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A Monthly News-Letter for

Transportation Token Collectors

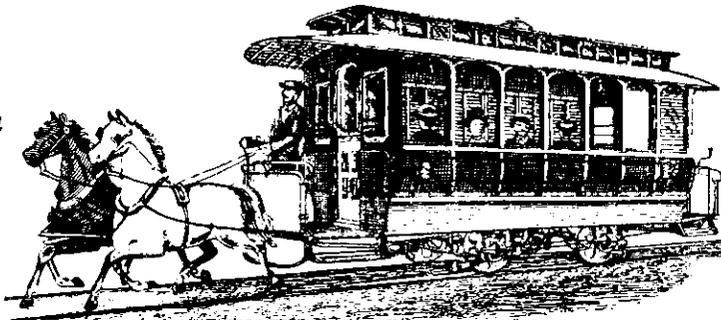


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IRWIN V. JOHNSON

We report with sadness the death on April 12, 1966, of Irwin V. Johnson, A.V.A. #295, of Winsted, Conn. Mr. Johnson joined our society in February, 1959, and was 72 at the time of his death. We shall miss him. He was a faithful member and a prominent numismatist.

July and August are vacation time for your Editor, but we still publish small issues of The Fare Box to keep you abreast of developments in our hobby. The most important event of this summer for us is the forthcoming A.V.A. annual convention at Disneyland. This will be at the Charter House Hotel in Anaheim, Calif., August 5-7. It promises to be the best convention ever held, and it is well worth an extra effort for you to be there. We hope to meet many of you there in person. A high point will be the big floor auction of rare tokens. See last month's Fare Box for the list of tokens to be offered. In this respect, also, remember to send in your A.V.A. election ballot if you haven't already done so. Deadline for receipt of ballots is August 5 by mail, or August 6 at Noon if you hand it in personally at the convention.

We include two pages of photographs of rare tokens in this issue, which were prepared for us by Sam Rabinowitz. The tokens are from the collections of Gordon Yowell, Dan DiMichael, Neil Shafer, Sam Rabinowitz, and Duane Feisel. Perhaps the most interesting are the two subway tokens from Moscow, USSR. We have been able to learn very little about these, but we know they were used some time ago.

Closing date for the August issue will be August 19, in Tacoma.



= APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP =

- 863 Joseph M. Segal - 451 Penn Street - Yeadon, Pennsylvania 19050
Age 35; Executive. Collects U.S. & Foreign. (Coffee)
- 864 Edward Novitsky - 875 Strang Drive - Wantagh, New York 11793
Age 29; Asst. Manager. Collects all types. (Kotler)
- 865 Cyril T. Svobodny - 1852 Worcester Ave. - St. Paul, Minn. 55116
Age 23; Draftsman. Collects U.S. & Foreign. (Butler)
- 866 Mrs. John A. Hazard - 2006 Desire St. - New Orleans, La. 70117
Age 39; Collects U.S. only. (Lester Davis)
- 867 G.H. Ulrich - 3163½ Cottage Avenue - Toledo, Ohio 43608
Age 39; Railroad car man. Collects U.S. only. (Mazeau)
- 868 E.W. Cummings - Box 274 - Fairfield, Iowa 52556
Age 57; Tax Inspector. Collects U.S. & Foreign. (Horwitz)
- 869 Rita D. Sands - Box 392 - Bainbridge Island, Washington 98110
Age 37; Waitress. Collects all types. (Carman)
- 870 Lewis K. Ferguson - 703 N. Woodworth Street - Algona, Iowa 50511
Age 55; Highway Engineer. Collects Iowa. (Mary Allen)
- 871 LeRoy Schumacher - 10609 Eastern - Kansas City, Missouri 64134
Age 39; Sales Manager. Collects U.S. (Carman)
- 872 Doc Sherwin - 2701 South Woodlawn - Denison, Texas 75020
Age 66; Coin Dealer. Collects parking. (M. Allen & H. Strough)
- 873 Louis F. Crawford - P.O. Box E, 106 Sea Pines - Long Beach,
Age 52; Candies Salesman. (Lester Davis) /Mississippi 39560

REINSTATEMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP:

- 198 Robert L. Chamberlain - 332 N.W. 79th St. - Seattle, Wash. 98107
29 Paul M. Fouts - 1921 Sixth Avenue West - Seattle, Wash. 98119
617 John W.H. Miner - Box 279 - Granby, Quebec, Canada.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

- Joseph Mark Kotler - 1616 Sheridan Road - Wilmette, Illinois 60091
Robert Nelson - 1809 Bardfield - Garland, Texas 75040
John L. Trembley - P.O. Box 37 - Marina, California 93933

Roy Irwin asks us to make a correction. San Antonio wants the A.V.A. Convention in 1968, not 1967.

Member #858, Edwin R. Ringer, was proposed by John Coffee last month. The proposer's name was inadvertently omitted.

Any member who would like an extra copy of the photographs that appeared in the May 1966 Fare Box may have the sheet for 20¢ postpaid. Order directly from the Secretary, Donald N. Mazeau - Box 31 - Clinton, Connecticut 06413.

= FERGUSON TO SPEAK AT CHICAGO TRANSPORTATION TOKEN CONFERENCE =

J. Douglas Ferguson, A.V.A. #L-100, Past President of the American Numismatic Assn., and Honorary President of the Canadian Numismatic Assn., will be guest speaker at a special conference on transportation tokens in Chicago. The conference will be held August 18 at 1:30 in the Music Room, 3rd floor north, Pick-Congress Hotel, in conjunction with the A.N.A. annual convention. Everyone interested in tokens who will be in the area at the time is invited to come and bring along a hoard of tokens for sale or exchange.

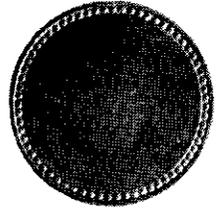
RARE TRANSPORTATION & PARKING TOKENS



COLORADO 860 E



IOWA 310 B



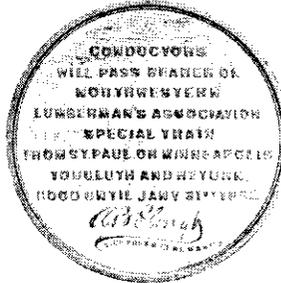
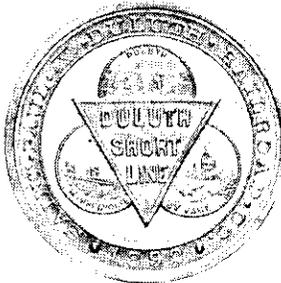
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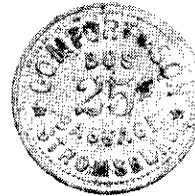
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KANSAS 40 A



MINNESOTA 230 E



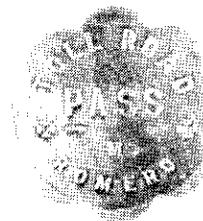
NEBRASKA 855 A



NEW JERSEY 20 B



NEW JERSEY 175 A
(Reverse Blank)



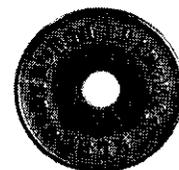
NEW MEXICO 430 A



OHIO 175 A



PENNSYLVANIA 315 C

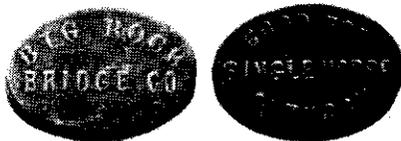


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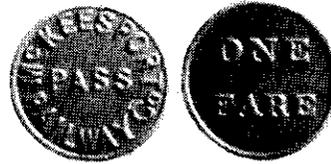
RARE TRANSPORTATION & PARKING TOKENS



PENNSYLVANIA 395 A



PENNSYLVANIA 395 B



PENNSYLVANIA 605 A



PENNSYLVANIA 760 A



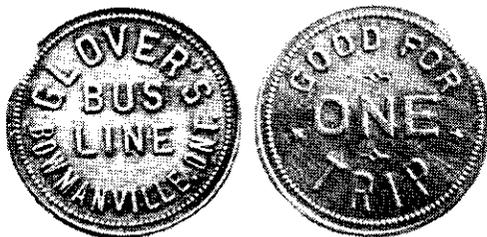
PENNSYLVANIA 770 B
(Reverse same as Obverse)



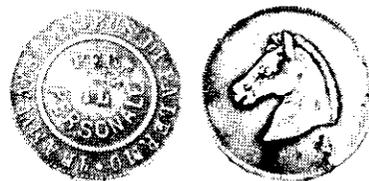
WASHINGTON 1000 A



WISCONSIN 520 B



ONTARIO, CANADA 100 B



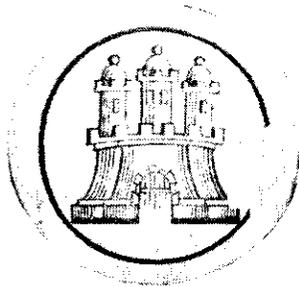
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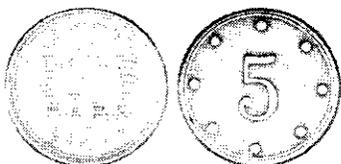
MOSCOW, RUSSIA



HAMBURG, GERMANY



MOSCOW, RUSSIA



Kentucky 3150A



North Carolina 3700A



Pennsylvania 3360A

Scarce Maryland transp. tokens for sale: Md 60 I - \$3.50; Q - \$2.25; U - \$1.50; V - \$1.75; N - \$2.50.

Robert E. Paige - 225 Lincoln Ave. - Collingdale, Pa. 19023

TRADE Alaska 300 H, 450 K L N, for U.S. TTs that I need. Other trades available. = Doug Williams - Box 1965 - Anchorage, Alaska 99501

\$1.00 special: send \$1 and receive an Istanbul bridge token (Turkey 400 A) which catalogues \$1.50 in foreign cat. I have 15 tokens.

Morton H. Dawson - 182 Whiting Lane - West Hartford, Conn. 06119

For Sale: parking token MSPT 3054 A, for 50¢.

A.W. Siebert - 10201 Plymouth Rd - Apt 15 - Detroit, Mich. 48204

For Sale: Pa 870 A, 50¢ each cash or unused stamps.

Cdr Gallagher, USN - 568 Pinetree - Jenkintown, Pa. 19046

STOCKPORT, OLDHAM, SALFORD (ENGLAND) AREA TOKEN ISSUES, 10¢ each, 30 for \$3. All diff. many obsolete items. Send cash or international money order. Postpaid ship mail 3 weeks. = Donald Capper -

32 Stanhope Street, Reddish - Stockport, Cheshire, England

Have obtained small supply of Netherlands 3970 A and B and can offer 3970 A at \$2 and B at 75¢ or the pair for \$2.50. Only 1 set per order.

Don Edkins - 120 Stanley Drive - Williamsburg, Va. 23185

DENIZCILIK BANKASI T.A.O. (Maritime Bank, Inc.): complete set Istanbul ferry tokens used across the Bosphorus between Europe and Asia, Turkey 400 D thru K, 8 pieces \$2.50. Also have 2 Galata Bridge tokens, Turkey 400 A, used about 1910, \$3 each. Postage please. Note new address:

J.M. Kotler - 1616 Sheridan Road - Wilmette, Ill. 60091

Limited amount of Arizona parking token, Ariz 3640 A - 75¢; B - \$1; C - 50¢; D - 50¢; E - 75¢. Phoenix stamps on card 35¢; Tucson stamp only 25¢. These are current issues. I do have a few of older issues also.

H.C. Schmal - Box 5238 - Phoenix, Ariz. 85010

Calif 25 A & 105 A, the 1966 Disneyland Convention tokens available at \$2 per set plus stamped envelope, or will personally accept other tokens in trade, including TTs I need, telephone tokens, store cards of Calif. or other western states. Send a list of your trades.

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

Will swap Minn 600 B for a token of same cat. value or more (please no Pa 70 tokens). Or will sell at 35¢ each. Many available.

J.G. Nicolosi - 3002 Galindo Street - Oakland, Calif. 94601

I have NY 785 B available for bulk trades. What do you have?

Sam Ruggeri - 1018 So. Carley Court - No. Bellmore, N.Y. 11712

Will trade 1 Kennedy half dollar for every 5 transp. tokens sent. Also will trade 1 war nickel for every transp. token sent. Will buy, too.

C.E. Jensen - 6 Grandview Ave. - Mount Vernon, N.Y. 10553

Will trade the following for TTs I Need: Alas 50 B; Cal 450 K, 760 D; Conn 520 A, Haw 240 C; Kan 820 D, 880 B, 970 G; Mass 115 N, 970 D; Nev 100 B C; Ohio 165 AF AG 4I; Tex 5 C, 30 D, 50 L, 255 L N, 270 A, 445 H.

E.M. Rice - 212 Westhaven Drive - Austin, Tex. 78746

WANTED for important museum collection in Canada, the following: BC 300 A B C D, 450 B, 600 A B, 625 A, 700 C, 850 A C D E F, 998 A B C; Man 200 A B D, 900 B C D; N.S. 100 A, 350 C D E, 850 B D E G; NY 640 A B; Mich 885 D; Que 345 D F, 745 D E F G. Will buy or exchange dupes from my own collection. = J. Douglas Ferguson - Rock Island, Quebec

SUMNER, WASH 860 A B for sale at \$1.25 for the set plus 5¢ stamped envelope. Order as many as you want. I'll be gone from Aug. 1 to 18, so orders may not be filled till the 18th, but order early if you want these two elusive tokens.

J.M. Coffee, Jr. - 4104 Sixth Avenue - Tacoma, Wash. 98406

50 different Washington State transp. tokens, all diff. listed numbers, only \$17.50 postpaid.

Clarence E. Heppner - 1331 Third Avenue - Seattle, Wash. 98101

Atwood's Catalogue of Transportation Tokens, 480 pages, \$5.50 to members. Order from the Editor at 4104 Sixth Avenue - Tacoma, Wash. 98406

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

ILLINOIS

| | | | |
|-----------|-------|-------------------------------|--------|
| Westville | 910 | (Reported by Ore H. Vacketta) | |
| | | PARMENTIER BUS CO. INC. | |
| A o A | Sq Sd | 1 Ride to Bunsenville (1932) | \$5.00 |
| B o Z | Sq Sd | " " " " | 5.00 |

INDIANA

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|----------|-------|--|--|
| Patterns | 998 | (Reported by Norman Sherman) | |
| | | GARY RAILWAYS, INC. G | |
| K B | 16 B1 | Good For One Fare G (like 330 E but brass) | |

IOWA

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|------------|-------|---|------|
| Fort Dodge | 380 | (Reported by J.M. Coffee, Jr.) | |
| | | NEWBERRYS BUS LINE GOOD FOR 1 RIDE | |
| R o B | 35 Sd | Haskell Eng. Co. St. Louis | 5.00 |
| | | ("Newberrys Bus Line" is incuse on obverse) | |

KENTUCKY

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|---------|-------|--|------|
| Ashland | 10 | (Reported by Evelyn Jackson) | |
| | | A. & I. T. & F. CO. FERRY CHECK 1 DOUBLE RIG | |
| Q o B | Oc Sd | (blank)(28mm)(obverse letters are incuse) | 5.00 |

NEVADA

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|-----------|-------|--|-----|
| Las Vegas | 100 | (Reported by John Mackie) | |
| | | LAS VEGAS TRANSIT SYSTEM, INC. (HORSESHOE) | |
| C Bz | 16 Ch | Good For One Fare (horseshoe)(* Jan. 1966) | .25 |

SOUTH DAKOTA

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| Miscellaneous | 1000 | (Reported by Philip Mandel) | |
| | | THE GLOBE LAND & LOAN COMPANY INCORPORATED | |
| | | /CAPITAL STOCK \$40,000 PRESHO, SOUTH DAKOTA. | |
| G o A | 38 Sd | Good For Carfare When You Buy Land of Us | |
| | | /This Check Will Save Money | |
| | | /Farm County Land Will Make You Money | 2.50 |

WISCONSIN

| | | | |
|---------------|-------|--|------|
| Stevens Point | 850 | (Reported by Gerald Johnson) | |
| | | STAR TAXI & RENTAL PHONE 628 STEVENS POINT, WIS. | |
| B o A | 28 Sd | Star Taxi & Rental Phone 628 Good For 1 Ride | 2.50 |
| | | (used 1922 to 1925) | |

= NOTES BY RALPH FREIBERG =

Heading this month's report are a couple of tokens from Westville, Ill. The Parmentier Bus Co. was owned and operated by two brothers, Louis and Leonard Parmentier. They were given a franchise in 1924 to operate a bus line between the village of Westville and Vermilion Coal Mine approximately 3 miles south on Illinois Route 1. Then in 1932 they extended their trip to Bunsenville Coal Co. approximately 8 miles distant, and at this time the token was struck. It is believed the aluminum token was used first, and it was struck with a different die from the second token listed. The second token was sent to me to examine, and it was studied by 4 members of the Catalogue Committee at my house (Coffee, Nicolosi, Ford, and myself). It appears to be made of polished zinc, although there seems to have been something else added to make it harder. It looks like a cross between zinc and white metal.

This firm operated 9 buses, Reo, 4 cylinder Speed Wagon, 20 passengers at peak. In 1946 they sold the line to a couple of ex-drivers, Joe Foyer and Leon Lesarge, who operated the line until 1947 when the mine closed down and the line went out of business. Possibly if we didn't have a new member of the A.V.A. in Westville, we'd never have known about these tokens.

Ind 330 E was issued in 1951. The company didn't issue tokens earlier because they wanted to wait until white metal was available. It is conceivable that they might have issued a solid brass token earlier, but we doubt it. So unless more solid brass tokens show up, we consider them patterns. Thus the solid brass token which Norm Sherman just found is listed as a pattern. We suggest collectors check their 330 I tokens to be sure they are plated, and not solid brass.

John Coffee discovered the Fort Dodge token, which is just like Ia 380 A except for a manufacturer's name on the reverse, and a different obverse die, in Washington, D.C. On June 29 of this year John visited the Smithsonian Institution and inspected an exhibit in the philatelic section. Among a number of old tokens in the exhibit was this unlisted one from Fort Dodge. As the exhibit consisted of tokens gathered prior to 1896, that somewhat helps us to date the Newberry tokens.

The Ashland token is similar to Ky 10 B, but for a double rig instead of a single rig.

Las Vegas started to use Nev 100 C in January, 1966. At the bottom of page 14, January 1966 FB, there was a little note about tokens being in use there again. We didn't think much about it, but a record of this went into my file. So when John Mackie reported the new token I figured there was a connection. The fare was raised Nov. 1, 1960, to 25¢, 10/\$2, but tickets were used till January, 1966. The New Issues Service was able to get a full supply of these tokens to send out.

So whenever you hear of a company using tokens again after a lapse of 10 years or so, please tell us about it. Then if someone reports a token we'll know if it is a recent one. So when this Las Vegas token was reported, it coincided with the notice in the January FB. It is possible that some of the old Burbank tokens are still being used along with the new tokens in Las Vegas. Nev 100 A and B were always in demand by people who wanted a token from every state. Now that a token is in current use, everyone can own a Nevada token without having to pay a premium for it. Incidentally, George Gould also reported the new token while we were making arrangements to buy a supply from the company.

For the benefit of recent members, I have been keeping a file of all fare changes of all companies. Now and then a company changes its fare and I don't learn about it...so if you learn about a new fare hike I'd appreciate it if you would write it down on a postcard and send it to me, and I'll put the postcard right into my file. New issues of tokens usually coincide with fare changes.

The South Dakota 1000 G is similar to the other land company tokens we have listed. They were all just advertising gimmicks, and not good for fare at all. If you did travel up there and actually buy some land, they would refund your train fare, but the token was not really necessary to get this refund. It was just a come-on.

Gerald Johnson reports that the Star Taxi & Rental service of Stevens Point was inaugurated in 1922 with 4 automobiles (2 Buick touring cars and 2 Fords). Runs were made regularly between the depots and the Arlington House, Bruce, and Dewey Hotels. The Jacobs House Hotel and the Worzella Hotel operated their own bus service. So this token is a late type of depotel. The rental cars operated by the same firm were quite popular with "substantial" people, and charges were by the mile, with mileage recorded with an ingenious front wheel mileage indicator. However, competition in Stevens Point was too fierce, and

early in 1925 the little line folded, after only 2 years of operation.

Julius Sherr also sent a token to examine. It seems the president of D.C. Transit System had some DC 500 Z brass-plated, to give them a gold-plated look, and these were given out as souvenirs, good for a free ride. We have decided not to give a separate listing to these tokens, but if anyone should come up with a brass-plated "Z" token, you will know what it probably is. Of course it could also have been brass-plated by mistake by some other company along with its own tokens.

We have two interesting new Canadian issues to list, but a strike has delayed the shipment from the manufacturer to the user. We'll list them next month, we hope.

With regard to the Canadian corrections printed last month, I misunderstood the person who reported the correction on Manitoba 900 A. It should read 28x23mm for size. Also change the varieties listing from Quebec 970 B to A. There is no B, of course. I would also like to know if anyone owns Quebec 345 D. It has been suggested that the token does not exist and should be dropped.

= JULY NEW ISSUES SERVICE REPORT =
By John G. Nicolosi

First, I regret that the steamboat tokens of Canada still have not arrived so I cannot mail them yet. There has been a strike by the employees at the plant where the token planchets are made. The Calif 300 M will be sent you this month, along with the new Las Vegas token. Our thanks to John Mackie for the lead on this one. These 2 tokens will be sent to all Associate and Regular members of N.I.S.

From June, 1965, to June, 1966, the service has sent out nearly 100 new issues--to be exact, 99...of which 73 were foreign, 5 Canadian, and 21 U.S.

Will be seeing a lot of you at the Disneyland Convention.

= A.V.A. CONVENTION SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED =

With 65 advance registrations already on hand, this year's A.V.A. promises to be the largest ever held. The conclave meets at the Charter House Hotel - 1700 S. Harbor Blvd. - Anaheim, Calif. Convention Chairman Bob Ritterband has announced the following schedule of activities for the 3-day gathering of transportation token collectors:

- FRIDAY, AUGUST 5. 1-9 pm, Registration and Disneyland visits. 7 pm on into the night, giant swap session, displays, unlimited socializing in Rainbow Room.
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 6. 10-12 am, first business sessions. 2-3 pm, 2nd business sessions. 3:30-5:00 pm, convention auction (floor bidding). 7:00 pm, Annual Banquet, Dining Suite A. Speaker, Robert Wigger, AVA #745, on "Computer Commuters," a fascinating story and film on transportation tokens of the future.
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 7. 9:30-11:00 am, charter bus trip to Movieland Museum. 11 am to 2 pm, Sightseeing, rides, and shopping at Knott's Berry Farm (with ride on Ghost Town & Calico Railroad provided by special token). 2:30 pm, return bus trip for more Disneyland visits. Farewell at 5:00 pm.

The above schedule gives just a bare outline of the activities planned. If you are an A.V.A. member, this convention could be the most interesting meeting you have ever attended.