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The American Play Money Society Newsletter

WELCOME to our fourth issue and a new year! It has been an interesting journey thus far and an enjoyable one. My thanks go again to all who have submitted articles and comments, both on past issues and for this one. C.R. Clark deserves special praise for his research and writings on the Red Goose Premium Money. Part two appears in this issue and more will be in *Fun Money* Number Five.

ONCE again we have a few freebies included with this issue: a Hell note from Steve Alpert, a replica Confederate note from John Dalton, and one cent pieces from new member Sam Petry. And maybe a surprise if it won't increase the postage; we take it right to the maximum with our method of mailing.

Membership renewals went pretty well; however, we still have five non-renewals. I will be sending them a postcard just to make sure they haven't overlooked the notice. During the last three months we had one resignation (too many collecting interests) and one new member. That leaves us with 25 paid for 1997, which will support the newsletter; barely. We really need about 40 members to comfortably support a 16 page newsletter; tell your friends what a great deal

it is to belong to the APMS.

WE would still like to have a meeting sometime this year, probably in the fall. It would appear that the most feasible location would be in the East due to our member's addresses. If each member who is interested will write me with their ideas, then we can come up with a potential site.

ONE of the great benefits of belonging to a group such as the APMS is the trading of items in our collecting field. During the past year your editor has been prompted to create lists of duplicates in order to facilitate some of these trades. Every member is encouraged to communicate with other members and, when possible, exchange some of these lists.

KEEP those cards and letters coming; and please send more articles!

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The American Play Money Society (APMS) is a non-profit, educational organization for collectors of play money. It is dedicated to the promotion and research of play money and related exnumia.

ANNUAL DUES

\$7.00 per year for a regular membership and \$9.00 for a family membership (US only). Both have full membership, but only one news-letter will be mailed to the family. Dues for members in other countries will be determined by postage rates.

MEETINGS

One per year in a central location. We would appreciate comments on where and when to have our first meeting. With members from all parts of the country it is impossible to accommodate everyone; however, we will have the meeting in a location that will benefit the most people.

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NEWSLETTER ADS

Each APMS member is encouraged to send a free ad of up to five lines for each issue of FUN MONEY. Ads will not be run continuously, so please send a new ad each time. Business

ISSUES	DEADLINES	PUBLICATION DATES
No. 5	May 10, 1997	June 1, 1997
No. 6	Aug. 10, 1997	September 1, 1997
No. 7	Nov. 10, 1997	December 1, 1997
No. 8	Feb. 10, 1998	March 1, 1998

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Barbara Phillips

Balance as of December 1, 1996		\$ 108.33
Income from dues.....	\$ 179.00	
Expenses: Kinko's; Fun Money #3 printing.....	\$ 57.24	
Balance as of February 17, 1997		\$ 230.09

IS It Play Money?

by Benj Fawer

The OTC Company of China is currently manufacturing these plastic disks which are sold in bulk in numerous Party Stores on the West Coast of the United States. The obverse and the reverse of two die (or rather, mold) varieties are shown here. Other minor mold varieties exist.

Some pieces
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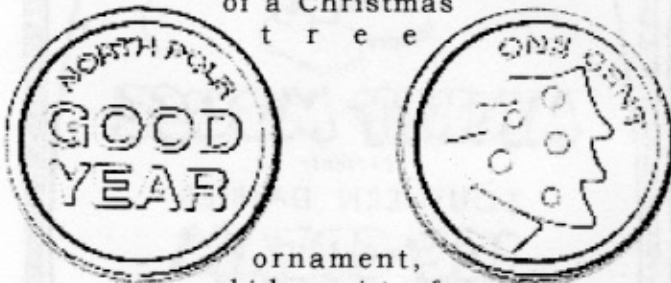


silver-colored and

others resemble gold. The intended meaning of the inscription "AVAG CO BEPSIG" is unknown.

The two "NORTH POLE/GOOD YEAR" and one "ONE CENT with Christmas tree" plastic disks shown here come as a set. All three pieces are part of a Christmas

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ornament,

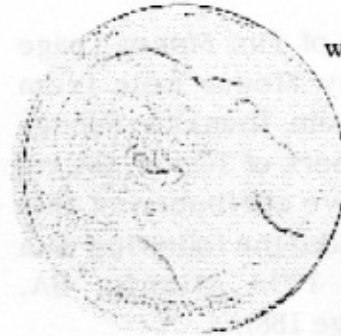
which consists of a cash register, approximately two inches in height and in width, on the open drawer of which sits a squirrel wearing a Santa Claus cap. The three plastic disks depicted here are glued in the squirrel's arms or in the open drawer. It is fairly easy to remove the disks

and to grind off the spurs used to attach them to the ornament. The ornament is marked copyright Lustre Fame Ltd/ Made in China.

This piece which appears to be made of zinc, is my "Batman" substitute piece until I can acquire some of the listed plastic varieties. It may have nothing to do with



"Batman". However, the cape-like wings resemble the "Batman" symbol. The four-legged object beneath looks like a sea platform with landing pod.



The two steel disks with cardboard laminated faces shown here



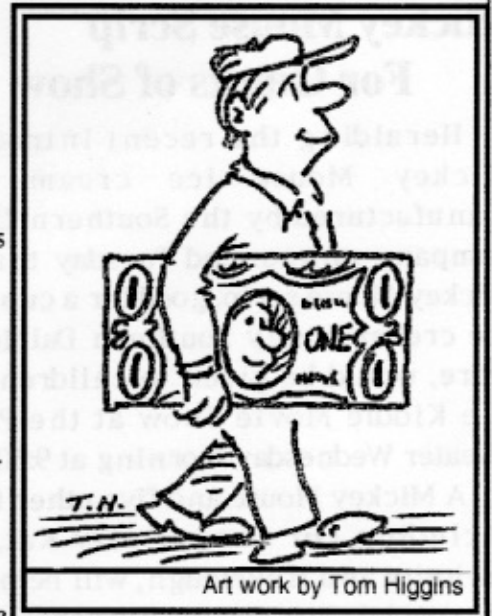
resemble British gold sovereigns. The first is very similar to the obverse of an Edward VII piece, while the second is a close approximation of the reverse of this same coin. Exomunia consisting of combined metal and cardboard planchets is very unusual.

A BIG COLLECTOR?

by Jack Phillips

While corresponding with a fellow collector, I attempted to describe the "obsession" of collecting play money and what the field consisted of. Being a cartoonist, with one of his letters he included the drawing shown below. I thought it was neat and wanted to share it with our readers.

Now, I don't have a caption for this drawing, so a bit of imagination is required. Maybe it means that this is the closest most of us will ever come to having big money.



Art work by Tom Higgins

Send me your suggested captions and I'll share them with our readers. And my thanks to Tom Higgins for sharing his efforts with us.

**UPDATE: OFFICIAL
MICKEY MOUSE MONEY**

The December issue of *Fun Money* (page 15) pictured a Mickey Mouse note from Southern Dairies Ice Cream. Thanks to a long-time collector, R. W. Colbert, of Tucker, GA, we have now have a positive attribution of this note. His research provided the following data from the November 1933 Atlanta, GA, telephone directory (page 188):

SOUTHERN DAIRIES, INC., Ice Cream,
155 Piedmont Avenue NE,
Walnut 6226 (phone number).

And from the May 1937 Atlanta directory (page 237):

Southern Dairies, Inc., Ice Cream,
593 Glen Iris Drive NE, Walnut 6225.

To further reinforce the identification, he also provided the following newspaper clipping:

THE ATLANTA JOURNAL
TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 25, 1933

**Mickey Mouse Scrip
For Guests of Show**

Heralding the recent introduction of Mickey Mouse ice cream in-a-cup, manufactured by the Southern Dairies, the company announced Tuesday that a 5-cent Mickey Mouse scrip, good for a cup of the new ice cream in any Southern Dairies dealer's store, would be given to children attending the Kiddie Movie Show at the Paramount Theater Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

A Mickey Mouse and five other featurettes, including *Our Gang*, *Krazy Kat*, *Scrappy*, *Curiosity* and *Travelaugh*, will be presented at the special show for the kiddies.

The Southern Dairies, Inc., recently completed arrangements for the exclusive use of Mickey Mouse, world-famous motion

picture and cartoon character, in promoting ice cream and other dairy products. The company, it is announced, will use this famous character on ice cream, malted milk, cheese and other dairy products, and will cover with an intensive advertising campaign the entire section served by Southern Dairies.

The ad below also ran in the April 26, 1933, edition of the Journal.

Dear Mickey Mouse and Dairies:
This is real with ice cream, softening and delicious.
Southern Dairies guarantees it to be absolutely pure.
Not at home.

at all
Southern Dairies Dealers

5c EACH
ONE QUARTER CENT

Our thanks to Mr. Colbert for his through research that cleared up this mystery. ☼

A CLOSE LOOK AT RED GOOSE PREMIUM MONEY®

By C. R. Clark

The Aluminum 50 Pieces

As we continue listing the Red Goose tokens, we notice that two major types of obverse for the aluminum 50 pieces have been catalogued — one with a small 50 measuring 10 millimeters in height and another with a larger 50, 11 millimeters tall. Obverses with the small 50 have squared letters and those with the large 50 have smaller, rounded letters. The diameters measure 25 millimeters. Enlarged pictures, below, show the two types of 50 and the varieties of aluminum 50 pieces in my collection at 225% of the actual size.



Type 1 (small 50)



Type 2 (large 50)

You will notice that the 5 of the *small 50* is shaped the same as the 5 of the 5⁰⁰ bronze pieces having one dash under the 00, therefore, this is called Type 1. The large 50 has a 5 similar to the 5 on Type 2, 5⁰⁰ bronze pieces, so the *large 50* pieces are called Type 2.

Type 1A — Small 50 and Two Dots (No Stars) on Reverse



Type 1A (1)

Obverse: 50 with height of 10 millimeters; squared lettering

Reverse: dot before HALF and dot after FEET; toe points to left side of F in OF; squared lettering

Type 1B — Small 50 and Two Stars on Reverse

This piece is classified as Type 1B because the obverse is Type 1, but the reverse is one generally matched with the Type 2 obverse having two stars and rounded letters.

RED GOOSE PREMIUM MONEY – The Aluminum 50 Pieces (continued)



Type 1B (1)



Obverse: 50 with height of 10 millimeters; squared lettering

Reverse: star before HALF and star after FEET; short leg and ugly feet; toe points to center of F in OF; rounded lettering

Type 2A — Large 50; Two Stars & Manufacturer's Name on Reverse



Type 2A (1)



Obverse: 50 with height of 11 mm; 5 of 50 near R of RED; 5 touches 0 in 50; rounded letters

Reverse: OSBORNE CO. CIN. O. in small letters under FUN OF HAVING; star before HALF and star after FEET; toe points to center of F in OF; rounded lettering

Type 2B — Large 50; Two Stars, but No Manufacturer's Name



Type 2B (1)



RED GOOSE PREMIUM MONEY – The Aluminum 50 Pieces (continued)

Obverse: 50 with height of 11 millimeters; 0 of 50 1 millimeter from EY of MONEY; rounded lettering

Reverse: star before HALF and star after FEET; toe points to the right side of F in OF; three small marks at top of leg; rounded lettering



Type 2B (2)



Obverse: 50 with height of 11 mm; re-engraved 5 and 0 in 50; 5 does not touch the 0 in 50; re-engraved PR in PREMIUM and E in MONEY; 0 in 50 near EY of MONEY; rounded lettering

Reverse: star before HALF and star after FEET; toe points to right side of F in OF; re-engraved R in RED and F in OF; rounded lettering

Note: Red Goose tokens were struck from planchets which varied in thickness, so it is not a surprise to find a few thin pieces.

The Aluminum 25 Pieces

We find two types of Red Goose Premium Money 25 pieces similar to the two types of 50. Type 1 (small 25) has a 5 with the same shape as the 5 of the small 50; Type 2 (large 25) has a 5 similar to the 5 of the large 50. The obverse lettering on 25 pieces of Type 1 is squared and larger than the rounded lettering on Type 2.



Type 1 (small 25)



Type 2 (large 25)

The "small 25" and "large 25" are pictured above. All 25 pieces have a diameter of approximately 22.5 millimeters, and pictures in this section are shown at 225% of actual size.

Type 1 — Small 25; Two Dots and No Manufacturer's Name on Reverse



Type 1A (1)

Obverse: small 25 with height of approximately 8 millimeters; large, squared lettering
Reverse: a dot before HALF and a dot after FEET; toe points to left side of F in OF; all letters in RED GOOSE SHOES have the same height; no manufacturer's name

Type 2 — Large 25; Two Stars and Manufacturer's Name on Reverse



Type 2A (1)

Obverse: large 25 with height of approximately 9.5 millimeters; small, rounded letters; E of GOOSE approximately one millimeter from 5
Reverse: star before HALF and star after FEET; first letters in words RED, GOOSE and SHOES larger than other letters; OSBORNE CO. CIN, O. in small letters under FUN OF HAVING with last O under right upright of H in HAVING



Type 2A (2)

RED GOOSE PREMIUM MONEY – The Aluminum 25 Pieces (continued)

Obverse: large 25 with height of approximately 9.5 millimeters; small, rounded letters; E of GOOSE touches 5; re-engraved SE of GOOSE

Reverse: same as reverse Type 2A (1): star before HALF and star after FEET; first letters in words RED, GOOSE and SHOES larger than other letters; OSBORNE CO. CIN, O. in small letters under FUN OF HAVING with last O under right upright of H in HAVING



Type 2A (3)

Obverse: Similar to Type 2A (1) with the 2 pointing between the P and R of PREMIUM and small, rounded letters, but minor differences in spacing; E of GOOSE approximately .5mm closer to the 5 than in Type 2A (1) and EY of MONEY at a greater distance of approximately .5mm from the loop of the 5

Reverse: outlines of the toes and front leg are filled with many parallel dashes from one side to the other; OSBORNE CO. CIN. O. in small letters with N of CIN. under the left upright of the H in HAVING

The Aluminum 10 Pieces

The two types of Red Goose Premium Money 10 pieces are not quite as easily noticed as the two types of 50 and two types of 25 because both types are approximately 6mm tall. The Type 1, 10, pictured at the left below, has a thin 1 and a zero with straight segments in the inner border. The Type 2, 10, at the right, has a thick 1 with a slightly different shape at the base and a zero with an inner border of an elliptical shape. These 16 millimeter tokens are shown at 225% of actual size.



Type 1 (thin 1)



Type 2 (thick 1)

RED GOOSE PREMIUM MONEY — The Aluminum 10 pieces (continued)

Type 1A — Thin 1; Squared Lettering; No Manufacturer's Name



Type 1A (1)

Obverse: Thin 1 and zero with straight line segments in inner border; large, squared lettering

Reverse: dot before HALF and dot after FEET; squared lettering; no manufacturer's name; leg formed by outline - no bands

Type 2A — Thick 1; Rounded Lettering on Obverse and Squared Lettering on Reverse; No Manufacturer's Name



Type 2A (1)

Obverse: Thick 1 and zero with elliptical inner border; rounded lettering with partially filled R's and E's

Reverse: squared lettering; dot before HALF and dot after FEET; no manufacturer's name; leg formed with outline (similar to reverse 1A (1), above)

Type 2B — Thick 1; Rounded Lettering; Manufacturer's Name on Reverse



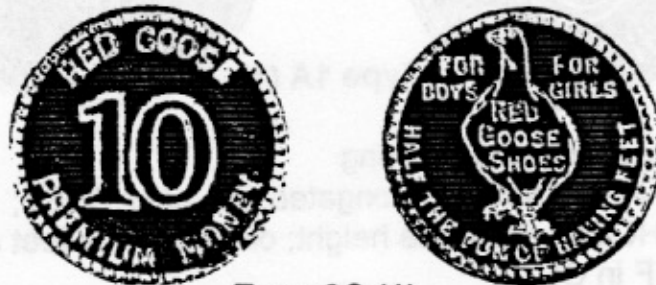
Type 2B (1)

RED GOOSE PREMIUM MONEY — The Aluminum 10 Pieces (continued)

Obverse: Thick 1 and zero with an elliptical inner border; rounded lettering with partially filled R's and E's (similar to obverse 2A (1), above)

Reverse: no dot before HALF and no dot after FEET; manufacturer's name, OSBORNE CO. CIN. O., in small letters under FUN OF HAVING; leg and feet formed by bands — no outline

Type 2C — Thick 1, Rounded Lettering and No Manufacturer's Name



Type 2C (1)

Obverse: Thick 1 and zero with an elliptical inner border; small, rounded lettering with *OSE* of *GOOSE* at a distance of approximately 2 millimeters from 0 of 10; close 1 and 0 in 10; normal R's and E's

Reverse: no dot before HALF and no dot after FEET; no manufacturer's name

The Aluminum 5 Pieces

Aluminum 5 tokens have diameters of either 19 or 20 millimeters and they are subdivided into two types by the shape of the 5. Both types measure approximately 9.5 millimeters in height, but the width of the 5 on Type 1 pieces is approximately 1 millimeter less than the corresponding measure of Type 2 pieces. The following photocopies show the same difference in the shape of 5's as pictured earlier for the 5⁰⁰, 50 and 25 pieces, so we designate them as having either a *small 5* or a *large 5*.



Type 1 (small 5)



Type 2 (large 5)

RED GOOSE PREMIUM MONEY — The Aluminum 5 Pieces (continued)

Type 1A — Small 5 and Two Dots on Reverse



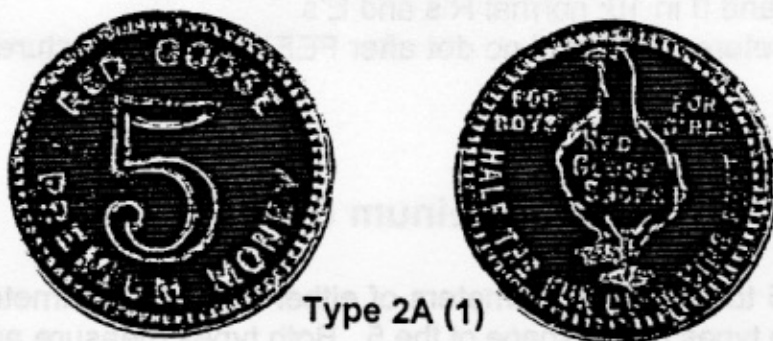
Type 1A (1)

Obverse: small 5; large, squared lettering

Reverse: dot before HALF and an elongated dot after FEET; all lettering in RED GOOSE SHOES with same height; outline forms feet and leg; toe points to left side of F in OF

Note: approximately 20 millimeter diameter

Type 2A — Large 5 and No Dots on Reverse



Type 2A (1)

Obverse: large 5; small, rounded lettering

Reverse: no dot before HALF and no dot after FEET; first letters R, G and S in RED GOOSE SHOES, larger than other letters; feet and leg with oval dots inside outline; toe touches right side of F in OF

Note: approximately 19 millimeter diameter

New Varieties Found

Several unlisted varieties of Red Goose Premium Money, aluminum 1⁰⁰ and bronze 5⁰⁰ pieces, were reported after the first installment of the catalogue. We are still working with the material and expect to find about a dozen new listings among the 18 new pieces either found or reported to date. Thanks for the help!

The brown fiber 5 and 1⁰⁰ pieces have not been reported, so far. If you have either of these in your collection, please send a good photocopy. Also, the gray fiber 10, 25 and 50 are missing in my collection, so help will be appreciated. Photocopies of the green fiber 5, 10, 25, 50 or 1⁰⁰ pieces are needed also for the next installment. Thanks for the letters and notes about this series of play money. I greatly appreciate your help.

(C. R. Clark)



FROM THE MAILBAG

"Enjoyed article on Red Goose, as that is reason I joined. Sure wish we could get a rarity scale. I've only one presidential and have seen only 2 or 3 in 15 years or so of flea markets, coin and token shows etc. They must be way up there on rarity scale. I have a couple of encased 1c Red Goose and always looking and asking. The whole series is not easy to find; fiber too. I look forward to next issue."

Joe Steger

PLAY MONEY - WHERE IS IT?

Jack Phillips

Collectors are always searching for new additions to their never completed collections. In fact, it has been said that the hunt is the biggest attraction. So, how do we conduct the hunt? Where do we look? Perhaps this incomplete list will give the reader a few new ideas.

The more obvious places are the coin and collectable shows, coin shops, antique malls, classified ads in the various related publications (especially *Fun Money!*), and, of course, buying and trading with other collectors.

The game and toy manufacturers should also be kept in mind. Not all will respond to your queries; however, the author recently called Fisher Price, 800 432-5437, and requested their parts catalog which was promptly sent. It listed all of the current pieces that they have in stock.

Another maker who will provide some of their game money is Parker Brothers. You can write them at: Consumer Relations, P.O. Box 1012, Beverly, MA 01915.

One of the frequently overlooked sources is the school supply store. Many of the larger communities have shops whose sole purpose is to provide educational tools, of which play money is one. A visit to one store in West Chester, PA, proved to be a real bonanza. And they also had a catalog with still more items.

And finally, don't overlook garage sales. You never know what to expect there. The author recently found a board game from Germany with neat currency at such a sale.

Let us know your favorite place to find play money; there are undoubtedly many more!



New Members

We welcome the following new members to the American Play Money Society (APMS).

Jane Sears, #C-4A
wife of APMS director, Russ Sears

Sam Petry, #31
P.O. Box 167,
St. John, IN 46373

Change of Address

Robert B. Clark, #C-3
P.O. Box 40414,
St. Petersburg, FL 33743

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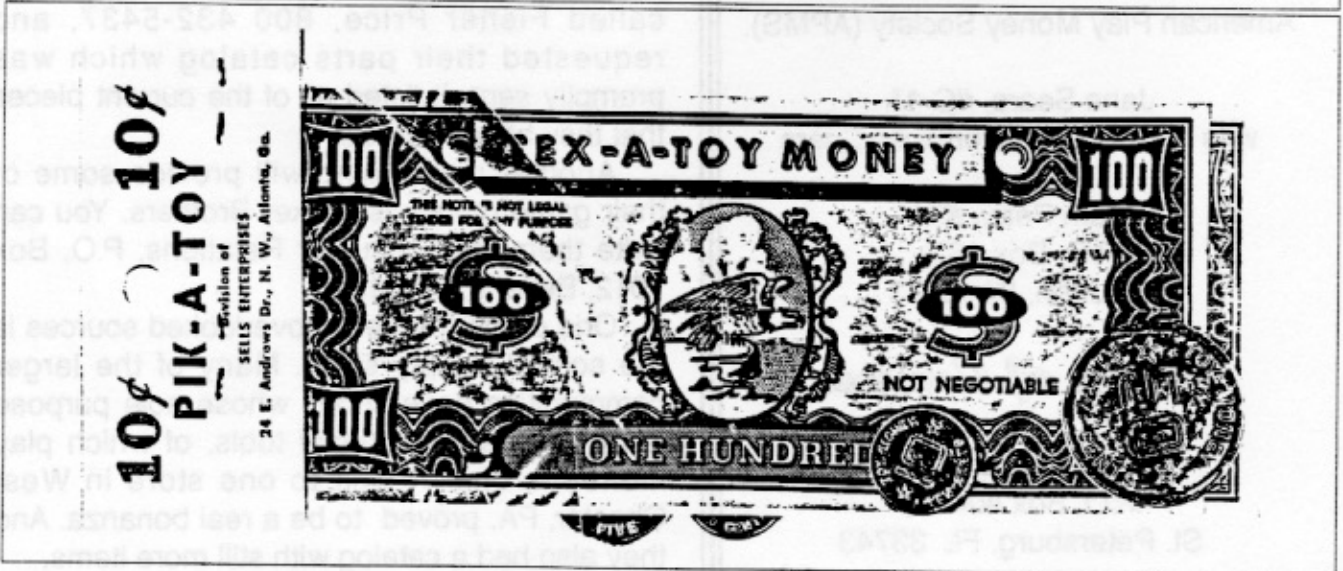
Jim Hemphill, #C-13.

TEX-A-TOY MONEY SOLD BY DIVISION OF GEORGIA COMPANY

By C. R. Clark

The cellophane package of play money from the 1950's, pictured below, contains both bills and coins. The bills read, "© TEX-A-TOY 1954," and all of the coins have the same date, 1954.

The aluminum 5, 10, 25 and 50 cent pieces show a gun, boot, horse's head and eagle, respectively. Two other coins are known, but not included in this package . . . a TEX-A-TOY cent with a four leaf clover and a toy dime dated 1956. This package has only five coins: two 1954 toy dimes, one toy nickel, one toy quarter and one toy half dollar.

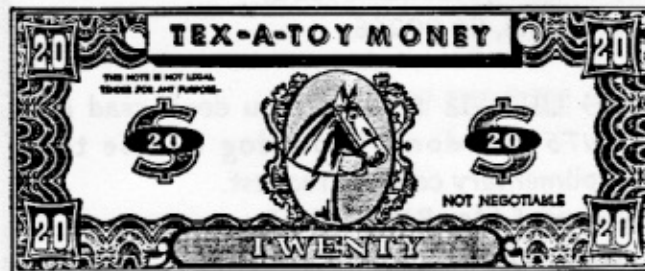
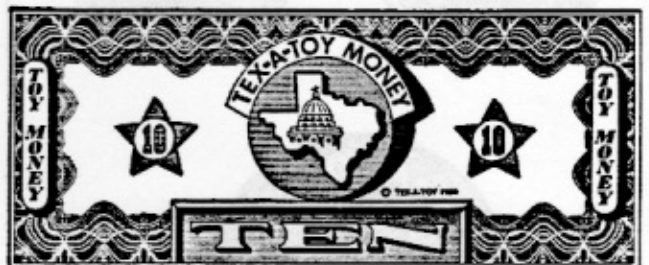
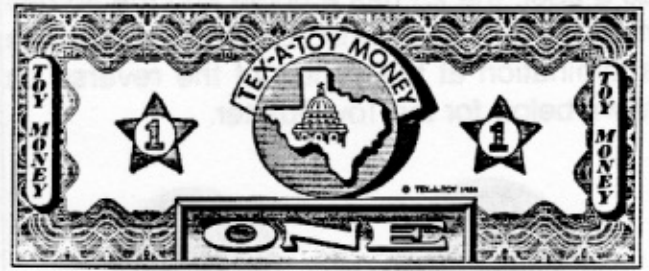
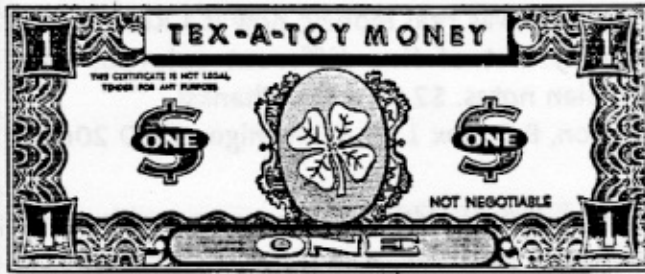


The toy 100 bill is green with black print; the other bills are white with a light green print. Pictures are 90% of actual size.

This 10¢ package of toy money was sold under the name PIK-A-TOY, a division of Sells Enterprises, 24 E. Andrews Dr., N. W., Atlanta, Ga.

Tex-A-Toy Money (continued)


The bills pictured below measure approximately 137mm by 60mm, but are shown at 65% of actual size to fit on the page. The Toy Nickel, Toy Dime, Toy Quarter and Toy Half Dollar are pictured on the next page.



Tex-A-Toy Money (continued)

You will notice that each Tex-A-Toy coin has a picture related to the picture found on a paper bill. The 1 (not pictured) has a four-leaf clover at the center. The 5 has a pistol, the 10 has a boot, the 25 has a horse and the 50 has an eagle of the center. Each coin has the denomination at the center of the reverse as shown below for the Toy Quarter.



Enlarged pictures of the aluminum coins were taken at 150% of actual size. 

Classified Ads

BRYAN MONEY WANTED: I will buy or trade for individual pieces or entire collections--what do you have? Give me a try! I also collect all Florida tokens. E-mail jrat1947@aol.com. Steve Ratliff, 3450 Riverview Drive, Pace, FL 32571-8602. Phone (904) 994-4961.

TRADE/SELL list of play money coins and paper sent free in exchange for yours.

Randy Partin, 1314 Keystone Pointe, Auburndale, FL 33823. (941) 965-2947.

ONCE it was real money; now it's Russian play money. Set of five different colored, large Russian notes. \$2.50 a set. Thanks!

Dalton, P.O. Box 125, Saint Inigoes, MD 20684.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: I have several hundred different pieces of coin-type play money, both listed and unlisted, to trade for pieces I need. Send your list of trade items or, if you wish to buy, send SASE for my list. Jack Phillips, 2044 Pine Lake Trail, Arab, AL 35016.

HAVE POPSICLE movie star tokens to trade for Popsicle tokens I don't have or for play money tokens of equal value. George Hallstein, 164 Rural Grove Rd., Sprakers, NY 12166.

GAME PLAY MONEY similar to Monopoly. 50 different notes for \$4.00 postpaid. Good Starter set for a beginner.

E.B. Scott, 309 Duke, Garland, TX 75043.

MY TOKEN AND MEDAL Mail Bid Sales include play money. Request a copy of my next sale catalogue if you are not on my mailing list. Steve Alpert, P.O. Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066.

DOG LICENSE TAGS. If you don't read *PAW PRINTS* you don't know dog license tags. Complimentary copy on request.

Bill Bone, Editor *PAW PRINTS*, 928 S.R. 2206, Clinton, KY 42031.

TRADE my "25" different pieces of play money for your "25" different.

Sam Petry, P.O. Box 167, St. John, IN 46373.

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