LATEST FROM THE WEST... cont'd



The Gas bars in Saskatoon are owned and operated by the Corporation petroleum division. Only a few are franchised, the gas bar in Prince Albert, Sask being one.

The stock of Canadian tire money that the stores and Gas bars obtained from head office appear to have been only the S-17 series in the 5 cent to \$1.00 values and the S-16 for the \$2.00 value. The Serial number ranges that I have seen are as follows:

5 cent - 26,000,000 to 27,100,000,

10 cent - 41,500,000,

25 cent - 20,000,000 to 21,400,000 50 cent - 13,000,000 to 14,100,000

\$1.00 - 10,100,000 \$2.00 - 1,200,000.

The \$2.00 notes are given out only at the stores, the gas bars do not handle them.

The Saskatoon Star Phoenix also had a write up on Canadian tire money making its debut. The article originated in Toronto but note this particular reporters terms used. Headline - "Canadian tire funny money" In the first paragraph "...offering them the same fake money discount coupons...". Another item that is not factual is Second paragraph "...but never made it West of the Manitoba border..." The Gas bars issued Canadian tire money in this city from sometime in the mid 1980's to Dec 31, 1990, however, the Stores did not. I certainly agree with the comment near the end of the article "On the other hand, that means there's a lot of Canadian tire money floating around out there. Some will be unearthed and used, some may never be found. (see fig 8)" I.E. Canadian tire money is sometimes left in cars at the scrap yard and the cars eventually salvaged. Some people throw them away and others ...you name it. These notes are lost forever.

It is also disappointing that the Gas bar and Store series S-1 to S-5 are being phased out. A lot of research on these coupons will not be done due to lesser numbers being available, so in the end collectors will miss out.

Imagine if all outstanding notes were redeemed all at once, some stores would run out of merchandise. How many Millions of dollars worth was issued since 1958???



NEW OLD CANADIAN TIRE COUPONS

by Ross W. Irwin

While in Victoria BC, recently I acquired some CTC coupons among which were these strange items. I thought they were current issues until I saw the fine print which states "EXPIRES OCTOBER 1, 1984".

The front of the coupon shows five locations where they could be redeemed. It appears that they were issued by PETRO CANADA and were redeemable in these CTC stores.

The back of the coupon is a fancy design without printing. My coupon is rubber stamped with the issuing gas bar.

The 10¢ coupon has an orange red back and front with black letters. The 25¢ coupon is a light green with black letters. I wonder if there are other denominations?

