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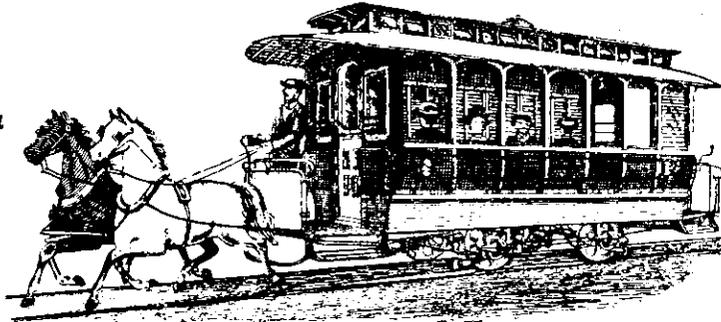


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HARRY W. BOYD

Harry W. Boyd, A.V.A. #613, died on June 16, 1965, of a heart attack in San Francisco. A retired railroad conductor, Mr. Boyd was 80 years of age at the time of his death. Your Editor never made the acquaintance of Mr. Boyd. As our Association continues to grow, there will be more members, like Mr. Boyd, who will keep the quiet tenor of their ways. And even though we did not know him, we shall miss him, and we wish him well on this, his last and longest journey.

Together with this issue we include the Index to Volume 19 of The Fare Box. This will help you to find articles in last year's issues, and it should be put at the end of your December 1965 copy of The Fare Box.

This is the last issue of The Fare Box that you will receive unless your 1966 A.V.A. dues of \$4.00 are paid by March 1. The February issue will go out during the first week in March, and those who aren't paid up will not receive it. We also shall print only enough to take care of the paid-up members, plus a very few extras, so if you want to be sure to receive that issue, send in your dues now to the Secretary, Donald Mazeau - P.O. Box 31 - Clinton, Conn. 06413. Likewise, if you have been receiving The Fare Box by airmail and wish to continue getting it by airmail, you must send in one dollar directly to the Editor. This service is available to any member who wishes it, for one dollar extra. Airmail copies are always posted with commemorative stamps.

Henceforth we wish it to be understood that the American Vecturist Association reserves the right to republish anything submitted for publication in The Fare Box. This includes articles, listings in catalogue or check list supplements, etc. This doesn't mean we reserve exclusive right. But we simply don't want someone coming to us years later, and saying "You can't print that, it's mine!" if we ever decide to reprint certain articles from The Fare Box in book form, or form a catalogue from the listings in supplements which appear herein.

Gordon Yowell has an interesting article on merchants' tokens with lots of pictures, including rare transportation tokens, in the March 1966 issue of FRONTIER TIMES, which is now available on your news stand.



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Congratulations to Charles E. Axthelm, AVA #L-241, upon his promotion to Commander, U.S. Navy.

Officers of the A.V.A. are grateful to Dan DiMichael for making available to us, at face value, the old commemorative stamps which we use on mail to the members.

New-style membership cards, recommended by Joe Kotler, are now in use and we hope the members like them.

= A.V.A. TO PUBLISH PARKING TOKEN CATALOGUE =

With the tremendous growth of interest in collecting parking tokens, and the large number of new issues of these tokens, it has become necessary to have a special catalogue, limited exclusively to parking tokens. There are now nearly a thousand varieties of these tokens--nearly a fifth as many parking tokens as there are transportation tokens--which is incredible considering that 95% of the parking tokens have been issued since the end of World War II.

The result will be *Feisel's Catalogue of Parking Tokens of the World*, to be published by the Catalogue Committee of the American Vecturist Association. This will be a cloth-bound, 160-page book, similar in size (6x9) and format to *Atwood's Catalogue of United States and Canadian Transportation Tokens*. It will be a companion volume to the transportation token catalogue and, of course, we hope that every A.V.A. member will want to own both books. The parking token catalogue will have at least 200 tokens illustrated, both obverse & reverse, right in with the text, rather than on plates at the rear of the book. This is a new departure, necessitating lots of extra work, but we believe that this method of putting pictures right next to the listings will be a considerable improvement.

The parking token section of the Atwood catalogue will, of course, be rendered completely obsolete by the new book. Numbers and listings of tokens will be rearranged wherever necessary to achieve chronological sequence, so it will be necessary for collectors to have the new book to identify tokens by catalogue numbers.

We expect delivery of the books no later than the middle of April of this year. This gives us plenty of extra time, because we really hope to have the books by the beginning of April.

The retail price of the new parking token catalogue has been set at \$4.50 post-paid. However, A.V.A. members may order the book between now and April 1 at the very special members' price of only \$3.00 postpaid. After April 1, the price for A.V.A. members will be increased. Loose-leaf editions of the catalogue will be available to members at the same price, \$3.00 if ordered in advance. After February 20, however, no orders for loose-leaf books can be accepted. So if you wish a loose-leaf copy you must order immediately. Only enough loose-leaf books to cover actual orders received by February 20 will be prepared. All the rest will be cloth-bound books. If you do not specify, you will be put down for the cloth-bound book.

Send your order for the parking token catalogue, together with \$3.00 payment, to the Editor of The Fare Box, John M. Coffee, Jr. - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston, Mass. 02104. Please make checks & money-orders payable to "John M. Coffee, Jr." to facilitate cashing them. Canadians please send payment in U.S. funds (Canadian postal money orders.) *Do not send orders to Mr. Feisel. All orders for the parking token catalogue are being handled by the Editor of THE FARE BOX.*

An initial printing of 500 books is being ordered. There are more than 500 members of the A.V.A., but we don't expect them all to order the book. However, we do hope that everyone wants this book. Even if you don't collect parking tokens, it will be a valuable reference book to give you valuations. For everyone comes across a parking token now and then, and collectors of parking tokens are avid to get the rare ones. You could get a very good transportation token in trade for a rare parking token. We also need at least 300 advance orders to break even on the cost of producing this book. You may order as many books as you wish at the special \$3.00 price, so long as you order before April 1. We need your orders, so please take care of this matter now and don't wait too long. Also, in the event that the book does prove extremely popular, those who wait too long to order may have to await a second print--which would take two more months--before receiving their books. So, to help us out, and also to be on the safe side, send in your orders now for the new parking token catalogue. It will list every parking token ever issued anywhere in the world (there are some very interesting French tokens not yet listed in The Fare Box). We believe it will be a valuable contribution to numismatic knowledge, and it represents a huge amount of research and just plain hard work on the part of Mr. Feisel.

Supplements to the new parking token catalogue will appear regularly, of course, in THE FARE BOX.

AUCTION SALE: Pa 400 B; Kans 820 G H I.

R.J. DeSantis - 108 N. Main Ave. - Scranton, Pa. 18504

CONN 30 A - Branford Electric Railway Museum special token for sale at 2 for \$1.00 plus stamped envelope. All proceeds go to help improve the track at this wonderful museum of old trolley cars.

W.G. Fyler - P.O. Drawer 7 - Babson Park, Fla. 33827

HAVE WASH 920 D or trade token from Rocky Ford, Colo. Will trade for any T.T. cataloging 30¢ or more, or any trade token with business, city & state on it.

James M. Millard - 3744 S.E. 168th Street - Portland, Ore. 97236

TRADE MO 370 C Da Db E F G H I J K; Minn 50 L M N O P Q, 730 F G H I. Send me your list and I will send mine. I would like to buy tokens that I need, U.S. only; let me know and I'll send my want-list and return your postage. Will trade other kinds of tokens for TT 15¢ and up that I need.

Gordon Wold - Route 1 - Princeton, Minn. 55371

WANTED: telephone tokens; military PX, NCO & canteen tokens. Presidential campaign buttons. Will trade parking tokens for some of the above. Send list of what you have. I also collect mettlach & regimental steins.

Norman E. Sherman - 4295 Marina Drive - Santa Barbara, Calif. 93105

TRADE GEORGIA 50 B, 60 J L T, 70 A B D E, 240 E, 540 A, 580 F, 750 H, 780 B E H I J K; for following Ga. tokens: 20 B, 240 B C D, 540 B, 580 E G, 630 C, 750 G I; also will trade Ga 880 A for Ga 20 A, 580 A, 750 E; also have one Ga 70 C to trade for Ga 50 A or 240 A.

Robert I. Oliphant - 35 Overlook Drive - Golf, Ill. 60029

SWAP OR SELL TORONTO Transit Commission subway tokens in cardboard folder at cost price, 6 for \$1 plus postage, or swap for equal value in your duplicate tokens.

A.E. Jay - 44 Avenue Street - Oshawa, Ontario

TRIPLE CATALOGUE!! I will pay TRIPLE catalogue for these: Conn 55 A, 85 C D, 160 A, 220 A, 230 A, 235 A C, 290 A D I, 305 A B C E I, 320 B, 325 A, 345 A, 525 A B D, 560 B, 998 A B C D E F (\$1.50 each), 3210 C D E, 3250 A, 3998 A (\$2.50), 235 B (\$1.00)

Foster B. Pollack - 1841 Broadway, Rm 808 - New York, N.Y. 10023

EVERY TT COLLECTOR should have this conversation piece - The Henry Ford Pocketpiece Token. Designed by Mr. Ford as an advertising scheme in 1917, the dies were made but the order of one million tokens was never filled because of WWI. Complete with story - bronze \$1.75.

Doug Smith - P.O. Box 5061 - Grosse Pointe, Mich. 48236

I have Parking Token Holland 3970 A, listed last month, in UNC. condition, to trade for a token I need (parking). Would consider Montreal 3620 A as one. All trades invited. Will even consider U.S. token or tokens. Also for sale, Fla 880 F, Scotland (Glasgow) 4d. token, 20¢ each. Plus stamped envelope please.

John G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo St. - Oakland, Calif. 94601

NEW COLLECTOR offers selection of railway tickets from Great Britain in exchange for transport tokens from anywhere.

Peter Baldwin - 92 Sparrows Herne - Basildon, Essex, England

AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Ohio 15 B; NC 450 E; Pa 750 W; Fla 380 P; Ky 510 BF; Neb 540 O. Will answer highest bidders only. FOR SALE: a few Neb 540 Z left, at 50¢ each plus self-addressed stamped envelope.

Gerald A. Sochor - 1311 So. Glencoe St. - Denver, Colo. 80222

Interested in any U.S. and foreign transportation tokens with any kind of watercraft on them. Will buy or trade.

L.R. Lindgren - P.O. Box 350 - New Cumberland, Pa. 17070

JACKPOT, if you like tickets, interesting assortment of bilingual Quebec Province issues of Transport Regional du Saguenay, successors to issuers of Que 100 A,B, including one or two paper items with Autobus Saguenay obliterated. Mostly negotiable, even \$3 scenic tour, but in accepting them you undertake to keep them for a collection. Yours for the asking.

Don Allen - 810 Hoopes Street - Arvida, Quebec

WILL TRADE 25 pieces of NY 630 AN for any reasonable offer of cash, trans or parking tokens. Will also swap my trade list for yours both trans and parking tokens.

Don McKelvey - 2822 19th Avenue - Port Huron, Mich. 48060

SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER: AGANA, GUAM 25 A.

G.W. Gallagher - 568 Pinetree - Jenkintown, Pa. 19046

TRADE Ida 440 H for any one of Cal 100 B, 205 C, 535 A B C, 745 G, 880 A. Trade any one of NY 615 A, 905 D; DC 500 AE, for any one of Cal 50 A B, 320 E F G H, 275 A B, 650 A, 715 S, 835 H, 945 E F J L.

Stephen Album - 1810 University Avenue - Berkeley, Calif. 94703

SEND ANY AMOUNT of NY 630 AN's and receive (1) transit token and bonus token, my choice, or (2) 10¢ plus my choice bonus token. Send any amount, but include a little postage. Have any N.Y. or Penna. tokens for sale or trade? Thanks!

Larry Edell - 104-27 117 Street - Richmond Hill, N.Y. 11419

To Highest Bidder: Fla 1000 A; Minn 520 A; Vt 150 D; Va 998 A; Wash 780 T; Puerto Rico 640 A B C D; Samples 27 A; timetable G; France 520 B C.

Frank W. Guernsey - 3725 N.E. 17th Avenue - Portland 12, Ore.

Trade your U.S. commemorative stamps mix 100 for one Quebec 620 bridge commem. N.S. 200 A, \$1.50; Ont 675 L, \$2; Quebec 120 C, \$1.50, 800 A to N, \$18.00. High bidder: Quebec 998 C, Ont 998 C,D.

Olivier St. Aubin - 520 Cote Vertu - Cite St. Laurent 9, Quebec

FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Timetable G (see Atwood page 316); also C. & D. Canal token J. Randel - 1825.

C.B. Tyson - 613 Halstead Rd., Sharpley - Wilmington, Del. 19803

WANTED: TOKENS FROM U.S. CITIES WITH DUTCH NAMES--Mich 460 A; NY 25 A B D G, 770 D; Pa 940 B C. Will offer European transp. tokens in exchange.

A.C. Hazevoet - Ch. Leickertstraat 15/111 - Amsterdam West, Holland

FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER: one complete set Penna. zone checks 997 A thru Q, 17 all different in excellent condition. Minimum bid \$50.00. Also singles 997 A B M N.

Roice V. Rider - 4001 6th Avenue South - St. Petersburg, Fla. 33711

FOR SALE TO HIGHEST CASH OR TRADE OFFER: Ohio 440 C. I will be glad to send you my parking token want-list and list of parking tokens I have available for trade if you will just ask.

John A. Backora - 83 Markey Street - Bellville, Ohio 44813

MEDALET HONORING RALPH FREIBERG, A.V.A. Catalogue Committee Chairman, nickel-silver, scallped, only 200 struck, \$1.00 plus stamped envelope. (Only 50¢ to members of Chicago Area Token & Medal Society.) Also, CATALOGUE OF 19th CENTURY CHICAGO TOKENS by Arlie Slabaugh, 14p. illus., \$1.00.

Grant B. Schmalgemeier, Jr. - 1317 West Eddy Street - Chicago, Ill. 60657

FOR SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER: Utah 125 A; Va 20 C, 65 A, 120 A B, 530 A, 600 A C, 620 G H J K R, 720 A C; Wash 10 A, 340 A B D, 755 A, 780 J K, 880 F G H I J, 970 A, 990 B; WVa 830 F. I have several Greek telephone tokens to trade for like items or parking tokens I need. Also for trade only, Calif 3810 A and B.

Harold V. Ford - 1999 Gaspar Drive - Oakland, Calif. 94611

MAIL AUCTION: Build your N.Y. borough collection! NY 629 C H I J K, 630 X Z AA AB AC AD, 631 A B C D E J K L N. Others in series available. All nice condition; none counterstamped. For trade at equal value, Alas 300 C; Calif 745 G; Ia 850 M; Mo 910 B; Tex 360 E. All VF to AU.

George Gould - P.O. Box 1208 - Hollywood, Calif.

TRADE - Pa 750 AE for as many as three other tokens of comparable catalogue value.

Write first! = Hugh Raburn - 229 W. Apsley St. - Philadelphia, Pa. 19144

SOCIETY OF RATION TOKEN COLLECTORS membership now forming. Dues \$1 per year, includes publication "THE RATION BOARD." Write George E. Broughten - 909 Chamberlin Court - New Haven, Ind. 46774, for information & application. Fourteen Unc. state sales tax tokens & 1 circ. for \$1.00 cash or Mo. TT's cat. at least \$1.35. Stamped envelope on trades.

Jerry Bates - Box 546 - St. Charles, Mo. 63301

WANTED: new collector wants to purchase U.S. transportation tokens, especially Ill-inois and Texas. Send list and prices.

Frank Milne - 1145 Sandpiper Lane - Naperville, Ill. 60540

ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE OF U.S. & CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION TOKENS - 480 pages including 27 photographic plates, cloth-bound. Lists all known tokens and prices them; includes index making it possible to identify any token. Price to AVA members, \$5.50 postpd. Please make checks payable to "John M. Coffee, Jr." to facilitate cashing.

American Vecturist Assn. - P.O. Box 1204 - Boston, Mass. 02104

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= A FIRESIDE CHAT WITH A MOTORMAN ON "THE OLD NO. 6 TROLLEY" =
By Clara M. Migley

Mr. Rodney Bell, a motorman for the old Lancaster (Ohio) Traction Company, was born in Amanda Township on July 25, 1881. His mother died when he was ten years old and he then lived with an uncle till he was 19. He started to work for the traction company in 1904. He was a motorman on the "old No. 6"--he said they called all the trolleys by that name. The trolley, old number six, is the one pictured on the Lancaster, Ohio, celluloid tokens, and it did service from 1896 to 1937. Mr. Bell was paid 25¢ an hour and that was the wages for years--the owner of the trolleys having said that that was all it was worth. The working day started at 5:30 A.M. and extended through 1:30 A.M. Not all worked that long a day, but sometimes they did. The final run was called the "Owl run" on the "Owl trolley." It was to accommodate employees of the Hocking Glass Plant, now called Anchor-Hocking Glass Corporation.

They had three routes in the city, and sometimes the motorman could not judge the distance and speed too well when coming close to the end of the run, and the trolley would jump the track, and they would have to call the barn and have another trolley come out with a log chain and pull the car back onto the track.

The celluloid tokens were used at this time and sold at drug stores and other places of business in a light brown envelope holding 33 red tokens for a dollar, and later they sold 6 for 25¢. The red tokens were used by the ordinary passenger. The green and yellow ones were given out by banks as complimentary to business men and lawyers and city officials. These tokens were not used as much as the red ones, so they are in beautiful condition today. The lemon yellow ones were given to doctors and nurses and used quite often. The maroon tokens were used only by employees. As a passenger stepped into the trolley he would drop a token into a metal hopper, and it would fall into a wooden box covered with glass. A pick-up man from the traction company would come at noon and towards evening to get the fares and take them back to the barn.

When the trolleys were discontinued in 1937, one gasoline double cylinder engine with a switch board was taken to Dearborn Museum in Michigan. A couple of the old trolleys were bought by individuals for use as chicken houses. The rails were made of steel and sold to a local junk dealer. Some of the rails were estimated to weigh 80 pounds to the foot.

Mr. Bell retired from the company in 1940 and lives alone at 238 South Maple Street in Lancaster, in a small two-room apartment. His wife died twelve years ago, and his only child died of diphtheria at the age of seven. His health is not very good but he reads and is a very good artist, painting landscapes. He showed me one of his paintings, about 6" by 8" and framed it with the outer part of a register which came from an old horsecar. The newer cars had a round register and these registers were high in the car, and registered when a fare was paid.

= FRANK HICKS TELLS ROTARY CLUB ABOUT TRANSPORTATION TOKENS =

The Editor received the following interesting letter from A.V.A. member Frank Hicks of Weaverville, Calif., along with a schedule listing him as speaker at one of the local Rotary Club luncheons...

Dear John: The enclosed is to inform you that I spoke on, and showed, transportation tokens to the Rotary Club of Weaverville last Tuesday and was very well received. I only took along about 50 of the more interesting tokens and it was interesting that most of the members didn't realize that such a thing could be made into a legitimate hobby nor had they ever heard of the word "vecturist." So in order to get their attention, my first remark was, "I am a happily married man, the father of three children, and am also a practicing vecturist--my wife understands." After a long pause, there were some giggles as if I had said something dirty but at least they were listening. I enjoyed doing it and I think other members who also belong to service organizations would find it very interesting to present the story of transportation tokens to those groups.

= A.V.A. NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS UP 50% IN 1965 =

By Joseph Mark Kotler

With 151 new members in 1965, new applicants for membership in the A.V.A. jumped 50% over the 101 new members in 1964. This is more than 325% better than five years ago (1961). An even better indication of the increased widespread interest is the fact that in 1965 fifty-three members acted as sponsors, whereas there were only 29 in 1964. Membership-sponsors and how many each sponsored are as follows:

Kotler 22, Coffee 19, Carman 14½, Mazeau 14, Rider 9, Hinde 6, Nordhof 5, H.D. Allen 4, Schwartz 3, Tauscher 3, Zaika 3.

The following sponsored two new members each: Edell, Maxwell, A.O. Morgan, T.M. Murdock, Nicolosi, Schmalgemeier, Smolen.

The following sponsored one new member each: Schmal, Matusoff, H.V. Ford, Gray, Super, Krumrei, Delk, Marie Johnson, Goyette, Wyatt, Heise, Clymer, Singer, Edkins, Horowitz, Byrne, Ed Miller, James, Dence, Diehl, Thorpe, B. Jones, Vickers, R.M. Brown, McKelvey, Pollack, Yowell, Sherman, A. Gibbons, Harrod, Evelyn Jackson, Ubinas, K. Smith. J.R. Bolz was also a co-sponsor with Mr. Carman.

Editor's Note: Some special note should be made of the fact that this is the first time in the history of the Association that someone not in an official capacity took top honors for sponsoring the largest number of new members. Joe Kotler deserves the highest commendation for sponsoring so many applicants last year!

= FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK =

We have received a postcard from Roland Atwood, mailed January 14 from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. "In Santos," he says, "the old open streetcars they bought in San Francisco 60 years ago are still in service. Old streetcars from Paris 50 years ago are in use in Asuncion, Paraguay. Old Baltimore cars are being used in Sao Paulo. Everywhere else, trolley buses."

Old time members of the A.V.A. will remember Emzy Lee Thompson, a former member of this association. We have just learned that Mr. Thompson died on November 29 in Nebraska. It was he who made up the four pattern tokens listed this month.

Still no photographs with this issue, but with luck we shall have them with the February issue. You can expect photographs at least every other month after that. We have recently secured an excellent camera for photographing coins and tokens, and this enables us to snap any tokens that are sent to us for that purpose. We can also send you photographs of your tokens, in full size, or double or triple diameter, for a very reasonable price. So if you want photos of your prize tokens, let us know. One-day service, incidentally.

The Fare Box has settled down more or less regularly to a point where it is mailed during the first week of the month following that stated in the masthead. Until further notice, the closing date of each issue is the last Monday in the month; ads received after that will be printed if we still haven't done the ad pages, but the probability is that they will have to wait until the following issue.

It might be well to mention here how important it is for members to answer their mail promptly, especially that from other members. Common courtesy requires that you reply to a letter from a fellow member without a long delay. It also helps if you enclose postage--especially a self-addressed stamped envelope--when you write someone asking for information. And if someone sends you tokens, whether you asked for them or not, you should of course promptly return them if you don't want them. The best way to treat your fellow AVA members is the way you would want them to treat you. The Golden Rule applies to token collecting, too.

ENGLAND (all reported by D. Capper)

Birmingham 80

BIRMINGHAM CITY TRANSPORT (CITY ARMS)

CF Cg 23 Sd 1½d (dark green) \$0.15

Manchester 500

MANCHESTER CORPORATION TRANSPORT (ARMS)

BP Ce 23 Sd 1½d (Vars.) .15

Newcastle 545

NEWCASTLE CORPORATION TRAMWAYS (CITY ARMS)

AW Cg 22 Sd 3d. (Vars.) .15

AX Cw 22 Sd 4d. .15

SOUTH SHIELDS 700

SOUTH SHIELDS CORPORATION TRANSPORT (ARMS)

BA Cb 23 Sd ½d. .15

BB Cr 23 Sd 1d. .15

BC Cy 23 Sd 2d. .15

BD Cw 23 Sd 3d. .15

SWEDEN

Helsingborg 300 (Reported by K. Smith (I, J, K) and A. C. Hazevoet (BJ))

HALSINGBORGS STADS SPARVAGAR OMNIBUS POLLETT FOR VUXEN

I o B 24 Tr-sc (RV705)(4-leaf rose) .50

HELSEINGBORGS STADS HISS ORE 2 ORE

J o K Ov Ch (RV705)(25x17mm) .50

HELSEINGBORGS STADS SPARVAGAR POLLETT FOR BARN

K o WM 22 Ch (RV705) .50

HALSINGBORG STADS SPARVAGAR POLLETT FOR VUXEN

BJo B 25 Ch (RV705)(Sc) .20

(Note that 300 BE is (Sc). The company informs me that as of November 1965 the only items in use are 300 AX BD and BF.)

Norkoppings 600 (Reported by Smith (L M P Q R) and Hazevoet (N O))

NORRKOPINGS SPARVAGAR POLLETT FOR VUXNA (CAR)

L o Z 19 Ch Kop Gasverkets Koks Tel. 132. .25

M o Z 19 Ch " " " " " " " " .25

NORRKOPINGS SPARVAGAR

N B 19 Ch Kop Gasverkets Koks .20

O B 24 P-sc (same as obverse)(used by old-age pensioners) .20

P WM 24 P-sc " " " " " " " " .20

NORRKOPINGS SPARVAGAR (STREETCAR)

Q o B 23 Ch Norkoppings Sparvagar 15 Ore (5 chips) .50

NORRKOPINGS SPARVAGAR

R B 24 Sd Pollett for barn .20

Mr. Capper and I supplied the Nicolosi New Issues Service with England 500 BP and 545 AW and AX as well as the South Shields tokens listed above, so write him for them if you would like them. Meanwhile, please continue to send me new listings.

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= ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE FARE BOX ARE FREE TO A.V.A. MEMBERS - UP TO 6 LINES =

= JANUARY SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Ralph Freiberg

ILLINOIS

Hillsboro 415 (Reported by Lee Hope)
F.H. DIERKERS BUS LINE GOOD FOR ONE TRIP BETWEEN HILLSBORO & DEPOT
B o A Ov Sd Office With Hotel Hillsboro \$5.00

KENTUCKY

Beech Grove 45 (Reported by Lee Hope)
RANGERS LANDING FERRY KY. HWY. 136 O.B. KIRTLEY & SONS (STAR)
C A 35 Sd Good For One Return Trip Over Green River .50

MARYLAND

Patterns 998
FREDERICK TRANSIT CO. FREDERICK, MD. (STAR)
F A 25 Sd School Fare
ANTIETAM TRANSIT CO. HAGERSTOWN, MD. (STAR)
G A 25 Sd School Fare
[These two patterns were speculative pieces issued by a private collector.]

PENNSYLVANIA

Patterns 998
EAST BROAD TOP R.R. ROCKHILL FURNACE PENNA. N.G.
R B 32 Sd Round Trip Adult [N.G.on obverse = "Narrow Gauge"]
S A 32 Sd " " Child
[These two patterns were speculative pieces issued by a private collector.]

WISCONSIN

Dodgeville 160 (Reported by Gerald Johnson)
HOTEL HIGBEE BUS GEO S MITCHELL
D o B Oc Sd Good One Way (30mm) 3.50

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

This month we list our first oval-shaped depotel token, from Hillsboro, Ill. Lee Hope's father lives in Hillsboro, and he began a search for the 415 A token. He not only found a 415 A, he also found this previously unlisted depotel token! The token has a design similar to the ferry tokens of St. Francisville, Ill., so we may assume, of course, that our Hillsboro depotel dates prior to 1920. The depot is about 1 1/4 miles from the Hillsboro Hotel, so there was need for a form of transportation between the two.

The Kirtley's bought the Rangers Landing ferry late last summer, and thought it would be a good idea to have tokens of their own. Their new token went into use on November 15, 1965. The fare is 50¢ one-way, 75¢ round-trip.

The four patterns listed this month were made several years ago by Emzy L. Thompson, a former member of the A.V.A. Emzy, at that time, was attempting to start a business of striking tokens for various transportation firms. He was not successful, and no company ever purchased tokens from him. He did submit samples of these four tokens to the companies whose names appear on them, but the companies were not interested. However, Emzy had at least a couple hundred of each of these tokens made, certainly more than were necessary for pattern purposes, and he sold and traded them to other collectors. Therefore we considered them a speculative issue and refused to dignify them by a listing in our Catalogue. We also did not want to encourage the practise of private collectors issuing their own patterns. Now that Emzy Thompson has died, there is no reason to withhold these listings any longer. We have also received reports that various individuals are offering these patterns at very high prices to unsuspecting collectors. They are quite common, and worth no more than 50¢ to a dollar apiece. THE FARE BOX will not accept ads which offer them for

auction, in view of their highly dubious nature.

Bob Oliphant was formerly stationed down in Fort Gordon, Ga., and is now living in Golf, Ill. He sends a correction on the date the Islands Expressway (Ga 780 K) opened. We said August 15, 1963. The correct date is August 14, 1963. The token is used on a two-lane high speed (60mph) highway beginning near the eastern Savannah, Ga., city limits and extending across three islands with two large bridges and joining U.S. 80 destined for Savannah Beach. The expressway is a short-cut to Savannah Beach to siphon the heavy traffic off U.S. 80, which travels a circuitous route through Savannah and neighboring Thunderbolt over city streets. The expressway is 3.2 miles long and tolls are 25¢ each way for autos, pick-ups, motorcycles and bicycles; 30¢ each way for two-axle vehicles; 40¢ each way for 3-axle or vehicles with trailers; and 50¢ for "semls" and buses. The tokens were put into use on opening day at 12 noon, August 14, 1963. About 40,000 tokens were struck and they are only used for vehicles in the 25¢ category. We should correct the price to 25¢ on this token, as they sell at 20 for \$3.00. (We price a token at the full fare for which it is a substitute.)

Evelyn Jackson of Ashland, Ky., sends us a clipping regarding the last day of streetcar operation in Ironton, Ohio, on the night of September 1, 1930. The following day the Employees Bus Company started service, which gives us the earliest possible date for Ohio 410 B. This also brings out a point which was not noted before, that possibly the token listed as WVa 290 A may also have been used in Ironton, Ohio, and Ashland, Ky. It's also possible that some of the tokens of the Ohio Valley Bus Company were used in these cities. Each city is in a different state, and they are now all served by the same bus company, but I doubt if any tokens are now in use. The article also mentions the ferry which was located at Coal Grove Ferry Landing, which is between Ashland and Ironton. Streetcars operated between Ironton and Coal Grove Landing to the ferry which operated across the Ohio River to Ashland. This ferry operated until it was replaced by the Ashland-Coal Grove Bridge.

Eloise King of Corning, N.Y., sends in a question which has some merit. When the Rochester Transit Corp. raised fares in August, 1949, they also came out with tokens with the new name of the company, and copper-plated them to distinguish them from the former tokens (16mm white metal) of that city. As this was about 16 years ago, it may be possible that they have had more tokens struck, and put them into circulation without plating them. The "unplated" tokens we have seen leave us in doubt whether they were issued unplated, or if the plating has simply been worn off. We shall try to arrive at a decision on listing the "unplated" ones in the future. Meanwhile we hope Miss King can get more information about them, as the token is still in use.

A letter from Julius Sherr mentions that he was told that there was a Blue Bus Line in existence in 1937, which was sold out to A.B. & W. of Alexandria, Va. in that year. He was also told that this firm used an aluminum token, which may well have been the one we have listed as Unidentified #44.

I was able to spend a few days in Chicago last month and met the collectors of that area at their December meeting. When two or more collectors get together there is always something that can be learned about tokens. I could spend a month in Chicago and still not find out everything I'd like to know about the tokens of that area. I went to La Grange to see why the bronze token was used. There was a fare change on September 22, 1961, to 25¢ or 2 tokens for 45¢ but the token wasn't reported till 1962. So mark after the 475 D (* 9/21/61). The C and D are obsolete but the C token (* 3/1/58) was issued earlier. The school token was put into use at least four years before that but couldn't learn the exact date. While on the subject of dates we may as well include (* 9/3/22) for the A token, as on that date a 10¢ or 3/25 rate was started to Congress Park. West Suburban still operates as a suburban line into La Grange but the other service is handled by La Grange - La Grange Park Transit. Also, the West Suburban Bus Company took over the line of the Blue Bird Company. We have tokens listed for this line from Lyons, Ill., so mark Ill 530 E and F obsolete, and note that this firm was taken over by West Suburban on March 21, 1965.

= JANUARY PARKING TOKEN SUPPLEMENT TO ATWOOD'S CATALOGUE =
By Duane H. Felsel

ARIZONA

Phoenix 3640 (Reported by H.C. Schmal)
CONTINENTAL NATIONAL BANK (EAGLE)
E WM 25 Sd Courtesy Token (11/65) \$0.25

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles 3450 (ex-Unid. 3038,3039; location reported by Mrs. Allen and
Bob Ritterband)
THE BANK OF CALIFORNIA
X Bz 25 Sd Courtesy Parking .25
CENTURY FEDERAL SAVINGS CFS
Y WM 25 Sd (same as obverse) .25

CONNECTICUT

Greenwich 3175 (Reported by Mrs. Allen)
PICKWICK LANES (GATE)
C o Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. C)(1963-64) .25

ILLINOIS

Evanston 3285 (Reported by Stephan M. Bezark)
EVANSTON TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK (GATE)
B Bz 25 Sd Parcoa Token (gate)(Rev. D) .25
Peoria 3690 (Reported by Mrs. Allen)
HUNTS FREE EXIT WITH MIN. PURCHASE PEORIA
A B 23 Sd Curb Service With Safety Control Hunts-Peoria .25

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston 3115 (Reported by DHF)
RAPID / SERVICE / BUILDING
A B 23 Sd Parking Token (ca. 1962-) .25
RAPID SERVICE BUILDING /
B B 23 Sd Parking Token (1965-) .25

NORTH CAROLINA

North Wilkesboro 3630 (Reported by Mrs. Allen)
HOTEL / WILKES / NORTH WILKESBORO / N.C.
G B 23 Sd Guest Parking Token .25

OHIO

Medina 3550 (Reported by Rev. John Backora)
CITY PARKING METER TOKENS MEDINA, OHIO
A B 21 Sd (blank)(1964-) .15

OKLAHOMA

Tulsa 3860 (Reported by Mrs. Allen)
H.M.C. (Hillcrest Medical Center)
A B 23 Sd Courtesy Parking Token .25

PENNSYLVANIA

Tyrone 3925 (Reported by DHF)
TYRONE, PA. HUB OF THE HIGHWAYS
A B 23 Sd Good Only In Parking Lot Meters .15

SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston 3240 (Reported by Mrs. Allen)
FIRST FED. SAV. & LOAN ASSN.
B B 23 Sd Exit Token Charleston, S.C. .25

MANUFACTURERS' STOCK PARKING TOKENS

Group 3057 (Unid. 3009 relisted as A; B reported by John Nicolosi)

MERCHANTS PARKING ENTRANCE TOKEN

A WM 20 Sd Exchange For Exit Token \$0.25

PARKING LOT EXIT TOKEN

B WM 23 Sd Exit Token Deposit In Machine .25

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Okla 3330 C: city code listed incorrectly when token was reported in 11/65.

= PARKING TOKEN NOTES BY DUANE H. FEISEL =

There seems to be a last-minute rush of new reports as the deadline for the new catalogue rapidly approaches. As a matter of fact, I expect to have all material in the hands of the printers by the time you read this report. Details concerning new parking token catalogue prices, advance order information, etc., will be found elsewhere in this issue of THE FARE BOX.

The new token from Phoenix replaces Ariz 3640 C which is now obsolete.

Information pertaining to the use of the two new listings for Los Angeles is lacking.

From an old listing of Parcoa gate installations I noted one for Pickwick Lanes in Greenwich, Conn. My written inquiries went unanswered, and by the time I managed to visit the place the parking gate had been removed and no tokens were left on hand. This information was passed along, and through diligent effort, Mrs. Allen has been able to turn up one of the tokens. I have a lead on where the supply of the tokens may be held, but so far have been unable to obtain any definite information.

The new listing from Evanston is used at the parking lot of the bank which is set aside for customer use only. The supply of these tokens is very closely controlled by the bank, so specimens will be difficult to obtain.

No information is at hand concerning the Peoria token.

Recently while discussing my efforts on the new catalogue with a neighbor, he mentioned that he had once used a token in a parking gate in Boston. I expressed my disbelief, but followed up on the tip and found two tokens, rather than the one I really did not even expect to find. A gate-controlled parking lot adjacent to the building is operated by a key, by 50¢ in coins, or by a token. The tokens are sold to certain employees of the building at 25¢ each to provide a reduced parking rate. These tokens were made available to PTNIS also at that price, so the catalogue value is given as 25¢. The older tokens were first placed in use in 1962; the more recent tokens, different even though the same wording as A, were obtained in 1965 and are being placed in use gradually and are used interchangeably.

Information on the Hotel Wilkes token is not on hand. Apparently the hotel maintains a private parking lot for registered guests and for patrons of the restaurant, etc.

The Medina, Ohio, tokens are used much in the same way as other merchant-municipality tokens so often described. According to an article which appeared in a Cleveland newspaper, the parking validation plan has not been very enthusiastically received by the Medina merchants.

Some years ago I contacted the Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa, and at that time they were using MSPT 3051 C. Apparently a personalized token was later placed in use.

The usual merchants plan is used in conjunction with the Tyrone, Pa., token. The lead on this token was obtained in State College, Pa., where parking meters are fitted for use with tokens, but none have even been used or manufactured. The Tyrone tokens have been in use for several years.

No information is available on the South Carolina listing.

The new MSPT listings are apparently in use in Chicago, and probably elsewhere. Note that the A token is a relisting of Unidentified 3009. In regard to Unid. 3010, there is a doubt that this token exists. It is felt that perhaps a tarnished WM token was mistaken for brass. Does anyone have Unidentified 3010?

Members of PTNIS received several tokens in January including NY 3780 A (promised earlier), Mass 3115 A and B, and a new variety of Wisc 3510 O; Pa 3925 A was previously sent out. Of the issues reported this month, PTNIS members will receive at least Ohio 3550 A. The mailing of this token will be delayed until other new issues are also on hand. Members of PTNIS are requested to notify me if they wish to receive varieties and/or foreign parking tokens.

Reports of new discoveries and new issues should be sent to:

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= JANUARY NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =

By John G. Nicolosi

First I want to say Thanks for all the nice Christmas cards received. We head the list this month with a nice ferry token, as I mentioned last month. This is Ky 45 C, our sincere thanks to Mr. Lee Hope for making these available to us. Most all Associate Members of N.I.S. will receive this token. You may note small scratches on the token; all tokens have the same scratches, which were put on the tokens in the minting process. Then we also have more foreign tokens: 2 from Darwen, England 235 AI, AK, already listed in the October 1965 Fare Box. Thanks as usual to Joe Kotler for making them available. AJ cannot be had at this time; perhaps later.

We also have 4 more from South Shields, England. Mr. Ken Smith made these available to us. These tokens, 700 BA BB BC BD; all regular and associate members will receive BA and BD. Only ten of the associate members will receive BB, and only ten regular members will receive BC, the yellow token, which is very hard to get now. Tokens will go out in order of seniority.

A good way to clean plastic, celluloid, and vulcanite tokens: take an old tooth brush with very soft bristles, dampen, rub over facial soap, and rub gently over the token several times. Rinse in cold water, and you have a much nicer-looking token. But don't let any hot water touch the token! Just use cold water.

= CALIFORNIA CLUB HOLDS 52nd MEETING =

By Edrick J. Miller

The 52nd meeting of the California Association of Transportation Token Collectors was held Sunday, January 9, at the Ontra Cafeteria in Los Angeles. Another large turn-out, with 12 members and two guests attending: Mr. & Mrs. Carter, Crusen, Cutler, Mr. & Mrs. Gould, Kubach, Marvin, Miller, Ritterband, Sherman, Bob Smith, Ken Smith, and Elaine Willahan. Elaine Willahan showed the group a matrix which she had prepared from information received from the members at the November meeting depicting all the various items that our members collect. It was indicated that this list would be duplicated in order for each member to have his own list.

A motion was made that we hold monthly meetings until the AVA convention, in order that we may devote as much time as possible to making this the biggest and best AVA convention ever held. Consequently, our next meeting will be held at the same place on February 13. So if any AVA members are in the area at that time, be sure and drop in and give us a hand.

The balance of the meeting was taken up with the many details concerning the upcoming convention and the usual trading and selling took place at the conclusion of the business meeting.

Howard Hauser, just back from a trip down there, reports that tokens are now being used on buses in Las Vegas, Nevada. Unfortunately they aren't using their own tokens, but rather Calif 110 C, selling at 4 for \$1.00.