

# NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

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## North York Coin Club Holds Garden Party

The North York Coin Club held its annual Garden Party on Sunday, June 22 at the home of Stan Clute, current president. It was a day-long affair and, considering the hot, humid weather, the meeting was well-attended.

Some notable guests included J.E. (Jim) Chariton, a former Toronto resident and well-respected coin dealer. Mr. Chariton has authored the Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins, Tokens and Paper Money and is a contender for the CNA first-vice-presidency.

Ken Prophet and his charming wife, Joyce, also attended. Mr. Prophet is general secretary-treasurer of the CNA and president of the Huronia Numismatic Assoc.

A short business meeting was held, at which time President Clute announced the satisfactory progress of Lucille Colson, club secretary, who was recently hospitalized. Following a successful operation, Lucille is now home and recuperating. Paul Johnson

filled in as acting-secretary for the meeting.

During the business portion of the agenda, Jeffrey Jacobs and Jack Veffler were welcomed as new members.

The best was yet to come. Following adjournment of the formal meeting, everyone present returned to the more informal chatting characteristic of this annual affair. Those present received a free-draw ticket and eight prizes, four Canadian silver dollars and four Canadian tokens were

given away through the afternoon and evening. The draws were capably handled by junior member Robert Ryan.

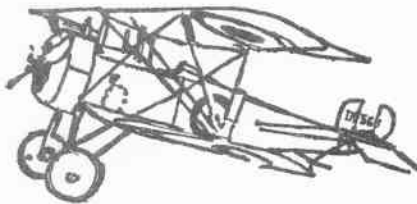
Dinnertime found the picnic table laden with delicious hot and cold dishes, including plenty of hotdogs, prepared by the club's social convener, Miss Jean Orr. Mrs. May Bunnett helped in the preparations.

Everyone involved felt the party was a huge success and thoughts of next year are already forming.

The editor would like to apologize for the lateness of the September Bulletin: he has been extremely busy with both school and the running of the last C.Y.N. Coin Show. Things will be back to normal next month. He would also like to add to the above report of our June meeting, that it was unanimously decided that President Stan Clute be Chairman of the 1976 O.N.A. Convention, hosted by North York Coin Club.

I hope that all the members have had an enjoyable summer. It has been a busy one, and I am sure that those who were unable to drive or fly out to the C.N.A. and A.N.A. conventions will be anxious to find out how they went. This summer also saw the first annual Coin Show of a new club, the Collingwood and District Numismatic Association. Before the September meeting of this club, the Coin Shows of both C.Y.N. and Toronto Coin Club will have passed in Toronto. If not many of us

are able to attend the conventions in Calgary and Los Angeles, I hope that most of the members were able to attend these three Shows so much closer to home. And more are to come, listed among the "Coming Events."



JAPANASE RYUKYU TSUHO

By Ted Banning

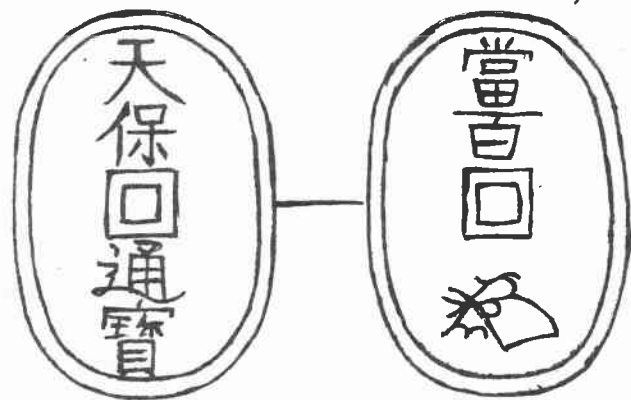
A group of islands to the South of Japan, now Okinawa, the Ryukyu Islands were once the home of the Liu-chiu Kingdom. Liu-chiu's connexion with China began during the Hsüan-tê reign of Ming (A.D. 1426-29), and the kingdom issued Chinese-style coins by order of the emperors T'ai Tsu of Chin (A.D. 1115-23), Shotaikyu (A.D. 1444-60) and Shotoku (A.D. 1460-65).

During the Wan-li period (c. 1573) the Japanese Empire conquered the little kingdom of Liu-chiu, which was now forced to pay tribute to its more powerful northern neighbour.

Now in Japan, besides the regular mint issues, there were provincial issues minted by feudal lords. This practice had arisen around the middle of the 16th century when the use of imported coins was widespread, the central government had no definite monetary system, and disturbances in Japan were frequent.

The first of such provincial coins for the Ryukyu Islands, however, was not made until the 1st year of Bunkyu (A.D. 1861), and was modelled after a coin of the central government, the Tempo Tsuho. The Tempo Tsuho were cast

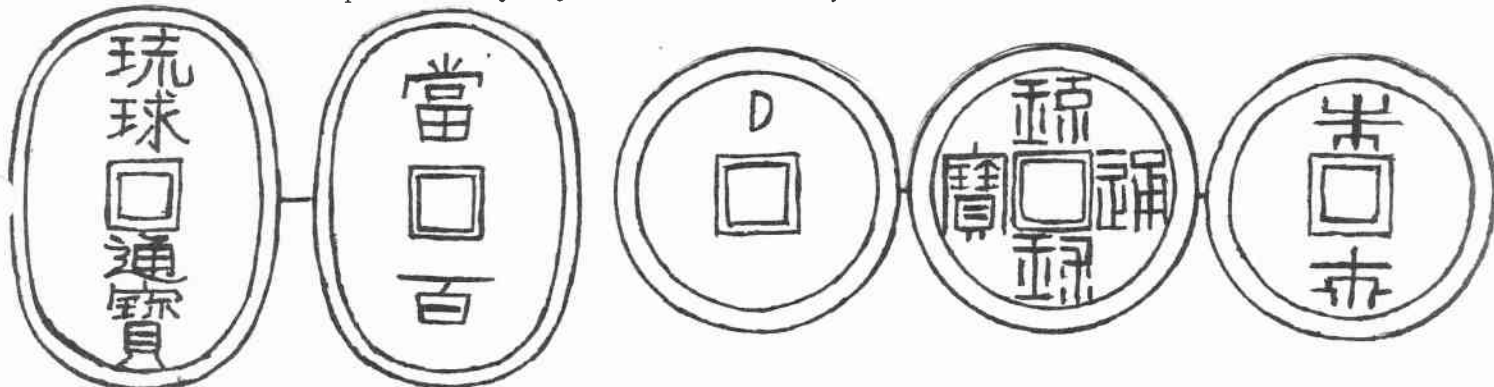
from 1835 at the mints of both Osaka and Fukagawa, Yedo (Tokyo) to a total of 484,304,054. Their composition is 78% copper, 12% lead, and 10% tin. Their large issue and long use (as late as the Meiji era -- 1868-1912 -- these coins were still circulating, but at a value of 125 to the yen or Mexican dollar) indicate a good deal of popularity. It would be this popularity that influenced the design of the Ryukyu Islands' currency. This provincial issue had on its obverse, instead of "Tempo Tsuho," the inscription "Ryukyu Tsuho," while the reverse carried the inscription "Tō Hyaiku" or "to the value of 100" without the seal. On its edge is stamped 卅, sa, for



TEMPO TSUHO

Satsuma, rather than the star or cherry blossom which one sees on the Tempo Tsuho's edge. The Tempozan Mint in Kagoshima (on Kyushu Island, Satsuma district, Japan) was the source of this coin.

A round Ryukyu Tsuho was soon to follow (c. A.D. 1862), but the obverse inscription is in ancient seal-writing, and the piece was current, according to Schjōth, at 31 mon, rather than 100. There seem to be two reverse types of this issue. Although Schjōth's (I have not seen the original of this piece) has only a "half-moon" on the reverse, my own and others I have seen have the inscription, in seal-writing, "one-half shu." Since one shu is equivalent to 250 mon, this would give the coin a value of 125 mon, more than the oval Tempo and Ryukyu Tsuho coins, although the round one is lighter.



COMING EVENTS:

- September 27 - Huronia Numismatic Association's fifteenth annual show, Bayfield Mall, Barrie, Ontario.
- October 4 - Richmond Hill Coin Club annual show, Hillcrest Mall, Highway 11 (Yonge Street) at Carrville Road, just South of Richmond Hill. Fourse Chairman, Rob Porter; Exhibit Chairman, Tom Beckett.
- October 9-12 - Torex 1975 Fall convention, Queen Elizabeth Building in the C.N.E. grounds, Toronto. Hosted by the O.N.A. Display Chairman: Richard Ford, P.O. Box 717, Stayner, Ontario.
- October 17-19 - Counterfeit Detection Seminar, co-sponsored by the Toronto Coin Club, C.A.N.D. and O.I.N., at the offices of Charlton Numismatics, Ltd., 299 Queen Street West, Toronto. Basic fee of \$110.00 for instruction by Virgil Hancock of Belaire, Texas; John Hunter of East Detroit, Michigan; Col. Robert Kriz of Merritt Island, Florida; and Ed Fleischmann.
- October 25 - St. Catharines Coin Club annual show and banquet, Westminster Church Parish Hall, Queenston Street, St. Catharines, Ontario.
- October 26 - Hamilton Coin Club show, J.O.O.F. Hall, Wellington Street North, Hamilton, Ontario from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
- October 26 - Tillsonburg Coin Club annual show and banquet, Orange Hall, Tillsonburg, Ontario.
- November 1 - Thistletown Coin & Stamp Club show, Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Irwin Avenue, Rexdale, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
- November 2 - Stratford Coin Club show. More information will come.
- November 8 - Oshawa & District Coin Club annual show, Mid-Town Mall, 200 John Street, Oshawa, Ontario.
- November 20-23 - Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers Fall Show, Hotel Toronto, Toronto, Ontario.

NEXT MEETING, September 23, 1975, will feature as speaker, Mr. J. E. Charlton. We look forward to his presentation.

THE C.N.A. ELECTIONS have resulted in the election of Mr. Alex Munro as President, Mr. James Charlton as First Vice-President, Mr. Frank Sorenson as Second Vice-President, Mr. Robert Aaron as Ontario Director, Mr. Charles Longley as Maritime Director, Mr. Peter Broeker as Quebec Director, Mr. Norman Williams as British Columbia Director, Mr. John J. Pittman as Eastern U.S. Director, Mr. Maxwell Brail as Central U.S. Director, Mr. James Betton as Western U.S. Director. It may be remembered that Mr. Aaron, Mr. Brail, and Mr. Pittman were among those nominated by N.Y.C.C.

