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CLUB NEWS

April 16th Third Sunday Bourse and Coin Auction

The action came slowly to the bourse last month. Perhaps that was because many people were away for their Easter vacation. The lucky ones were the faithful few who attended and remained for the auction. Small crowds mean bargains for those who participate. We're still seeing many new faces and we've been finding out that some of the "new" faces are actually faces that we saw years ago—the ones that are just getting back into the swing of things after some years away from the coin shows scene.

Winners of the free 26-week subscription to *Numismatic News* were both members—Bill Thompson and President Ron Kus and \$32.50 went to the member winner of the 50/50 drawing—Allen Schultz. Congratulations to all.

What A Guy!!

Dan Szubinski of DJ's Collectibles recently joined our club and also signed a contract for bourse space. Just one week after that, he informed us that he has such a full schedule that he can't possibly make the shows as he had expected. However, our loss in this situation also means a gain for the club. Dan donated the \$40.00 for his bourse space to the club. Thanks, Dan, you're all heart.

And the Donations Pour In . . .

Thanks to member Harry Schutt for the donation of \$12.00 for 2 Junior Memberships to be awarded at our 9th Annual Get Together at the Donovan Post on Sunday, May 21st. You're all heart, Harry. Thanks—it's such a great idea!! Any Junior, 11 to 18 years of age, can enter the drawing. They just have to sign in at the door to be eligible on the 21st of May.

Upcoming Events—

Saturday, May 20th—Come and visit Ron Kus, James Cross and Rolf Hjalmarson at the Cub Scout Camperall 2000. We'll be at the Chestnut Ridge Park Casino from noon to 4:00 P.M. If you're interested in sharing your passion for coins, stamps, or currency with the young scouts, we'd love to see you there. If you need more information about this family event, contact Ron Kus (674-6862) for more information. Food will be available at concession stands as well as live entertainment and fireworks in the evening. Sounds like a terrific day to spend with the family!!

Get Together

9th Annual Get Together at the Donovan Post on Sunday, May 21st. Bring your current membership card, your ticket to get in free, and be prepared for some good food and drinks, and good company combined with the usual third Sunday bourse and coin auction activity. Bring your significant other, family, friends or

neighbors to perhaps persuade them to join the club on that day. Bring the kids so they can try to win a free junior membership to the Club. Two lucky youngsters will be chosen through a drawing.

Free at the Get Together

At our 9th Annual Get Together the first 15 people to sign in at the registration table will receive a 1999—2000 State Quarters Collector Board donated by the ANA. And the 20th person will receive a U.S. State Quarters Collector Map, valued at \$19.95, donated by Rolf and Terry Hjalmarson. So be sure to be there early. Doors open at 11:00 A.M.

Meeting

June 5th is the second meeting of the year to be held at the Eagles, 4569 Broadway, Depew at 7:00 P.M. Every member who attends will have a chance to win a gold piece. We'll have refreshments, a coin auction and, of course, our meeting.

Well Wishes

Get Well Wishes go out to member Dell Reitz of Dell's Coin & Stamp Corner for recent surgery and Ron Kus' son, Gordon, who made it through an appendicitis.



CONFEDERATE CURRENCY by James Cross

continued from last issue

The second item I located was the famous 4th issue C.S.A. 1862 \$100.00 denomination note engraved by Hoyer & Ludwig. Two different varieties are used on these issues—one is "straight steam" while the other is called "diffused steam". The total issued of both types was fairly evenly divided. These notes are very popular among collectors. I found an interesting fact—the train design is a **pre-war one** used on several notes. It was originally copied from an N. Currier lithograph titled "The Express Train." This print showed the train passing under a bridge, and this vignette may be seen on a \$5.00 note of the Bank of Columbus, GA. dated 1856. On other notes the background has been removed or altered to contain a ship, as on these notes. The train design on these notes was also used on Civil War period notes of Corporation of Charlottesville, VA.; Virginia Central Railroad; News Orleans, Jackson & Great Northern Railroad; a \$20.00 note of North Carolina, March 1st, 1862 along with the Milledgeville, Georgia \$1.00 note I mentioned above.

The last item I could find with the train vignette was a cancelled 200 share stock certificate on the American Coal Co. of Allegany County, Maryland. The stock was pretty well preserved along with two red 25¢ revenue tax stamps with George Washington's portrait. It was dated May 13, 1840 and shares cost \$25.00 each then. Incorporated under the general mining law of the state of Maryland this stock pre-dates the Confederate States of America by better than 20 years! The stock certificate also bears a beautifully embossed round seal of the American Coal Company at the bottom left corner.

Surprisingly, the vignettes used on Confederate notes were not wildly patriotic designs. Many notes didn't even picture Southern scenes, but were vignettes used before in the North. For example, the central design on the "Montgomery Issue" \$500.00 note had appeared only a short time before on a \$1.00 note of the North Western Bank of Warren, Pennsylvania, so that the design was circulating in the North at the same time it appeared in the South. Vignettes took long hours of engraving work, therefore, they could not lightly cast aside. The first four series of C.S.A. issues contain many Northern vignettes or copied vignette.



LEARN TO KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN by Carl Miller

The old adage, "Look before you leap," is very appropriate when applied to the field of rare coins. Many people have jumped into rare coin purchases without looking first. In a field in which minute distinctions in



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*** 9th Annual Get Together Party**

grade can mean thousands of dollars in price, the rare coin enthusiast is urged—strongly—to exercise common sense in looking first.

Looking should be focused, though, not only on grading, but also on detection of altered or counterfeit coins, credentials of the seller, and the performance potential of the coin being considered.

The primary determining factor of a coin's value is its grade. If a coin has extensive wear and is heavily scratched, you don't have to be an expert to realize that it's not in a high grade. But if the coin is Mint State and has intense luster which emanates from immaculate near-perfect surfaces, is fully struck, and is an extremely attractive example of a difficult date or Type, you'll realize that it certainly should command a premium.

But in between these two examples—heavily circulated and pristine uncirculated—rests a gray area. Is this coin EF-40? Or is it nice enough to qualify for EF-45? Is that coin REALLY an MS-63? Or is there light wear on the very highest points so that the coin only grades AU-55? You can answer these questions—and more—yourself, sometimes even without engaging the services of an expert. You see (pun intended), grading is really nothing more than common sense.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE GOLDEN DOLLARS GONE? by Terry Hjalmarson

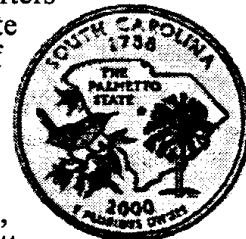
According to the U.S. Mint there are ten reasons to use the new Sacagawea golden dollar. A few of them follow:

1. You can say "Keep the change," and not look like such a cheapskate.
2. Four words, "Your card's been denied."
3. It makes searching for change in the sofa a more rewarding experience.

And these were the more intelligent reasons. If the Mint were more reasonable in its approach to circulating the new dollar coin, it would have considered phasing out the single paper currency. Canada was successful when it introduced her Loonie one dollar coin, but clearly that was due to the fact that they did away with the single dollar bill. Why can't our Mint see that? No wonder the new golden Sacagawea's have disappeared before they've even made a grand appearance—one that lasts. Why aren't they circulating? For the same reason the Susan B. Anthony dollars didn't circulate—they weren't given a fighting chance with all those George Washington bills floating around.

ANOTHER STATE QUARTER AROUND THE CORNER..... *by Rolf V. Hjalmarson*

The South Carolina quarter, the eighth coin released under the 50 State Quarters Program™ will make its debut sometime next month. The coin shows the key state symbols—a Palmetto Tree, the Carolina Wren and the Yellow Jessamine. An outline of South Carolina, nicknamed "The Palmetto State" and a star indicating the capital, Columbia, form the quarter's background.



The Carolina Wren, the state bird, and the Yellow Jessamine, the state flower, are native throughout South Carolina. The importance of the Palmetto Tree, the state tree, dates back to the Revolutionary War. In 1776, colonists in a small fort built of Palmetto logs successfully defeated a British fleet trying to capture Charleston Harbor. Since then, South Carolina has been called, "The Palmetto State."

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . ?

- George Washington appointed David Rittenhouse the first Director of the Mint.
- The first Mint building was the first federal building erected by the U.S. Government under the Constitution.
- Past Mints have included Dahlonega, GA; Charlotte, NC; New Orleans, LA; and Carson City, NV.

THE PRESIDENTS ON OUR COINS

The presidents that appear on the obverse (front) side of our circulating coins were all selected by Congress in recognition of their service to our country. Each was chosen under slightly different circumstances.

Designed by Victor Brenner, the Lincoln cent was issued in 1909 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. Felix Schlag's portrait of Thomas Jefferson, which began to appear on the obverse side of the nickel in 1938, was chosen in a design competition among some 390 artists.

The death of Franklin Roosevelt prompted many requests to the Treasury Department to honor the late president by placing his portrait on a coin. Less than one year after his death, the dime bearing John R. Sinnock's portrait of Franklin D. Roosevelt was released to the public on FDR's birthday, January 30, 1946.

The portrait of George Washington by John Flanagan, which appears on quarters minted from 1932 to



DON'T FORGET !!!

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AT THE EAGLES, 4569 BROADWAY IN DEPEW AT 7:00 PM
MEETING - AUCTION - FOOD & DRINKS
GOLD PIECE RAFFLE - IT'S ALL ON THE CLUB**

today, was selected to commemorate the 200th anniversary of our first president's birth.

The assassination of President John F. Kennedy generated such an outpouring of public sentiment that President Lyndon Johnson sent legislation to Congress to authorize the Treasury Department new 50-cent pieces. Bearing the portrait designed by Gilroy Roberts, the first Kennedy half-dollars were minted on February 11, 1964.

The United States Mint has not published a historical publication of coinage. The numismatic (coin collecting) sections of public libraries usually contain excellent references that may be of interest to you.

OUT OF THE PAST From "Saturday Evening Post" Feb. 23, 1952

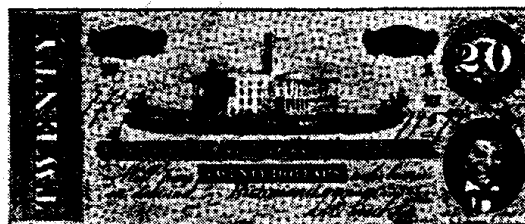
Better Save Your Confederate Money

While the "Yankee dollar" continues to lose buying power, Confederate currency— literally not worth a cent for many years—is quietly rising in value.

J. H. Elliott, an Atlanta, Georgia, antique dealer, hopefully predicts that "all Confederate money will be in the hands of collectors in a few years and will then be worth its face value." He backs his prediction by paying ten cents "and up, in United States cash, for Confederate currency offered him.

The bills of the "Lost Cause," once used as children's play money and as wallpaper, are now getting scarce, Elliott says. During World War I, he recalls, some Southern soldiers overseas solemnly passed Confederate bills as United States dollars until European shopkeepers caught on. In World War II, a group of Southern aviators abroad formed a club: Membership requirement, ownership of Confederate money.

At least one issue of Confederate notes is still good for the amount printed on its face and always has been. This is the million dollars circulated by the Georgia Railroad Bank and Trust Company, of Augusta. Since 1865, it has cashed in \$925,000 of its notes on a "dollar-for-dollar" basis. Only \$75,000 remains outstanding, but wherever it is, it's as good as gold—or anyhow, United States dollars.



" We stand ready to pay," says Sherman Drawdy, president of the Augusta institution. " Why do we do it? This company has always met its obligations in full since it was established in 1833."

In general, collectors find it impossible to put a flat price on Confederate currency, as 800 to 900 kinds of notes were issued in Georgia alone. Some of the rarest, like Bank of Fulton and the Western Atlantic Railroad, are now worth almost a third of their face value.

The earlier bills, dated in 1861 and 1862, are more valuable than those issued in 1864 and 1865, when the printing presses of the South ran fastest in a war against inflation. Least valuable of all, ironically, are the numerous counterfeit Confederate bills issued by none other than the United States Government. These were slipped into circulation near the close of the war to speed the inflation that had the Confederacy headed into bankruptcy. Although printed on the same presses that turn out United State dollars, they are less acceptable to collectors than "real" Confederate money.

—WINIFRED WILKINSON.

Erie County Coin and Stamp Club

JOIN THE LARGEST, MOST ACTIVE CLUB IN ERIE COUNTY

Erie County Coin & Stamp Club is the most active club in Erie County. Membership dues are only **\$10.00** a year, Junior (11 to 18) and Senior Citizen **\$ 6.00** a year. That's not much to contribute to such a great cause.

Every third Sunday of the month at F. J. Donovan Post, 3210 Genesee St., Cheektowaga, from September through June we have a coin & stamp bourse and coin auction. Club meetings are held 3 times a year at the Eagles 4569 Broadway, Depew.

As a member you will automatically receive our News Bulletin, Coin Auction List and more . . . You also receive discounts on coins, stamps, and supplies from participating dealers. Free numismatic and philatelic papers are available and related materials from our club library are at members' disposal during our monthly shows. May is the month for our Annual Event where we serve refreshments and have a small buffet which is free to all members. In August we have a picnic.

Further information (bourse tables, dues, etc.) may be obtained by contacting:

Rolf Hjalmarson

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All checks should be made out to Erie County Coin & Stamp Club and mailed to the address above.

Bourse Table / Dues For Erie County Coin & Stamp Club

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