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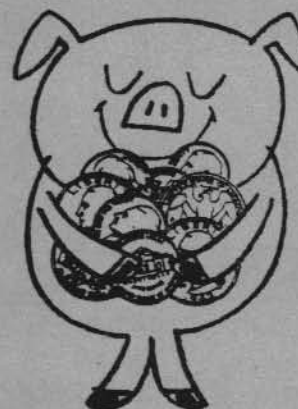
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YOUR SHOW OF SHOWS!

The SVCC Fifth Annual Spring Show, held at the Beverly Garland Hotel in Sacramento on March 7-8, was one for the record books! It was one of the best-attended shows in SVCC history. Here are the approximate attendance figures for our last three shows:

Spring, 1986.....	750
Fall, 1986.....	650
Spring, 1987.....	1,070!!!



Dealers were not only pleased with the show, some were downright ecstatic! Both collectors and investors packed the aisles of the Pointe West Ballroom from the opening bell Saturday morning through Sunday afternoon.

Many SVCC members donated their time and efforts to make the show a success, but several should be singled out for special consideration:

Gil and Earline Gutenberger not only organized and supervised the hospitality crews to perfection again, but worked nearly the entire show in various capacities, including the handling of almost all PA announcements and keeping the Vice President calm.

Tony Barajas was his usual indispensable self, placing all signs, hauling equipment, and supervising setup and breakdown. Real Club spirit was exhibited by two relatively new members who volunteered for both setup and breakdown, and various other jobs---Bob DeCesaris and Madera de la Secoya.

And all you regulars should give yourselves a big pat on the back, too. . . you all did a terrific job!

Now we begin to gear up for the Fall Show, which will be our 30th! Special activities are already being planned.

MADERA MAKES MAGIC

Madera de la Secoya discussed Jewish coins and medals in his educational presentation at the February 25 meeting. His program included a brief overview of the history of Jewish numismatics and a discussion of various methods of collecting Jewish issues. Several editions of The Shekel, the publication of the American Israeli Numismatic Association, were available for examination and numerous coins, medals and Non-Circulating Legal Tender pieces were on display.

Madera is evidence that you don't have to be a seasoned collector to give an interesting educational program. He has been collecting only a year, yet his fine presentation elicited spirited discussion and participation by the audience.

PLEASING TREND

The average attendance at SVCC meetings is about 30 to 35. The February 11 and February 25 meetings saw attendances of 46 and 47 respectively. Let's keep it going, gang!

ENERGETIC NSG

The Numismatic Study Group (NSG), an SVCC affiliate, held its fifth meeting at the home of Bob DeCesaris on February 17. The special guest was Bob Vail, member of Early American Coppers, Inc. and a prominent collector of large cents. The subject of discussion was middle and late date large cents. The meeting was very informative and, as usual, there were lots of coins and literature to enjoy.

The next meeting of NSG will be March 17 and the topic will be the Liberty Seated design of Christian Gobrecht. The NSG is an exhilarating brotherhood of learning. The setting is informal. It is the perfect vehicle for increasing your numismatic awareness.

Interested members should contact:

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TRIVIA

How many links are in the chain on the reverse of the Chain cent of 1793?

TIME

Answer, Page 8

NUMIS\$CELLANY



STILL TRUE TODAY: The following paragraphs are excerpted from an article in the November, 1955 issue of The Numismatist:

"It is up to the older and more seasoned collectors and dealers to educate young or new collectors. Help them to acquire the real feeling for coins, to appreciate the mellowness of a naturally toned coin, teach them to see the beauty in the design and not just see the price on the envelope, show them how to handle coins properly and how to house and care for them.

We of the numismatic fraternity are inclined to be a little smug and inconsiderate toward our neophytes. It may be hard to show interest in a folder of well-circulated coins, but if we think back to the early days of our collecting, we were proud of our beginning, and words of encouragement went a long way toward improvements of material and knowledge. If a spark of interest shows, let's help to kindle a blaze, not snuff it out."

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TOUGH YEAR SET: Did you know that, although the "Coinage Act of 1792" authorized the striking of ten denominations of U.S. coins, it was not until 1796 that all denominations were struck in a single year? If you had been around at the time, it would have cost you \$19.42½ to put away a complete set of the new issues. Not many people did that, because most coins dated 1796 are quite rare. Even the most common denominations (the cent and dollar) are fairly expensive. By the way, can you name all ten of the denominations authorized?

(Thanks, Bob Travis!)

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SAD, BUT TRUE: Noted numismatic scholar Walter Breen once expressed his cynicism toward our hobby when he defined numismatics as "a veneer of scholarship over a core of greed."



by Steve Bardin

Arriving Wednesday via PSA, I immediately departed for the convention center. Five dollars entitled me to a dealer badge, and I was off and running. By Thursday evening, most of my money was gone. This left all day Friday to talk to dealers, ask questions, and view auction lots.

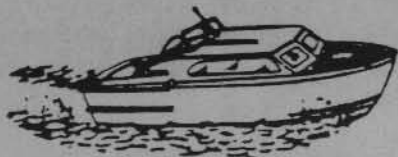
I stopped by and saw our old friend J. P. Martin of ANACS. He graded a few of my coins, one being a 1944-S Walker. Even though weakly struck, he called the coin MS-64. With this new and exciting information, I took the coin to a dealer friend to give him first chance. He disagreed with J.P. and passed on the coin. Next stop was Mr. Raymond Merena, home of the famous Bowers and Merena checkbook. He also shook his head back and forth. I finally found a dealer with another 1944-S half. He graded his MS-64 to MS-65. Yes, it was nicer than mine. He did, however, buy my coin for \$140.00. A far cry from the \$60.00 that I was trying for earlier.

Friday evening was highlighted by the Kagin auction. This being my first, I was eager. I watched a choice Proof 2¢ piece start at \$3,500 and race up to \$8,000! I made sure that I was sitting on my hands, as this was definitely out of my league. Not everything was of this quality. I was able to successfully bid on three lots.

Saturday was seminar day. The Commemorative Society started off by discussing collecting Commems in XF/AU. Later in the afternoon, I heard from Mr. David Hall. He explained the PCGS process to our group. These people take a lot of care to insure the highest quality possible. I walked away with a high opinion of PCGS.

Shortly thereafter, the Silver Dollar Roundtable gathered. This consisted of questions and answers, along with hands-on grading. They gave another view of PCGS. They explained that the intentions are good, but they are a few kinks that exist.

By Sunday, it was time to fly home and re-enter the world of reality. I feel that the time and money spent was more than beneficial. I urge anyone with a strong interest in numismatics to attend one of these conventions.



CALIFORNIA COIN CLUB—The hundredth-and-2nd President A. E. Pradeau in the chair.

The president announced the death of Leo Misner of our club. His jovial and friendly spirit Dr. Pradeau's membership expansion plan was a of the club's activities will be placed on library in prospective members.

Dr. Haebek read a satirical piece entitled "Old Dollar Collector."

A guest, Garner Curran, announced the first issue of "The Collector's Bulletin."

The speaker of the evening was W. D. Krachey, w of California. The talk included the history and was supplied with an excellent display of material auction 1909 V. D. B. and no V. D. B. Unc.

New Netherlands Coin
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- 1909-S, no V. D. B. Unc. red, rare, \$1.00
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- 1911-S, Unc. mostly red, \$1.00.
- 1911-D, Unc. red, 35c. V. fine, 25c.
- 1913-S, Unc. red, \$3.00. Ex. fine, sharp, \$1.50. Fine, 35c.
- 1913-D, Unc. mostly red, \$2.25. Ex. fine, \$1.00. Fine, 25c.
- 1912-S or D, V. fine, each 35c.
- 1914-S, Ex. fine, 75c. V. fine, 55c.
- 1914-D, V. fine, V. rare, \$2.50.
- 1915-S, V. fine, \$1.25. Abt. fine, 75c.

- 1796, Proof, \$60.00. Unc. \$50.00. F.
- 1804, Fine, \$20.00. Very good, 15.00.
- 1804, Browning, No. 2, Very good, 10.00.
- 1805, Ex. fine, \$5.00. Very fine, \$4.50.
- 1805, Ex. fine, \$4.50. Very fine, \$4.00.
- 1807, Uncirculated, \$20.00. Very fine, 15.00.
- 1815, Uncirculated, \$7.50. Fine, \$2.00.
- 1815, Proof, \$20.00. Unc. \$5.00. F. 1929

Bills Introduced For New Commemorative Coins

A Goodly Number Proposed for 1937

When we consider that on the adjournment of Congress last summer there was a feeling around the Capitol that the end of commemorative coins had been reached, or that at least the number in the future would be greatly curtailed, it is quite remarkable that during the month of January of this year bills should be introduced for at least fifteen new issues. A dozen of these were reintroduced coinage or another, to pass the

HIS AD. WENT OVER WITH A BANG.
 One of our advertisers in Northwest writes as follows: "My November advertisement went over with a bang. I received 35 postcards, telegrams and plenty of orders to ship. I shipped to one party a 15-pound box of cents."

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATISTS TO FORM COIN CLUB.
 On Monday evening, February 8, the coin collectors of San Diego gathered to organize a coin club. Twenty-five collectors were present. Dr. Bruce Wallace was elected temporary chairman, C. L. Cotant, temporary treasurer and Thomas W. Voetter, secretary. A constitution and by-law committee was appointed.
 The new association will meet on the second Monday of each month in the Assembly Hall on the fifth floor of the Gas and Electric Building, Sixth and C Streets. All collectors in San Diego county are urged to join the new association. Please your name and address to Dr. Wallace at Main and an auction sale will be held each meeting.

HENRY CHAPMAN

333-335 S. 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

SVCC OFFICERS



New officers of the Sacto Valley Coin Club are shown, seated, l. to r., Recording Secretary Marilyn Hahn, Corresponding Secretary Fred Weber, President Lew Walker, Treasurer Dorothy Fumal, Vice President Charles Willock, Standing, l. to r., Retiring Corresponding Secretary D. L. Reiswig, Retiring President Frances Ferderer, Retiring Treasurer Mel Miller.

B. MAX MEHL

25 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH - FROM THE MARCH, 1962 ISSUE OF THE NUMISMATIST:

Phony 1950-D five cent pieces are being made by buffing away the tail of the final nine of 1959-D coins. Ed Hutchinson reports from Philadelphia. These altered dates can be distinguished readily by the small nugs created.

Empire Adds Foreign Coin Department

Q. David Bowers and James F. Ruddy has announced the opening of the Empire Coin Company Foreign Department. This division, under the management of Robert A. Mehl, will specialize in all branches of foreign coins, including Canadian and gold.

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- 1918- 1807 XF scratches on rev. from mint .185.00
- 1808 VF .84.50
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- 1814 Good .5.00
- 1814 VF-XF .25.00
- 1814 VF-XF LD .18.50
- 1821 Unc. LD .35.00
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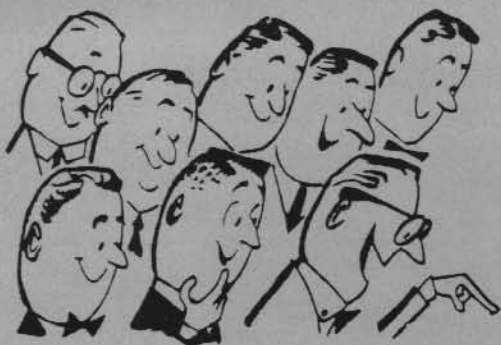
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OUR NEXT MEETINGS WILL BE HELD:

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S H O W C A L E N D A R



- 22: Napa Valley Coin Club Annual Show - Town and Country Fairgrounds,
575 Third Street, NAPA



- 4-5: Eureka Coin Club 21st Annual Coin Show - Redwood Acres Fairgrounds,
3750 Harris Street, EUREKA
BOURSE: Harry Dixon, P.O. Box 505, Eureka, CA 95501
- 5: Salinas Valley Coin Club Show - Masonic Temple, SALINAS
- 26: Reno Coin Club Third Annual Coin Show - McKinley Park Recreation
Center, Riverside Drive and Keystone Avenue, RENO
INFO: Douglas McDonald, RCC, P.O. Box 10791, Reno, Nevada 89510
- 26: Vallejo Numismatic Society 15th Annual Coin Show - Dan Foley
Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street, VALLEJO



- 1-3: California State Numismatic Association 80th Semi-Annual Convention -
Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness Avenue and Geary Street, SAN FRANCISCO
BOURSE: W.J. Grant, P.O. Box 295, Patton, CA 92369

Answer to TRIVIA TIME, Page 2:

15, not 13. Vermont and Kentucky had been admitted as States in 1791 and 1792 respectively.

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