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# Volkskas kan vir u die wêreld se munte kry



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Volkskas was heel eerste in Suid-Afrika met 'n volledige *Numismatiese Diens*. Daarom is Volkskas by uitstek die muntversamelaar se bank. Volkskas – selfs u plaaslike tak – kan u help om in muntstukke van oor die hele wêreld te belê, hulle te versamel of as geskenke te koop. Sorg ook dat u Volkskas se pragboek *GOUE MUNTE* by u naaste Volkskas-tak in die hande kry – die omvattendste tweetalige handleiding oor goue munte wat daar is. Dis maar een van Volkskas se talle uitmuntende dienste.

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# WE'RE ENTERING OUR 6th YEAR - AND PROUD OF IT!

During these years we have seen our counterparts in Australia and New Zealand, as well as a few in America and the Continent, appear in bright print, blossom like a Spring daisy and fade in the summer's first heat.

We, too, have shrunk a little: From a monthly to a bi-monthly, but this is no disgrace: It's nothing to hide. We appeared less regularly during '67 because of the decline in the coin market... but we didn't stop: And that to us is important.

The past years have taught us much. We know what its like to live with a self-imposed deadline. We know what its like if the magazine is late: Complaints never stop pouring into the shop at 151, Jeppe Street. We know what its like to publish inaccuracies and have them pointed out to us in good faith by many of our true numismatic friends. And we also know what its like to be praised, however infrequently, for a magazine which really sometimes feels like more trouble than its worth.

Among the things its done for us is to transform our editor from a jour-

nalist into a typesetter... and our business from just another coin dealer into the largest firm of its kind in Southern Africa. While we have patted ourselves on the back, we do not forget to say a big "THANK YOU" to all our friends who have supported us during the past five years.

It's our SIXTH YEAR this issue... and we're intensely proud of it! Bickels Coin and Medal News set out rather timidly as a 12 page monthly magazine in July, 1965.

Now, in this issue, we proudly hang out on our masthead the words: "Vol. 6 No. 1". Anyone who has been remotely connected with publishing or printing will realise what a milestone this is.

Frankly, we never thought in 1965 that we would last this long. During the intervening years we have seen the coin market sway drunkenly from the heady days of the coin rush in '65 to the sober, sombre days of a threatened economic credit squeeze and recession in '67 to the stable, selective market of to-day.



Mr. Arthur Bickel, Founder.

(from match boxes to books) he had for years collected coins as a hobby. He retired in 1959 as Managing Director of Fattis and Monis and decided to take an office in Fattis Buildings with the aim of opening mornings only to sell a few coins.

Within six months he had moved across the street to No. 151 to begin the Coin Shop. In those days Mr. Bickel sold anything of interest, from swords and guns to coins and medals - in fact anything which could possibly have a rarity value. Business was slow to begin with and although the first day saw one or two sales, it was some

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## ....& THE COIN FIRM IS 10 YEARS OLD

By Peter Brown, Editor

Ten years ago this month Mr. Arthur Bickel ("Oom Attie" to his old friends and numismatists who have known him through the years), opened the doors of No. 151, Jeppe Street, to become the first coin dealer in South Africa to have a City shop.

Together with Mr. Bickel was his brother-in-law, Mr. Fritz Aab. These two men opened the coin business in spite of the cries of protest from their family that they were wasting their time and that they could never make enough money to pay the rent, let alone their own salaries.

Mr. Bickel was no new-comer to coins. An inveterate collector (from

## BICKELS COIN & MEDAL NEWS MUNT & MEDALJENUUS

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Elke intekenaar sal omtrent 'n maand voor die subskripsie ten einde loop, 'n versoek ontvang om sy intekengeld te henu.



# BOOK NOW FOR PRETORIA CONVENTION

With less than three months to go before the opening of the Fourth South African Coin Convention on October 26, organisers in Pretoria report that they are expecting an all-time attendance record for the six days of the convention.

Already many numismatists from the Cape, Orange Free State and Natal have booked their accommodation. This, coupled with the many hundreds of known enthusiastic collectors on the Reef and in Pretoria, ensure packed attendances for the daily lectures and exhibits. In addition the organising committee, under the hard-working president, Mr. W.S. van As, have invited many schools in the Pre-

toria area to send pupils to the Convention to be held in the Pretoria City Hall.

The colourfully-produced Convention Brochure, consisting of 52 pages of advertisements, programmes and interesting articles by the Director of the S.A. Mint, Mr. J.J. Groenewald; Dr. F.K. Mitchell, of Cape Town and Professor A.N. Pelser, of Pretoria, was issued last month and is now available from coin dealers or direct from the Convention Secretary (P.O. Box 2954, Pretoria) for 35 cents.

Much of the Convention's planning is well ahead of schedule and many of the last minute snags have been ironed out well in advance. One

problem which presented itself recently was inadequate lighting in the City Hall. It was feared that the direct overhead lighting would prevent visitors from viewing coins in the glass cases. Using the advice of lighting experts the committee has arranged — at some expense — to have more suitable lighting which will enable better viewing of the coins.

Dr. Kurt Jaeger, the well-known German numismatist who recently visited South Africa, has informed the convention organisers that he will return to the Republic during October to attend the Convention. He will be joining the other well-known visiting overseas numismatists including Mr.

## FULL PROGRAMME FOR FOURTH

### FIRST DAY

MONDAY 26 MAANDAG

REGISTRATION R5.00 REGISTRASIE

COVERS/SLUIT IN

Civic Luncheon/Noenmaal

Visit to Mint/Besoek aan Munt

Brief Case/Tas vir Dokumente

Morn. & Aftern. Tea/Oggend en Middag Tee

Registration Badge/Registrasie Kentekens

Cheese & Wine Party/Kaas en Wyn Partytjie

6.00 – 7.00

KAAS EN WYN  
PARTYTJIE

CHEESE & WINE  
PARTY

NASIONALE KULTUURHISTORIESE EN  
OPELUG MUSEUM  
NATIONAL CULTURAL HISTORY AND  
OPEN AIR MUSEUM

BOOM ST. PRETORIA

### SECOND DAY

DINSDAG 27 TUESDAY

OGGEND 10.00 MORNING

AMPTELIKE OPENING DEUR SY EDELE  
DIE BURGEMEESTER.

OFFICIAL OPENING BY THE MAYOR.

NOENMAAL DEUR STADSRAAD  
CITY COUNCIL LUNCHEON

12.45 – 2.15

BY FONTEINEDAL  
AT FOUNTAINS

AFTERNOON – MIDDAG

Voorsitter/Chairman: Dr. F.K. MITCHELL

2.30 IRISH COINS – PETER SEABY

3.30 INTERVAL – POUSE

4.00 THE TWELVE GREAT CEASARS –  
J.M. DAY

AAND – EVENING

Chairman/Voorsitter:

Prof. Dr. D.W. DE VILLIERS

8.00 'N VERSAMELING KERKLIK-  
KULTURELE MEDALJES VAN  
SUID-AFRIKAANSE BELANG –  
W.S. JOUBERT

9.00 POUSE – INTERVAL

9.15 COINS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT  
– Pastor J.F. ROWLANDS

### THIRD DAY

WEDNESDAY 28 WOENSDAG

MORNING – OGGEND

Chairman/Voorsitter: Pastor J.F. ROWLANDS

9.30 MAJOR SILVER COINS IN S.A.  
NUMISMATIC HISTORY –

Dr. F.K. MITCHELL

10.30 INTERVAL – POUSE

10.45 SOME PITFALLS OF MEDAL  
COLLECTING. – M.G. HIBBARD

11.45 NOTABLE FIRSTS IN TRANSVAAL  
NUMISMATICS – Dr. R. MORRIS

MIDDAG – AFTERNOON

Voorsitter/Chairman: W.S. JOUBERT

2.30 SUID-AFRIKAANSE HERDENK-  
INGSMEDALJES –

Prof. Dr. D.W. DE VILLIERS

3.30 POUSE – INTERVAL

4.00 VICTORIA KRUISE VIR HELDE-  
DADE IN SUID-AFRIKA –

P.R. MULLER

EVENING – AAND

Chairman/Voorsitter: Dr. H.M. STOKER

7.30 MANUFACTURE OF COUNTER-  
FEITS – W. MAKEPEACE





Front cover of the just-issued brochure for the 4th S.A. Numismatic Convention, obtainable at 35 cents from The Convention Secretary, P.O. Box 2954, Pretoria or from leading coin dealers.

Peter Seaby, of London; Mr. Clay Read, of Los Angeles and numerous others.

Among the conventions highlights will be:

- \* 106 Showcases containing well-laid out and documented displays of coins, medals tokens, and bank-notes. The total value of these exhibits is expected to be in excess of R1,000,000.
- \* Twenty-one papers will be read at public lectures by the country's most prominent numismatists. A number of papers will also be delivered by the overseas visitors, including Mr. Seaby and Dr. Jaeger.
- \* The official, opening by the Mayor of Pretoria on Tuesday October 27 and the official banquet later the

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# SOUTH AFRICAN COIN CONVENTION

- 9.00 INTERVAL - POUSE  
9.15 THOUGHTSON THE COLLECTING  
AND DISPOSAL OF A COLLEC-  
TION - W.J. MENNE  
9.45 GERMAN MEDALLIONS AND  
THALERS - Mr. W.G. DAVIES

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## FOURTH DAY

DONDERDAG 29 THURSDAY

### OGGEND - MORNING

Voorsitter/Chairman: Mr. J.P. ROUX

- 9.30 PRESIDENT KRUGER IN FRANK-  
RYK EN DUITSLAND -  
Dr. H.M. STOKER  
10.30 POUSE - INTERVAL  
11.00 PRESIDENT KRUGER'S EFFIGY  
AND HENRY MORTON STANLEY  
MEDALLION - Dr. F. MACHANIK

### AFTERNOON - MIDDAG

Chairman/Voorsitter: P. SEABY

- 2.30 THE CHANGING FACE OF NUMIS-  
MATICS - D.G. LIDDELL  
3.30 INTERVAL - POUSE  
3.45 TOKENS OF NATAL - P. MORAN  
4.45 CYRENE - R.A. STEPHENS

### AAND - EVENING

8.00 BESOEK AAN DIE S.A. MUNT  
VISIT TO THE S.A. MINT

BEPERK TOT GEREGISTREERDES -  
RESTRICTED TO REGISTRANTS

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## FIFTH DAY

FRIDAY 30 VRYDAG

### MORNING - OGGEND

Chairman/Voorsitter: M.G. HIBBARD

- 9.30 TRANSITIONAL PATTERNS -  
Dr. F.K. MITCHELL  
10.30 INTERVAL - POUSE  
11.00 'N GESKIEDKUNDIGE OORSIG  
VAN DIE MUNTSTUKKE VAN  
RHODESIË 1932-1970 -  
Dr. HANNES JOUBERT

### MIDDAG - AFTERNOON

Voorsitter/Chairman: P.R. MULLER

- 2.30 SUID-AFRIKAANSE TEKENGELD -  
Dr. G.P. THERON  
3.30 POUSE - INTERVAL  
4.00 DIE OPVOEDKUNDIGE WAARDE  
VAN NUMISMATIEK -  
Dr. W.C. ANNANDALE

### EVENING - AAND

Chairman/Voorsitter: D.G. LIDDELL

- 7.30 NUMISMATIC LITERATURE -  
Adv. S.G. ABRAHAMS  
8.30 INTERVAL - POUSE  
8.45 BRITISH SILVER CROWNS AND  
ROYAL DOCUMENTS FROM THE  
TUDOR PERIOD -  
Pastor J.F. ROWLANDS

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## SIXTH DAY

SATERDAG 31 SATURDAY

### OGGEND - MORNING

Voorsitter/Chairman: Dr. F.K. MITCHELL

- 9.30 SOUTH AFRICAN PRIZE MEDALS  
- Miss ANNA SMITH  
10.30 POUSE - INTERVAL  
10.45 V.O.C. COINS - Dr. J. SCHNEIDER  
AFTERNOON - MIDDAG  
FREE - VRY

### AAND - EVENING

7.30 BANKET - BANQUET -  
BOULEVARD HOTEL



# OM U BELANGSTELLING VIR DIE KONVENSIË TE PRIKKEL

Twee artikels uit die nuwe Konvensie brosjure. Nou beskikbaar teen .35c van: - DIE SEKRETARIS, POSBUS 2954, PRETORIA.

## WAAROM MUNTE VERSAMEL

Deur Prof. A. N. PELSER

Ten einde my behulpsaam te wees om hierdie kort artikeltjie te skryf, het ek 'n paar van my vriende — erkende en geesdriftige muntversamelaars — tromp-op met die vraag gekompromiteer: "Sê my, waarom versamel jy munte?" In al twee gevalle het hulle my in werklikheid 'n antwoord skuldig gebly en was hulle eerste reaksie 'n onoortuigende "omdat ek daar belang in stel".

Ek wil geredelik erken dat albei, as hulle tyd gelrad het om oor die vraag na te dink, ook ander redes sou kon bedink maar ek het verkies om hulle geen bedenkinge te gun nie. Die spontane, eerste reaksie, is al wat van belang is en toe ek myself daarna afvra waarom ek muntstukke versamel, was dit ook my gevolgtrekking: Ek doen dit omdat ek daarin belang stel!

Met 'n muntversamelaar is dit nie anders as met die meeste ander versamelaars gestel nie — dit is 'n liefhebberij en daarby 'n uiters irrasionele liefhebberij. As 'n mens sou begin vrae stel om op die wyse daaraan 'n rasonale grondslag te gee, ondermyn jy die romantiek verbonde aan die ewige soektog na iets wat jy weet wat bestaan, wat jyself nie het nie maar hoop om tog eendag te besit. Muntversameling is soos 'n spanningsvolle vervolghet verhaal waar die versamelaar telkens die helderol vertolk maar met die uitsondering — in hierdie vervolghet verhaal word die slothoofstuk nooit geskryf nie.

Dit is om hierdie rede dat 'n rykard nooit 'n muntversamelaar kan wees nie. As 'n mens eenvoudig kan

heengaan en onverskillig van die prys, kan koop wat jy nodig het, is die romantiek van muntversameling daarmee heen, hou dit op om 'n liefhebberij te wees en kry dit 'n saaklike en professionele grondslag soos spekulasie op die aandelemarkt. Muntversameling is die werk van 'n amateur wat hom desnoods sy lewe lank ondergeskik stel aan 'n onverklaarbare drang met die algehele uitsluiting van die winsmotief.

Muntversameling is 'n liefhebberij wat besonder vriendelik is teenoor die beoefenaar daarvan. Vir elkeen het dit iets te bied. Vir die muntversamelaar is daar nie 'n absolute volmaaktheid wat 'n konstante standaard aan almal stel nie. Elke mens stel sy eie norme en bepaal daarvolgens sy eie graad van volmaaktheid. Dit is nie 'n wedywering met ander nie maar 'n kragmeting met jouself. As ek 'n geslete muntstuk kan vervang met een wat minder geslyt is, het ek gevorder en nader gekom aan my eie standaard van volmaaktheid. Om bewus te wees van ander versamelings — in alle opsigte mooier en beter as my eie — wek geen naywer nie maar dien net as spoorslag en aanmoediging om met groter toegewydheid jou eie versameling te verbeter.

Omdat elkeen sy eie graad van volmaaktheid so hoog as moontlik stel, sou 'n mens graag wou sien dat dit binne die bereik van die groots moontlike aantal versamelaars gebring word om so na as moontlik aan die verwesentliking van hulle ideaal te kom. Daarom is dit so jammer dat die mense in beheer van aanmunting in die verlede dikwels 'n onbenullige aantal eksemplare van 'n bepaalde munt laat slaan het en daarmee 'n tikkie professionalisme aan muntversameling verleen het.

Aan die anderkant mag die romantiek van muntversameling hom ook nie ontnem word nie en sal dit jammer wees as al die denominasies in sulke groot getalle "op die mark" gebring

word dat dit letterlik en figuurlik bymekaar gehark kan word. 'n Versteekte munt hier en daar, skaars genoeg om die onoplettende oog te ontwyk maar nie so skaars dat dit 'n saak van groot kapitaal word nie, sou die ideaal bly.

(Herdruk uit die onlangse publikasie van die 4e Suid-Afrikaanse Numismatiese Konvensie, nou beskikbaar teen 35c van Die Sekretaris, Posbus 2954, Pretoria.)

## WHY COLLECT COINS —

By Dr. F.K. MITCHELL

What do you see in these things? Why do you coin collectors get so enthusiastic about them? Why do you pay such crazy prices for these little bits of metal?

Every numismatist must have had this sort of question flung at him by an incredulous friend at some time or another — and it's a good question!

To the lost half of mankind — the half who were born without the collector's instinct — we will never be able to give a convincing answer. But to the more fortunate half — the collectors — we can say with confidence and conviction that numismatics is the most enthralling and the most satisfying collecting hobby of all.

In my early childhood I was a bit of a magpie. Stamps and sea-shells; cigarette cards and match-box tops; bird's eggs and geological specimens; picture post-cards and butterflies — at one time or another I "collected" them all. But time and again I returned to my first-love — a small bag of continental coins which had been given me when I was four years old.

I found a beginner's book on coin collecting and learned it by heart. I plagued my parents with questions. I pored over my beloved coins. I



# COIN EXHIBITION IN CAPE TOWN FOR 10th REPUBLIC ANNIVERSARY?

With the Fourth South African Numismatic Convention only three months away, plans are already being laid in Cape Town to hold the Fifth Coin Convention in the Mother City to coincide with the 10th Anniversary of the Republic of South Africa.

Pretoria will see the Fourth Coin Convention in the City Hall during October. By all indications this will be the "biggest and the best convention" to be held in the Republic.

According to the latest monthly bulletin of the South African Numismatic Society, mention was made at the last monthly meeting of the society about plans being in an ad-

vanced stage for the Fifth Coin Convention.

"The President announced that the Society had received an official approach to organise a numismatic exhibition during the last week of May, 1971 to coincide with the festivities marking the commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the Republic of South Africa.

"Dr. F.K. Mitchell, was requested to report on the discussions which had taken place between himself, acting for the Society, and the Festival Organisers. Dr. Mitchell stated that he had inspected the proposed venue in

the new Trust Bank Building in the Heerengracht, and he added that the Organisers had intimated that the Society could expect a grant to meet the cost or part thereof of staging the exhibition.

"The Meeting agreed to leave further negotiations in the hands of the President and the Executive Committee. However, it is almost certain, that such an exhibition will take place, provided the venue and its security aspect will be suitable. Mr. Bergman pointed out that the year 1971 marks the 30th year of the Society's establishment, and hence this exhibition may serve two purposes.

## DR. MITCHELL'S ARTICLE -Continued

puzzled over the strange language of their inscriptions, and their peculiar foreign denominations, like franc and pfennig, lek and anna and yen. They carried me in my imagination to romantic and exciting far-off places.

My final downfall came when an old family friend showed me his collection. I listened spell-bound as he introduced me to his "coin portrait gallery." Philip II of Spain, who sent his Armada against England in 1588: Queen Elizabeth, whose English admirals in their little ships harried the mighty Spanish galleons until a Heaven-sent storm drove them northwards to destruction: Napoleon Bonaparte, the military genius who conquered most of Europe: Julius Caesar who had done the same before the birth of Christ.

He allowed me to hold a Macedonian tetradrachm of Alexander the Great, while he told me of his incredible exploits as he led his armies to the conquest of Asia Minor and of Egypt, of the mighty Persian Empire and of all the vast territory of Asia right up to the gateway of India.

My hand trembled as I studied the fine portrait of Alexander in his lion-

head headdress. He must have been a good-looking young man, I thought — a strong face, good features.

Two and a quarter thousand years ago he died — though only 33, the conqueror of most of the known world. Suddenly, as I studied the coin, the truth dawned — I was holding History in my hand!

That surely is the key to the fascination of numismatics. Every little piece of metal which is a coin has a story to tell. Each is a link in the chain of human history, starting from that far-off day in about 700 B.C. when a King of Lydia in Asia Minor first had the bright idea of stamping his royal seal on a little chunk of silver, as his personal guarantee of its purity and value. Since then, over the centuries, as civilisations waxed and waned, many of mankind's most gifted artists have bequeathed to us and to posterity tiny sculptures in enduring metal, works of art which mirror the culture of their time, portraits of men and women whose influence has moulded the course of history.

Where else but in numismatics can one contain twenty-six centuries of art, of culture and of history in one small cabinet?

(Reprinted from the recently published 4th South African Coin Convention Brochure, now available at 35 cents from The Secretary, Box 2954, Pretoria.

## Book now for Pretoria Convention

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same day given to the numismatists by the Pretoria City Council.

- \* The bourse tables will be run by fourteen of the country's leading dealers. These dealers, including those from overseas, will have on display a large selection of South Africa and foreign coins for sale. The dealers will also be buying stock from the public which they may require from collectors. One overseas dealer is reputed to be bringing more than R100,000 worth of coins in his brief case.

Monday, October 26, the first day of the convention, will see delegates registering and setting up their exhibits. There will be a Cheese and Wine party later that night.

The programme itself begins in earnest on Tuesday. The official opening is at 10 a.m. (A full description of the programme is printed elsewhere in this magazine).

The S.A. Mint, who through its  
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*In ye name of God, amen.  
 We whose names are underwritten,  
 loyall subjects of our dread sovereigne  
 Lord, King James, by ye grace of  
 God of Great Britain  
 France and Ireland, King....*

(OPENING WORDS OF THE FAMOUS MAYFLOWER COMPACT)

## Exclusive May Flower Medals

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants has decided to make available to collectors a pair of high-relief medals, originally designed for the Society's members to commemorate the departure and the arrival of the Mayflower 350 years ago.

These commemoratives have been sculpted by Norman Sillman and are the official, exclusive edition of the General Society. They are also the first coin-medals offered by the Society, an organisation founded in the 19th century by the established Mayflower descendants having about 14,000 members (and a very large number of rejected applications).

Lee D. van Antwerp M.D., Governor General of the Society wishes it to be known that "these

medals and these only, are the authentic medals."

The term "official medal" is over-worked and requires definition.

In the context of the Mayflower, "official" must relate as closely as possible to the ship and its passengers. This has been achieved in this instance by the only recognised, direct descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers issuing commemoratives through their own Society.

The medals are for sale minted in platinum, silver and bronze.

The Department of the Treasury, Washington, moreover, has authorised the striking of presentation pairs in gold. Dr. van Antwerp will personally offer pairs of these gold medals to President Nixon, H.M. the Queen of

England and H.M. the Queen of the Netherlands. The Lord Chamberlain in London has granted special permission for the Royal Arms of England under James I to be displayed on the reverse of the "Departure" medal. Authentic details concerning the other sides of the commemoratives have been supplied from the archives of the Society.

Available in proof silver and bronze, those in precious metals are individually numbered.



OBVERSE DEPARTURE



REVERSE DEPARTURE



OBVERSE ARRIVAL



REVERSE ARRIVAL



The Story of the 1st Cape Corps 1915-19 by Ivor Difford — Published by Hortors.

Most of us are aware that the Cape Corps is the oldest unit in our Defence Force and that it was raised in 1793. This volume as its name suggests covers the Great War period although one chapter is devoted to the early history of the regiment and reminds us that the first military medal awarded in South Africa, the Sir Harry Smith Medal, was given to a number of coloured Cape Corps men.

Regimental histories giving details of all the members who served are rare because of the immense amount of work which the provision of this information entails and to some extent, because of its doubtful value to the general interest reader. By the same token it could perhaps be argued that Private X is more likely to buy the book if his name appears in it!

I acquired my very battered copy of this book at a stall on the Parade at Cape Town and was at first reluctant to buy it. It was only when I saw the seemingly endless nominal Roll — given unfortunately in numerical — not alphabetical order and I had glanced at the Roll of Honour and Honours List with its 16 D.C.M.'s, 8 M.M.'s, and 34 Mentions in Dispatches that I knew that this was a book which I must have. Henceforth the often spurned British War 1914-8 Medals and Victory Medals to the "1st C.C." will be of considerable interest.

As in most regimental histories there is a wealth of information on officers. In each case, previous and subsequent service is mentioned. Some of the biographical details are fabulous. Harland Singleton Bell appealed to me most. He had served in the Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902 as a Sergeant in the Bechuanaland Rifles and been besieged in Mafeking. Commissioned in the Field Intelligence Department, he was successively Intelligence Officer to Generals Douglas, Babington, Kekewich, Raleigh, Grey, Fethersonaugh and Williams. Returning to the colours in August, 1914, he served as a Lieutenant in the Imperial Light Horse during the Rebellion and German South West African Campaign before being placed on special Native Affairs duty in

# A BOOK FOR THE WAR MEDAL COLLECTORS

-By W. Mc E. BISSET

Ovamboland. Gazetted to the Cape Corps in April, 1916, he was transferred to the Political Department a few months later and rose to the rank of Honorary Major. He was mentioned in dispatches for his services in East Africa.

Another interesting South African War veteran was the late Major William Ralph Cowell, D.S.O., who had come here with the Queensland Imperial Bushmen. In 1906 he served in the Bambata Rebellion in Natal. When he fell mortally wounded at the battle of Kh Jibeit in Palestine on the 20th September, 1918, he called his 2nd i/c, Captain J.V. Harris, M.C., to his side to say goodbye and hand over command to him. Minutes later Captain Harris, too, lay dead.

Ivor Difford was Captain and Quartermaster of the 1st C.C. He lost his younger brother, a Lieutenant in the unit, at Kh Jibeit. Captain Difford set himself a monumental task when he wrote this book and it would seem that he has covered every possible incident of interest in the history, from basic training at Simonstown to the final Pre-demobilisation address at Maitland by the Honorary Colonel, Colonel Sir Walter Stanford, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G.

Photographs and maps abound but for the medal collector it is the Nominal Roll which constitutes this book's most valuable offering. In many cases what is given is uninteresting e.g. "Attested 15/11/15, demobilised 27/8/18." How exciting, though, to discover that Number 486 Private R. Cornelius was complimented by the Commander-in-Chief.

Egyptian Expeditionary Force (Lord Allenby), for gallantry in trying to save a comrade from drowning at Gaza.

Although the regiment served in East Africa where it won warm praise from the G.O.C., General Smuts, it is perhaps the campaign in Palestine in which the Cape Corps served under General Sir Phillip Chetwode, which is more often remembered. The victory at Square Hill gained the regiment 181 prisoners and much valuable equipment. It was General Sir Phillip Chetwode, who received his Field Marshal's baton in 1933, who said that the Cape Corps had fought "like tigers."

Vividly we are reminded not merely that this was combatant unit — but a particularly fine one, and that coloured men then held the coveted warrant rank.

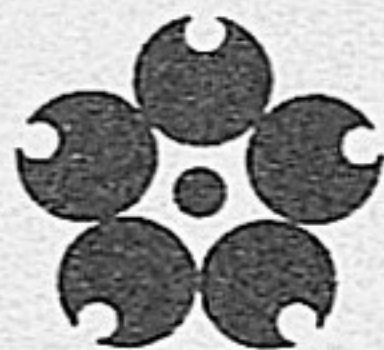
It is interesting to reflect that although the South African War 1899-1902 was generally agreed by both sides to be a "White Mans' War" — in spite of odd exceptions — there was only one action in which coloured troops took part and for which they received medals — the Siege of O'Kiep. I know of one man who served in the siege and was described as being "formerly Namaqualand Town Guard Battalion" and also served as a Private in the 1st Cape Corps. I wonder whether there were others like him?

Here, then is an excellent reference book and a fine tribute to men whose sacrifices should never be forgotten.

(EDITORS NOTE — Unfortunately "Bickels" are not able to supply this book)



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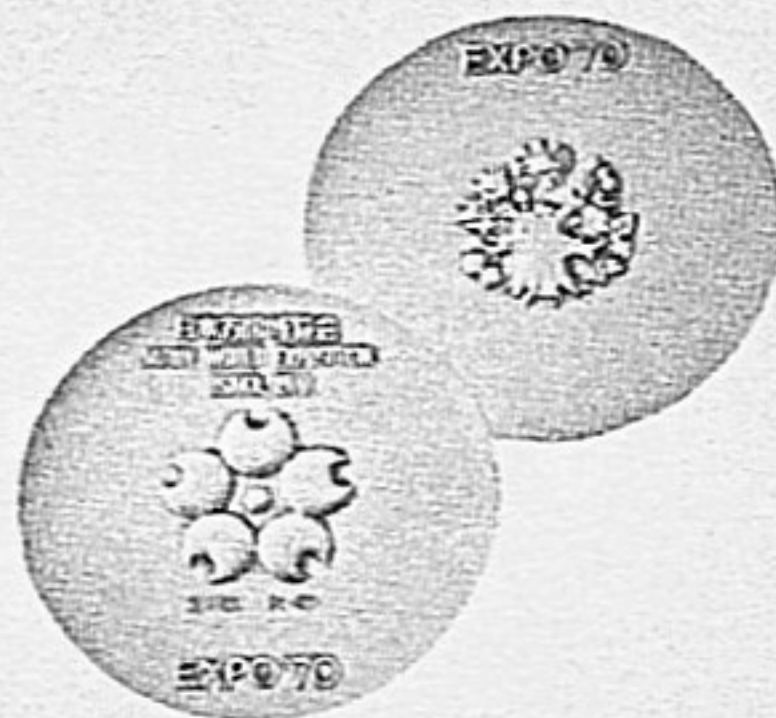
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## Book now for Pretoria Convention

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director, Mr. J.J. Groenewald, and its Chief Bullion Officer, Mr. W.S. van As, never fails to provide as much interest as possible for collectors and they have dreamt up a special surprise for the Thursday evening visit to the Mint. No one is saying what it is, but we are told that collectors would be well advised to join the visiting party that night.

One of the most important aspects of the Coin Convention — that of security — is being handled by the Securiton Group which will provide a thorough 24-hour watch at what will probably be the most expensive assembly of coin ever in South Africa.

All indications point to one of the most interesting conventions ever held in South Africa and numismatists, whether they live in the Transvaal or further afield, would do well to make the effort to see the Convention which has taken nearly 18 months of painstaking planning.

## ....& THE COIN FIRM IS 10 YEARS OLD

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months before the recognized numismatists began visiting the shop.

Because of the uncertainty of the coin market in those days, little attempt was made to invest large sums in fancy decorations. Where to-day there is high-quality carpeting and floor-to-ceiling panelling, there were only old cupboards crammed full of stock in those days.

Progress in the first year was slow, but promising. In the period 1961 to 1963, there was a gradual growth in the local coin market. The year 1964 saw the beginning of what is now called the South African Coin Rush.

Dr. Richard Bickel, Mr. Bickel's son was in America during 1964 and after an invitation by his father to join the coin business on his return to South Africa, he began investigating the marketing methods used by the large American dealers.

Much of this he put into practice on his return to the Republic. This coupled with the natural injection of interest caused by the change in the local currency from the old Van Rie-

beeck coins to the new-styled currency in 1965, heralded the beginning of local mass interest in coins.

Bickels Shop, because it was still the only Coin Shop in South Africa concentrating in numismatics, soon became the Mecca for collectors. They visited the small shop in their thousands every month. The telephones never stopped ringing and the postmen brought loads of letters and telegrams.

Looking back on these times, Mr. Bickel said: "I don't think I have ever worked so hard in my life. The days were a continual rush from 7.30 in the morning until we locked the doors at 5.30 p.m. .... and even then we were not free of the collectors. They used to telephone my home late at night saying they couldn't reach us during the day and that they just had to have the price on some coins which they owned".

During 1965 The Shop saw extensive renovations and during the same year the firm expanded into an upstairs office. This was followed by another office in 1966. From the original two pioneers who started the business, there are now five employees and several part-timers.

Although he freely admits that the past ten years have been the hardest he has ever worked, Mr. Bickel has no regrets.

"I have enjoyed every minute of it. The change from being managing director of a large firm was great. I've had to be my own tea boy, counter hand, parcel-wrapper-upper and general assistant. But it's been worth it," he said.

Mr. Bickel is one of those fortunate humans who has an unquenchable zest for life. Every new day a project is tackled with the same amount of enthusiasm. Even now, when he is supposed to be taking life a little easier ("I'm somewhere near 75 or so" he admits) and working only half days, there is seldom a day in which he does not leave at 4.30 p.m. and when he does leave earlier, it's to go to an auction sale or to visit customers.

Mr. Bickel may not have been the first coin dealer in South Africa, but he was the first one to realize the tremendous potential the hobby possessed. Many of those dealers who to-day have their own flourishing businesses can thank the pioneers for developing the hobby to its present state.



# WHAT FUTURE FOR THE KENNEDY 1/2 DOLLAR

By DAVID SNYDER

FROM THE JUNE ISSUE OF THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE "COINS" OF IOLA, WISCONSIN.

Has the last silver American Kennedy half dollar destined for circulation been minted? Not a single specimen for circulation has been struck since the old year turned new, and as the days become weeks, and they in turn months, it is becoming increasingly apparent that Treasury and Mint officials have long since determined that the 1969 edition should be the last of the silver halves.

That is not entirely correct, of course, as the Mint is striking 40 percent silver 1970-S Kennedy halves for inclusion in this year's proof sets. As the production of these sets had to commence in early year, it was necessary to incorporate the silver coin, as the cupro-nickel clad copper version projected for future issue had not, and is still not authorised.

Issue of the base metal half is tied up in the wrangling over the authorisation of the Eisenhower dollar, although both the silver and non-silver forces who figure so prominently in that battle have never disagreed on the necessity for dropping silver from the Kennedy half. Still, law provides that the Mint can not undertake to place the non-precious metal coin in production until Congress formally approves its issue.

But back to the question at hand. What impact will the abandonment of silver content have on the Kennedy half series as we know it... more specifically, just what does the future hold for silver Kennedy halves? At this juncture such a broad question is undoubtedly much easier to pose than it is to accurately answer.

By date and mint mark the Kennedy half series is a seven coin collection... exclusive of the proof only San Francisco issues of recent years... or ten including the 1968-70 pieces.

Certainly none can be considered rare if measured against the usual standards for such attributions... yet they possess that vital intangible of desirability.

Considered on the basis of mintage, all are very common, the lowest mintage of any of the seven circulation issues being 65.8 million, yet they are seldom met with in circulation. Why? Initially one could probably reason with much logic that everyone preserved them as mementos of the late President Kennedy.

Can that same logic still be applied? It would not seem so, as enough Kennedy halves have now been minted to provide six to every man, woman and child in the country. One must, however, erode from that base a substantial quantity which have been taken overseas by American tourists during the past six years, as the Kennedy half has been, and remains the most popular giveaway souvenir at most spots on the globe.

That returns us again to the question of why the coins are not witnessed in circulation to any great degree? There are several factors to which this situation can probably be attributed, not the least of which is undoubtedly the reluctance of merchants to reinstitute their use, or perhaps more properly their unconscious instinctiveness to use two of the more familiar quaters in place of one unfamiliar half.

There can be little doubt, however, that at this point the greatest single factor contributing to the non-circulation of the Kennedy half is its silver content. Because their content is precious, although seriously debased with the exception of the 1964 issue, the American public treasures this coin for the integrity it symbolises when our other coins do not.

This is the same factor which in time will push up the values of every coin in the silver Kennedy half series. The collector faced with mintage figures in the hundreds of millions may find this hard to believe, however, he must remember that the bulk of those coins held by non-collectors, and that is where a substantial majority of them rest, will never be available to the collector market.

Unlike most series' of U.S. coins... remember we have under discussion a closed end series... the Kennedy half series does not really have a key coin. Although the 1965 mintage was more than 43 million less than any of the other six coins in the series, all are available just about on par.

If one includes the 1968-70 proof only coins of San Francisco, however, the picture changes significantly, with three key coins suddenly being added to the series. At the present time, it must be remembered, there is a considerable difference of opinion over the need to include these for completeness.

Today a choice seven coin set of Kennedy's can be put together for somewhat less than double face value, which is quite a bargain. For another \$15 the three proof only issues can be added. The collector with his eyes trained on the future would probably do worse than invest in a few choice sets of silver Kennedy halves at today's prices.

While it will always be possible to put together several million short sets of silver Kennedy halves, such is certainly not the case with the long sets. Certainly most of the approximately three million proof sets minted for this and the past two years will remain intact, which means that very few ten coin sets will be assembled in years to come.

Date	Mintage	Value
1964	277,254,766	1.15
1964-D	156,205,446	1.15
1965	65,879,366	1.25
1966	108,984,932	.80
1967	295,046,978	.80
1968-D	246,951,930	.80
1968-S	3,041,509	4.50
1969-D	129,881,800	.80
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009	1904-A	F	1.50
010	1904-A	VF	4.50
011	1905-A	VG	.75
012	1905-A	VF	3.00
013	1905-A	VF+	4.00
014	1905-J	VG	.75
015	1905-J	F	1.50
016	1905-J	VF	2.85
017	1906-J	VG	.75
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019	1906-J	VF	2.85

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020	1904-A	F	1.00
021	1904-A	VF	1.50

022	1904-A	VF+	2.00
023	1904-J	VF	2.00
024	1905-A	G	.25
025	1905-A	F	1.00
026	1905-A	VF	1.50
027	1905-J	VG	.50
028	1905-J	F	1.00
029	1905-J	VF	1.75
030	1906-A	VG	.50
031	1906-A	F	1.00
032	1906-A	VF	1.75
033	1906-J	F+	7.50
034	1907-J	VG	.50
035	1907-J	F	1.25
036	1907-J	VF	1.50
037	1907-J	VF+	1.75
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061	1913-A	VF+	4.25
062	1913-J	VG	1.50
063	1913-J	F	2.50
064	1913-J	VF	3.50
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066	1914-J	F	2.75
067	1914-J	VF	3.50
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069	1916-T	VG	5.00
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073	1908-J	VF	15.00
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243	Utrecht Quarter Gulden (5 Stuivers) 1758	F+	5.00	284	£1	1898	VF+	65.00	285	£1	1897	VF+	65.00	342	2/6	1939	F+	10.00
244	Utrecht Quarter Gulden 1759	VF+	9.00	<b>SOUTH AFRICA/SUID-AFRIKA</b>					286	6d	1937	UNC	18.50	343	2/6	1939	VF+	22.50
245	Utrecht Quarter Gulden 1759	F+	5.00	287	6d	1938	UNC	32.50	288	1/-	1930	UNC	57.50	344	2/6	1942	VF+	2.75
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248	VOC Doit of Gelderland 1790	VF	7.50	293	2/-	1924	F+	8.50	294	2/-	1925	VG	28.00	347	2/6	1958	B.UNC	6.00
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250	Netherlands VOC Doit 1785	VF	3.00	297	2/-	1927	F	6.50	298	2/-	1927	F+	10.00	349	2/6	1960	B.UNC	12.00
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257	1 Rupee	1.2.16	UNC	6.00	315	2/-	1936	VF	6.50	316	2/-	1936	VF+				15.00	
				317	2/-	1937	UNC	18.00	318	2/-	1946	EF	32.00					
				319	2/6	1923	F	2.75	320	2/6	1924	F+	5.00					
				321	2/6	1925	F	8.00	322	2/6	1925	F+	13.50					
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This month we offer our Coin & Medal News Subscribers a rather sought after gold coin at a most attractive price. We were fortunate in buying a short while ago, some 1923 Geo V British Gold Sovereigns in EF struck at the PERTH MINT in Australia.

The coin looks like South Africa's 1923 gold sovereign except that it has the letter "P" on the ground instead of the "SA" appearing on the 1923 S.A. £1. The "P" Mint mark on the coin is about in the same position as the "SA" Mint mark.

The past-history and whereabouts of these particular coins is well known to us. The original buyer who now lives in Europe and in who's possession they have been all this time bought them in 1938. In 1950 they were sent to a leading South African Bank for safe-keeping. Until we bought them a few weeks ago they remained in the Vault of this bank since 1950. A record of their arrival in this Country together with records of periodic checking by bank inspectors was part of the evidence made available to us about these pieces.

The Australian Coin Catalogue states in an introduction to their section on "GOLD COINAGE" – "Although minting figures of Australian sovereigns were generally high after World War I, most of the dates from 1918 onward are very rare in this Country." Large quantities were apparently melted down, when the sovereigns started acquiring a premium after 1914.

We are pleased to offer subscribers while stocks last on a first come, first served basis a 22 carat gold:-

**EF 1923P. £1 at only . . . .**

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