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YOU ARE BEING REWARDED for completing the coin quiz located within each JNN you receive. We sincerely hope you enjoy receiving the coins as a prize and will continue to do so. It is a way to begin collecting coins from different countries and U.S. coins as well.

U.S. coins are made by the U.S. Mint. Today, coins are minted in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Denver, Colorado; San Francisco, California and West Point, New York. Our coins are round so they won't poke holes in your pockets. The coins are made from alloys, or mixtures of metals. Nickel, zinc and copper are used.

Paper currency is also part of numismatics. Many individuals collect paper money because of its beauty and historic background. The name of our paper money is, "Federal Reserve Notes." The notes are made by the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, D.C.

All foreign countries produce paper money and they are very collectible. One of the reasons is that much of the foreign paper money is very inexpensive. The library in our meeting room has a catalog listing most of the foreign paper money. The catalog is available to you.

Following is your monthly article & quiz:

***** The Lincoln Cent *****

Abraham Lincoln, our 16th President, would have been 100 years old in 1909 and to celebrate the year, the LINCOLN CENT was issued. This was the first U.S. coin issued for daily use that actually had a portrait of a real person. The Lincoln cent is the most collectible coin in the United States. Many youngsters and adults begin their collecting careers inserting Lincoln cents in WHITMAN FOLDERS.

The composition of of cent at that time was .950 copper and .050 tin and zinc. In 1941, WORLD WAR II began and there was a need to conserve copper for use in wartime supplies. To save the copper, the LINCOLN CENT was struck of ZINC-PLATED STEEL in 1943. There was also a change in 1944 through 1946. These cents were made of BRASS (copper and zinc) instead of the regular bronze. The reason was brass cartridges cases used in the war became available as another source of copper.

In 1959, the United States CHANGED THE REVERSE on the Lincoln cent. They changed the GRAINS OF WHEAT reverse to a full view of the front of the LINCOLN MEMORIAL in Washington, D.C. which is visited by thousands of visitors yearly. The REASON for the change was to celebrate Lincoln's 150th anniversary of his birth. The Lincoln cents from 1909 through 1958 are COMMONLY CALLED "WHEATIES."

Do not call the Lincoln cent a PENNY. The PROPER name for the coin is "CENT." Pennies are a nickname from the BRITISH COIN, which was brought over here by British Colonists.

FOUNDED IN 1970 AT LAKEHURST, NJ

National Coin Week Show/Exhibit in April --- Annual Show/Exhibit in September

You may never have noticed, but the initials of the two designers of the current Lincoln cent appear on every cent. The initials of V.D.B. appear beneath Lincoln's shoulder. They are very tiny and belong to VICTOR D. BRENNER, the original designer of the cent in 1909. Only a limited number of 1909 cents had Brenner's initials. It was not until 1918 that his initials again began to appear. In 1959, when the Lincoln Memorial replaced the WHEAT back, the initials, F.G. became part of the cent. FRANK GASPARRO'S initials, F.G. appear on the reverse to the right of the Lincoln Memorial.

All cents STRUCK SINCE 1983 are made of COPPER PLATED ZINC. In 1982, there were 4 varieties of the copper plated zinc struck as well as three varieties of the .950 copper cent. For Lincoln cent collectors, there are SEVEN varieties of the 1982 cent.

Lincoln cents are a tremendously interesting collecting hobby. The Lincoln cent was born when THEODORE ROOSEVELT (our 26th President) was in his last year of his second term and WILLIAM TAFT was voted into office as our 27th President.

NOW JUNIOR MEMBER: FOR YOUR FREE COINS, MATCH THE ANSWER IN COLUMN "B" TO THE STATEMENT IN COLUMN "A"

<u>ANSWER</u>	<u>COLUMN A</u>	<u>COLUMN B</u>
_____	(1) MOST COLLECTIBLE COIN	(A) MEMORIAL CENT DESIGNER
_____	(2) ZINC-PLATED STEEL CENTS (YR)	(B) WASHINGTON, D.C.
_____	(3) BRASS CENTS (YR)	(C) 1943
_____	(4) "WHEATIES" WERE MINTED (YR)	(D) COPPER PLATED ZINC
_____	(5) LINCOLN MEMORIAL ON REVERSE (YR)	(E) 1982 CENT
_____	(6) VICTOR D. BRENNER	(F) 1944 TO 1946
_____	(7) FRANK GASPARRO	(G) 1909 TO 1958
_____	(8) SEVEN VARIETIES (YR)	(H) ORIGINAL DESIGNER
_____	(9) ALL CENTS SINCE 1983	(I) 1959
_____	(10) LOCATION OF LINCOLN MEMORIAL	(J) LINCOLN CENT

FOR A BONUS COIN: WHY IS A CENT NOT CALLED A PENNY? _____

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