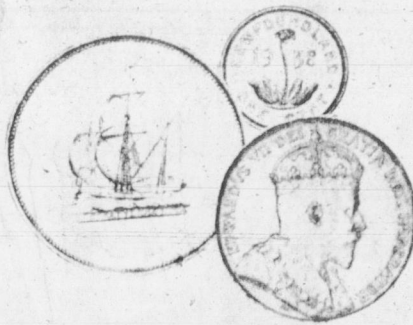
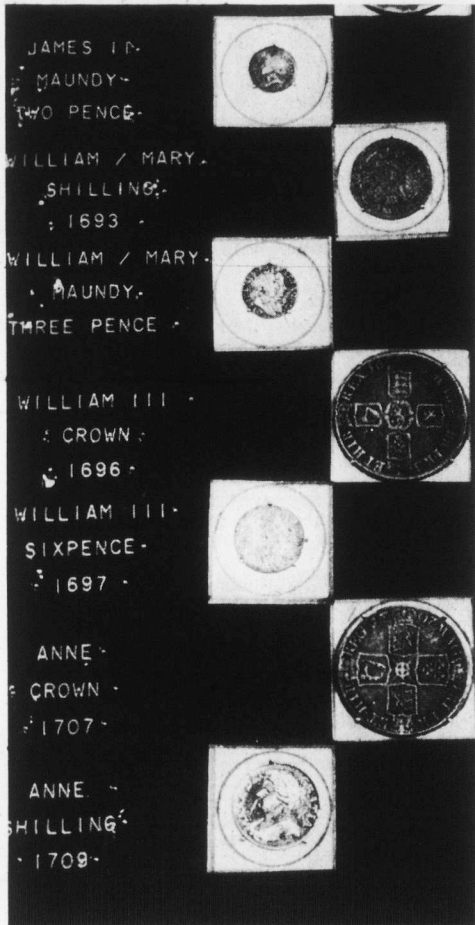


So let's all check the coins in our pockets



Mississauga Coin Club emblem



Coins with a lot of history at a recent area exhibition.

By SANDY STOUTH
You may have a small fortune in your pocket and not know it.
"The rarity and condition of a coin determines its value," says Bruce Petch, president of Mississauga Coin Club. "A lot of people begin collecting coins from the change in their pockets."
Formed in 1962, the club was known as Port Credit-Coin Club up to one-and-a-half years ago.
About 30 members of the club meet the second Sunday of each month at Fairview Public School on Joan Dr., from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., September to May.
Counterfeiting, ancient coins, paper money, how to get started in coin collecting, grading coins and how to keep and protect coins are among topics discussed at the meetings.
"Nice specimens, with mirror-like surfaces, should be handled on the edges," advises Petch. "If you place your fingertips on the coin, the acid from your fingers will get on the coin and damage it."

Coins can be protected by placing them in slide frames. According to appearance, coins are usually graded into these categories: prooflike, uncirculated, extremely fine, very fine, fine, very good, good and poor.
"Depending on the rarity of the coin, even if it's in poor condition, it can still be very valuable," Petch says.
For example, 60 million dimes were minted in 1972. But in 1921, two million dimes were minted, of which only 100 are known to be in existence. A dime in good condition is valued at \$250, and a dime in uncirculated condition is worth \$2,300.
An uncirculated coin may have been kept, for instance, wrapped in kleenex or cloth for safekeeping by a grandmother for her grandchildren and remained unmarred.
"The high points or relief on a coin tend to wear faster," says Petch. "On a coin with the Queen's head, the high points such as the crown and hair will wear faster. With more wear, the

relief is blurred or scratched, and the grade of the coin will go down."

Two books are commonly used by coin collectors: the Charlton Grading Guide, to determine the grade of a coin, and the Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins, Tokens and Paper Money, by J.E. Charlton, as a price guide.

"People can get interested in collecting paper money, coins or sometimes tokens, such as Toronto Subway tokens. Others collect foreign, Canadian or new issued coins. Some may even specialize in shipplasters."

In 1870, the government was concerned because there was a shortage of Canadian coinage and a lot of American money was circulating in the country. As an emergency measure, 25-cent paper denominations were issued. At one point, the notes were used as liners to prevent shoes from chafing, hence the name shipplasters.

The government recalled the shipplasters in 1925. Although more than five million were issued, the number of notes in circulation has steadily declined through the years.
"If a rare coin has been preserved well, it will have the highest value. A 1948 silver dollar may be worth \$500 to \$1,600 depending on its condition."

The club is making up display cases for the next

Torex show this spring. Torex is Canada's largest Coin and Stamp Show, held recently at Malton's International Centre.

"The secretary to the Assistant Premier of Russia donated two medals and seven currency coins to the club recently. These will be included in the display."

If you don't have any old coins in your pocket, an excellent place to obtain them is from the bank, suggests Petch. Just ask for an older roll of coins in exchange for the value, and sort for the older coins, using the two books mentioned earlier as guides.

Persons do not have to own coin collections to join the Mississauga Coin Club. All that's needed is an interest in the subject. The club is open to all ages.

16 facing charges after raid on house

An early-morning police raid on a house in Streetville has resulted in 16 persons facing liquor charges.

Police executed the search warrant at 21 Sora Dr. and eight charges involving possession of hash oil and marijuana were also laid.

The liquor charges include permitting drunkenness and being a found-in.

All the people arrested were released on appearance notices and are due to appear in court Jan. 15 and 16.

TWO MEN CHARGED
Two Toronto men have been charged in connection

with break-ins at eight Mississauga homes during November and December.

Charged with eight counts of break, enter and theft are Edward Daniel Holliday, 23, and Leonard Daniel Dusome, 24, both of 685 Scarlett Rd.

Police say jewelry and other small items were stolen in the break-ins.

ASSAULT CHARGE

33-year-old Glen William McMann faces charges of assault with intent to resist arrest, of escaping lawful custody, of impaired driving and of refusing to take a breathalyzer test after an incident at Lakeshore and Clarkson roads.

Police say when constable Bob Diedrick pulled over a driver, the officer was assaulted and the driver escaped on foot.

McMann, of 1583 Watersedge Rd. in Mississauga will appear in court on Jan. 21.

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Cat show Jan. 11, 12

Himalyans, Abyssinians, Burmese and Persians are among breeds of cats to be judged at the 12th annual Championship Cat Show to be held Jan. 11 and 12 by the Ontario Cat Fanciers Association.
There will be four judging rings, with continuous judging in progress from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days in the auditorium of Sheridan Mall, Erin Mills Parkway.
This year, all the longhaired breeds will be judged Saturday and the shorthairs and household pets judged Sunday.
Exhibitors of the valuable pure-bred cats will come from many parts of Canada and the United States to compete for trophies and rosettes.
Longhaired breeds include Himalyans, Sacret Cat of

Burma, Persians, Turkish Angoras and Balinese. Shorthaired breeds include Abyssinians, American Shorthairs, Havana Browns, Manx, Res, Russian Blues and Siamese.
Household pet entries (entries are now closed) are cats of mixed ancestry, and they will compete for trophies, rosettes and the coveted win of Best-Household Pet.
Judges are Richard Gebhardt of New Jersey, Maril Rottler of Minnesota, Stan Barnaby of Wisconsin, and William Eisenman from New York.
The show will be open to the public, and admission is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children accompanied by adult and children under five free.
Sundays 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
All classes are taught by experienced CPGA professionals.
Participants must bring their own clubs but all other equipment is supplied.
The fee per session is \$15.00. The first session begins on January 13th, 1975. Registration is by mail only. Please indicate which class level you wish to take (beginner, intermediate, advanced).

Golf sessions

The City of Mississauga Recreation and Parks Department is once again offering indoor golf lessons at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels.
Each session runs for six weeks, one hour per week. Classes are offered at local high school gymnasiums on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. and on Saturdays and

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