

OCEAN COUNTY COIN CLUB, INC.

JUNIOR NUMISMATIC NEWSLETTER (JNN) • 1

WELCOME JUNIOR MEMBER - The members of the Ocean County Coin Club are pleased to have you join us and sincerely hope you can gain some knowledge about coins and coin collecting. Please do not hesitate to ask questions. The officers, dealers and members do want to assist you in becoming more knowledgeable about the hobby. There is so much to learn about collecting coins, paper money, tokens and medals. Fifty years from now you will still be learning about the hobby.

This JNN (Junior Numismatic Newsletter) is for you. It contains a few briefs about coins and also a few paragraphs relating to a coin subject. If you read about the subject and answer the questions (matching columns) at the end correctly, you will receive free coins.

Coin collecting is a wholesome hobby the entire family can participate in. It's not only interesting, but also very educational. You will learn about the value and uses of metals, how and why monetary systems change, history of our nation and foreign lands and the geography and customs of other nations. It is a hobby that does not have to be expensive. Most collectors begin with collecting cents or nickels out of pocket change or foreign coins that sell for under a quarter. You control what you want to spend.

Here is one word you will hear and read about from time to time - "numismatist" - it is pronounced like this "NU - MISS - MA - TIST." It simply means that when a person learns and studies about coins and becomes knowledgeable about coins, she or he is called a "numismatist."

Our meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month. Juniors begin meeting at 7:15 p.m. and the regular meeting begins at 7:45. We always have a few dealers at our meetings so you can always see coins for sale. They are always available to answer questions about your coins, paper money, tokens or medals. We also have a monthly auction and a member trade list area where members can list coins they need or want to trade with other members.

ONE IMPORTANT RULE - Always - always ask to see a coin at a dealers table. NEVER pick-up a coin without asking for permission to touch and look at the coin. - and - remember to always be careful with the coin so you do not drop it.

Are you now ready for your first quiz and answer program for your free coins?

WOW - A two-cent coin!

Not many people know the U.S. Mint ever made two-cent coins. But it was on these coins that the now-familiar motto "IN GOD WE TRUST" had its beginning. During the bloody Civil War between the North and the South (1861 - 1865) where over 600,000 men died, people turned to religion for comfort and support as casualties mounted on the battlefield and the horrors of war were brought home to the people by a recent invention of the camera. It was the Mint and Lincoln's Treasury Secretary, Salmon P. Chase, who recommended the motto for the two-cent piece and Congress agreed. The Mint had originally suggested the motto "GOD OUR TRUST" - but Secretary Chase altered it to "IN GOD WE TRUST."

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Two-cent pieces were introduced in 1864 with two varieties being minted - the small motto which is scarce and the large motto. They were minted every year through 1873 and were one of the coin issues that had a short life. The reason the two-cent coin was minted was due to the hoarding of all coinage during the civil war. They were 95% copper and were almost as large as todays Washington quarter.

The designer of the two-cent coin was James B. Longacre, who was responsible for designing a number of coins in that time frame, including the ever popular Indian Head Cent. The coins were all minted at the Philadelphia Mint.

A few two-cent coins are hard to find such as the 1872 which is worth \$75. in a worn condition. However, many of the other dates are common and can be purchased for \$5. up for coins in the same type of condition.

If you're looking for an interesting collection of old coins and a conversation item of having a real "two-cent" coin, then you may want to start with the two-cent coin. I'm sure some of your friends will be amazed at you having of of these coins.

HERE IS YOUR QUIZ FOR FREE COINS - Match the answer in Column "B" to the statement in Column "A" -

ANSWER

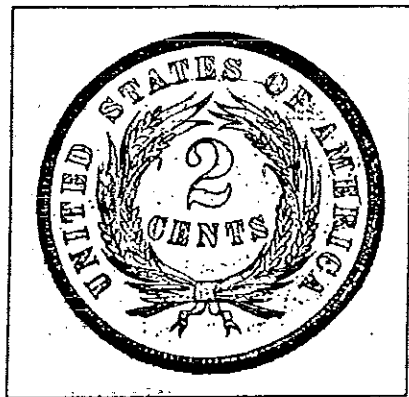
COLUMN A

COLUMN B

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| _____ | (1) James B. Longacre | (A) hoarding of coins |
| _____ | (2) Treasury Secretary Salmon P. _____ | (B) Where 2 cent coin was minted |
| _____ | (3) 1864 | (C) Two-Cent coin |
| _____ | (4) Philadelphia Mint | (D) over 600,000 |
| _____ | (5) Copper in 2-cent coin | (E) Chase |
| _____ | (6) 1873 | (F) 95% |
| _____ | (7) "GOD OUR TRUST" | (G) last year of 2-cent coin |
| _____ | (8) Number men died in Civil War | (H) first year of 2-cent coin |
| _____ | (9) First coin with "IN GOD WE TRUST" | (I) Designer of 2-cent coin |
| _____ | (10) Reason 2-cent coin was minted | (J) Original suggestion of motto |

FOR A BONUS COIN: What was the reason the motto "IN GOD WE TRUST" was suggested for the 2-cent coin?

_____	_____	_____
(date)	(name - please print)	(age)



The motto IN GOD WE TRUST first appeared on the 2¢ piece. The coin was first struck during the horrors of the Civil War when religious fervor ran high.