 75
1864 die no.	£ 24	£ 28	£ 60	£ 70
1865 die no.	£ 24	£ 28	£ 60	£ 75
1866 die no.	£ 24	£ 28	£ 60	£ 80
1868 die no.	£ 24	£ 28	£ 60	£ 90
1869 die no.	£ 24	£ 28	£ 60	£ 80
1870 die no.	£ 24	£ 28	£ 70	£ 100
1871 die no.	£ 25	£ 28	£ 70	£ 100

1871 S (Sydney mint)

below wreath	£ 24	£ 28	£ 50	£ 65
1872	£ 24	£ 30	£ 60	£ 80
1872 die no.	£ 24	£ 30	£ 60	£ 80
1872 M (Melbourne mint)				
below wreath	£ 24	£ 32	£ 60	£ 90
1872 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 60	£ 80
1873 die no.	£ 24	£ 30	£ 60	£ 90
1873 S	£ 24	£ 28	£ 60	£ 80
1874 die no.	£150	£350	£700	£ 1000
1874 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 60	£ 75
1875 M	*	*	*	*
1875 S	£ 24	£ 28	£ 60	£ 80
1877 S	£ 24	£ 28	£ 60	£ 75
1878 S	£ 24	£ 28	£ 55	£ 70
1879 S	£ 24	£ 28	£ 55	£ 70
1880 M	£ 32	£ 50	£ 85	£ 120
1880 S	£ 24	£ 35	£ 60	£ 90
1881 M	£ 32	£ 40	£ 75	£ 90
1881 S	£ 24	£ 35	£ 60	£ 80
1882 M	£ 24	£ 35	£ 60	£ 90
1882 S	£ 24	£ 28	£ 55	£ 65
1883 M	£ 30	£ 35	£ 85	£ 400
1883 S	£ 24	£ 28	£ 50	£ 70
1884 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 60	£ 80
1884 S	£ 24	£ 28	£ 50	£ 75
1885 M	£ 24	£ 28	£ 50	£ 75
1885 S	£ 24	£ 28	£ 50	£ 75
1886 M	£100	£450	£600	£ 1000
1886 S	£ 24	£ 28	£ 50	£ 80
1887 M	£ 24	£ 32	£ 60	£ 90
1887 S	£ 24	£ 28	£ 50	£ 70

Type II. YH obv, St George and Dragon rev.

1871	£ 24	£ 26	£ 50	£ 80
1871 S below head	£ 24	£ 26	£ 40	£ 60
1872	£ 24	£ 26	£ 40	£ 60
1872 M below head	£ 24	£ 38	£ 75	£ 90
1872 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 65
1873	£ 24	£ 30	£ 50	£ 70
1873 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 45	£ 65
1873 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 45	£ 65
1874	£ 30	£ 60	£110	£ 140
1874 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 65
1874 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 65
1875 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 65
1875 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 65
1876	£ 24	£ 32	£ 50	£ 70
1876 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 38	£ 60
1876 S	£ 24	£ 32	£ 50	£ 65
1877 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 60
1878	£ 30	£ 35	£ 60	£ 85
1878 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 60
1879	£ 75	£150	£350	*
1879 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 60
1879 S	£ 30	£ 32	£ 50	£ 65
1880	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 70
1880 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 65
1880 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 65
1881 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 65
1881 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 35	£ 60

1882 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 65
1882 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 35	£ 60
1883 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 65
1883 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 35	£ 50
1884	£ 24	£ 30	£ 45	£ 75
1884 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 65
1884 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 38	£ 60
1885	£ 24	£ 30	£ 70	£ 100
1885 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 60
1885 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 60
1886 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 60
1886 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 60
1887 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 65
1887 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 40	£ 65

Jubilee head coinage

1887 (F)	£ 30	£ 35	£ 45	£ 65
1887 M on ground below dragon	£ 25	£ 30	£ 40	£ 60
1887 S on ground below dragon	£ 25	£ 30	£ 35	£ 60
1888	£ 24	£ 32	£ 40	£ 70
1888 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 35	£ 60
1888 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 35	£ 60
1889	£ 24	£ 30	£ 38	£ 65
1889 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 35	£ 60
1889 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 35	£ 60
1890	£ 24	£ 32	£ 40	£ 70
1890 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 35	£ 60
1890 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 35	£ 60
1891	£ 24	£ 32	£ 40	£ 70
1891 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 35	£ 60
1891 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 35	£ 60
1892	£ 24	£ 32	£ 40	£ 75
1982 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 35	£ 60
1982 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 35	£ 60
1893 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 35	£ 60
1983 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 35	£ 60

Old Head coinage

1893	£ 24	£ 30	£ 38	£ 45
1893 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 37	£ 42
1893 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 37	£ 42
1894	£ 24	£ 30	£ 37	£ 42
1894 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 40
1894 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 40
1895	£ 24	£ 30	£ 37	£ 42
1895 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 40
1895 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 40
1896	£ 24	£ 30	£ 37	£ 42
1896 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 40
1896 S	£ 25	£ 35	£ 40	£ 50
1897 M	£ 24	£ 32	£ 38	£ 45
1897 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 40
1898	£ 24	£ 30	£ 37	£ 42
1898 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 40
1898 S	£ 24	£ 32	£ 40	£ 50
1899	£ 24	£ 30	£ 37	£ 42
1899 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 40
1899 P (Perth mint) on ground below dragon	£ 25	£ 38	£ 45	£ 55

1899 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 40
1900	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 40
1900 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 40
1900 P	£ 24	£ 32	£ 37	£ 42
1900 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 40
1901	£ 24	£ 30	£ 38	£ 45
1901 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55
1901 P	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55
1901 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55

EDWARD VII

1902	£ 24	£ 30	£ 37	£ 42
1902 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55
1902 P	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55
1902 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55
1903	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55
1903 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55
1903 P	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55
1903 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55
1904	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55
1904 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55
1904 P	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55
1904 S	£ 24	£ 32	£ 37	£ 42
1905	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55
1905 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55
1905 P	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55
1905 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55
1906	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 42
1906 M	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55
1906 P	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55
1906 S	£ 24	£ 30	£ 36	£ 55
1907	£ 24	£ 26	£ 30	£ 36
1907 M	£ 24	£ 26	£ 30	£ 35
1907 P	£ 24	£ 26	£ 30	£ 35
1907 S	£ 24	£ 26	£ 30	£ 35
1908	£ 24	£ 26	£ 30	£ 36
1908 C (Canada Ottawa mint) on ground below dragon (F)	£150	£300	£425	*
1908 M	£ 24	£ 26	£ 30	£ 35
1908 P	£ 24	£ 26	£ 30	£ 35
1908 S	£ 24	£ 26	£ 30	£ 35
1909	£ 24	£ 26	£ 30	£ 38
1909 C	£ 30	£ 35	£ 75	£ 90
1909 M	£ 24	£ 26	£ 30	£ 36
1909 P	£ 24	£ 26	£ 30	£ 35
1909 S	£ 24	£ 26	£ 30	£ 35
1910	£ 24	£ 26	£ 30	£ 38
1910 C	£ 28	£ 34	£ 70	£ 85
1910 M	£ 24	£ 26	£ 30	£ 35
1910 P	£ 24	£ 26	£ 30	£ 35
1910 S	£ 24	£ 26	£ 30	£ 35

(TO BE CONTINUED IN NEXT ISSUE)

Dear Sirs
 Having just arrived from an extended holiday I have only now seen the March 1975 issue of Coin and Medal News. First of all, congratulations on the 10th Anniversary of this publication. I am one of the members who has all 68 issues of this magazine having purchased the first few issues while on holiday from Northern Rhodesia (as it was then) and having been a subscriber ever since, as your records will show. Sincerely hope that this publication will continue for many more years and wish you every success in this field.
 Yours faithfully
 K.P. Engh

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2. All items offered are subject to being unsold or in stock at time order is received.
3. OVERSEAS & FOREIGN: \$1 U.S.A. = 66 Cents S.A. or R1 S.A. = \$1.50 U.S.A. (Approx.)
4. All prices are subject to change without notice.
5. When ordering please quote Item No. and give details.
6. NEXT LIST: SEPTEMBER 1975

NOTAS:

1. BETALING: Stuur asseblief tjek, poswissel of pos-order.
2. Alle items word aangebied op voorwaarde dat voorrade nog nie verkoop en nog beskikbaar is wanneer bestelling ontvang word.
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4. Pryse is onderhewig aan veranderings sonder kennisgewing.
5. Wanneer bestellings geplaas word, meld asseblief die item nommer en gee besonderhede.
6. VOLGENDE LYS: SEPTEMBER 1975

S.A. PROOF SETS/PROEFSTELLE SHORT SETS (WITHOUT GOLD) KORTSTELLE (SONDER GOUD)			LONG SETS (WITH GOLD) LANGSTELLE (MET GOUD)			S.A. PROOFLIKE CROWNS S.A. PROEFGELYKE KRONE SS SPECIALLY SELECT i.e. Prooflike Finish		
382	1923	747 R 650-00	418	1923	655 R2500-00	451	1959	240 PRF R 670-00
383	1943	104 R1250-00	419	1952	12000 R 175-00	452	1960	450 PRF R 260-00
384	1944	150 R 850-00	420	1953	3000 R 250-00	453	1961	793 PRF R 165-00
385	1945	150 R 900-00	421	1954	875 R 350-00	454	1962	800 PRF R 160-00
386	1946	150 R1100-00	422	1955	600 R 400-00	455	1963	1008 PRF R 160-00
387	1947	2600 R 195-00	423	1956	350 R 850-00	456	1964	1000 PRF R 130-00
388	1948	1120 R 300-00	424	1957	280 R 950-00	457	1965	1000 PRF R 97-50
389	1949	800 R 750-00	425	1958	360 R 975-00	458	1966	1000 PRF R 95-50
390	1950	500 R 850-00	426	1959	390 R 995-00	459	1967	1000 PRF R 95-00
391	1951	2000 R 75-00	427	1960	1500 R 350-00	460	1968	1000 PRF R 97-50
392	1952	3600 R 45-00	428	1961	3139 R 190-00	461	1969	1000 PRF R 97-50
394	1953	2000 R 75-00	429	1962	1544 R 225-00	462	1970	1000 PRF R 100-00
395	1954	2275 R 95-00	430	1963	1500 R 205-00	463	1971	1000 PRF R 100-00
396	1955	2250 R 85-00	431	1964	3000 R 160-00	464	1972	1500 PRF R 100-00
397	1956	1350 R 150-00	432	1965	5000 R 140-00	465	1973	6088 PRF R 95-00
398	1957	750 R 180-00	433	1966	10000 R 105-00	466	1974	5600 PRF R 95-00
399	1958	625 R 190-00	434	1967	10000 R 107-50	467	1975	PRF R 95-00
400	1959	560 R 325-00	435	1968	10000 R 110-00			
401	1960	1860 R 90-00	436	1969	7000 R 120-00			
402	1961	4391 R 40-00	437	1970	7000 R 120-00			
403	1962	2300 R 75-00	438	1971	6000 R 120-00			
404	1963	2525 R 40-00	439	1972	4000 R 125-00			
405	1964	13000 R 30-00	440	1973	6850 R 110-00			
406	1965	20000 R 45-00	441	1974	11000 R 110-00			
407	1965	V.I.P. Afr. R 750-00	442	1975	when available R 115-00			
408	1966	15000 R 25-00						
409	1967	15000 R 30-00						
410	1968	15000 R 32-50						
411	1969	5000 R 35-00						
412	1970	4000 R 37-50						
413	1971	4000 R 37-50						
414	1972	4000 R 37-50						
415	1973	4000 R 37-50						
416	1974	4000 R 40-00						
417	1975	when available R 30-00						

**S.A. UNCIRCULATED CROWNS
ONGESIRKULEERDE KRONE**

486	1947	305600	R	7-00
487	1948	781992	R	11-00
488	1949	537821	R	15-00
489	1950	84454	R	19-00
490	1951	366602	R	15-00
491	1952	1725500	R	5-00
492	1953	263000	R	10-00
493	1954	17040	R	42-50
494	1955	458880	R	17-50
495	1956	103900	R	14-00
496	1957	157077	R	12-50
497	1958	235952	R	12-50
498	1959	6139	R	170-00
499	1960	421624	R	8-50
500	1961	54766	R	6-75
501	1962	24378	R	18-50
502	1963	157717	R	6-00
503	1964	126664	R	5-00

**SILVER ONE RAND
SILWER EEN RAND**

504	1965E	PRF R	R	18-50
505	1965A	PRF	R	700-00
506	1966A	UNC	R	4-00
507	1966A	PRF	R	7-50
508	1966E	UNC	R	4-00
509	1967A	UNC	R	3-50
510	1967A	PRF	R	9-50
511	1967E	UNC	R	3-50
512	1968E	UNC	R	7-00
513	1968E	PRF	R	9-75
514	1968A	UNC	R	11-00
515	1969A	PRF	R	14-00
516	1969E	UNC	R	3-50
517	1969A	UNC	R	3-50
518	1970	PRF	R	18-50
519	1970	UNC	R	14-00
520	1971	UNC	R	7-50
521	1971	PRF	R	14-00
522	1972	UNC	R	7-50
523	1972	PRF	R	15-00
524	1973	UNC	R	7-50
525	1973	PRF	R	15-00
526	1974	UNC	R	15-00
527	1974	PRF	R	22-50
528	1975	UNC	R	10-00
529	1975	PRF	R	17-00

SOUTH AFRICA/SUID-AFRIKA

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Specimen coins from R1-00 Silver to 1 cent Copper and ½¢ copper in transparent holder. Many coins like the 1968 20¢ and the 1967 50¢, 20¢ and 10¢ did not go into circulation and will be quite scarce. The 1969 20¢ and 50¢ are also very scarce (small mintages). The 1970 Silver R1-00 and nickel 20¢ were not minted for general circulation.

The 1967 issue has Verwoerd R1-00 and 1968 has Swart on minor coins and Van Riebeeck R1-00. The 1969 issue has Dönges R1-00. Minor coins revert to Van Riebeeck. In 1971-1974 and silver R1-00 and ½ cent did not go into circulation. The 1970-1974 coins are Bilingual. R1-00 and ½ cent only in UNC sets.

(a)	1967	(Afr. Set/Stel)	R	12-50
(b)	1967	(Eng. Set/Stel)	R	12-50
(c)	1968	(Afr. Set/Stel)	R	15-00
(d)	1968	(Eng. Set/Stel)	R	12-50
(e)	1969	(Afr. Set/Stel)	R	25-00

(f)	1969	(Eng. Set/Stel)	R	20-00
(g)	1970	(Bilingual Set/ Tweetalige Stel)	R	15-00
(h)	1971	" "	R	12-50
(i)	1972	" "	R	12-50
(j)	1973	" "	R	12-50
(k)	1974	" "	R	17-50
(l)	1975	" "	R	12-50

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S.A. GOUE EEN RAND**

530	1961	UNC	R	67-50
531	1962	UNC	R	69-50
532	1963	UNC	R	42-50
533	1964	UNC	R	62-50
534	1965	UNC	R	39-50
535	1966	PRF	R	37-50
536	1967	PRF	R	37-50
537	1968	PRF	R	37-50
538	1969	PRF	R	37-50
539	1970	PRF	R	37-50
540	1971	PRF	R	37-50
541	1972	PRF	R	37-50
542	1973	PRF	R	37-50
543	1974	PRF	R	37-50
544	1975	PRF	R	37-50

**S.A. GOLD TWO RAND
S.A. GOUE TWEE RAND**

545	1961	UNC	R	82-50
546	1962	UNC	R	67-50
547	1963	UNC	R	60-00
548	1964	UNC	R	57-50
549	1965	UNC	R	57-50
550	1966	PRF	R	57-50
551	1967	PRF	R	57-50
552	1968	PRF	R	57-50
553	1969	PRF	R	57-50
554	1970	PRF	R	57-50
555	1971	PRF	R	57-50
556	1972	PRF	R	57-50
557	1973	PRF	R	57-50
558	1974	PRF	R	57-50
559	1975	PRF	R	57-50

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