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MILLIONS OF OLD S.A. COINS MELTED DOWN

More than 90 million coins have been returned to the South African Mint and remelted since the country's new coinage was introduced. A total of 250 tons of silver has been shipped to America for resale on the world market.

These figures were released last week by a senior Mint official. The breakdown of the figures is: 37 million sixpences and five cents; 25 million shillings and ten cents; 24 million florins and twenty cents and 10 million half crowns.

The mass return of coins means that very few good specimens are left in the country's banks and financial institutions. The Mint is of the opinion that the remaining good coins are being held by collectors and investors.

WITCH HUNT

The recall of old denominations by the Government has led to a witch hunt in the vaults and cash desks of the country's banks and businesses.

Bickels Coin and Medal News has been told of many cases where people cash ten and twenty rand cheques almost daily at their bank in return for silver. They spend hours sorting through the bags for good specimens.

We have even heard of a traveller who called at a country bank to sort through the crowns. He was told that the crowns had been cleared to the chief bank in the area. He drove especially to the bank and asked to look through their crowns. The result was a sad disappointment:

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Die Transvaler

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'GOUDPONDE' - R13,000 IN VELD GEROOF

*n Plakkaat van die Transvaler wat op 25 Januarie 1966 verskyn het.
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Bickels go to Durban

Attention Durban coin collectors! A full range of Bickels Coin Accessories is now available at The Book Mark, 57, Broad Street, Durban.

From the beginning of this month, The Book Mark is able to supply Bickels' Universal Coin Albums; the S.A. Crown Albums; Bickels Coin and Medal News and the Coin Charts.

This is the first time Bickels Coin Accessories have been sold outside Johannesburg.

History of Veld Ponde and Blanks

The last issue of Bickels Coin and Medal News in 1965 set the pattern for detailed articles on South African coinage. In that issue we reproduced a very knowledgeable article by Dr. F.K. Mitchell about the Pattern sets of the Republic's new coinage.

As the country's coinage progresses, our younger collectors tend to forget the history attached to our early coins, particularly those of the South African Republic. In 1933, Mr. J.T. Becklake, produced "Notes on the Coinage of the S.A. Republic." In our first extract this month we hear about the history of the "Veld Ponde" and "Blanks."

These interesting historic pieces of the late Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek – the Veld Ponde, were struck at Pilgrims Rest during the last few months of the Anglo-Boer war of 1900-1902. On their obverses are the letters "Z.A.R." and the date 1902, whilst their reverses bear the mark of value, "Een Pond." The edges are milled and their bullion value, taking fine gold at 85 shillings per oz., is probably well over 20 shillings, as the gold used was refined to the greatest extent practicable with the equipment available. They are in the category of those pieces known generally as "Money of necessity." In this case the "Veld Munt" was cleverly improvised from the plant found in a gold mine workshop. It is reliably stated that about 1,000 pieces in all were produced. The pieces were struck from two dies only, and these were produced (by acid etching on the steel) by Mr. P.J. Kloppers, now in the Department of Education of the Transvaal. Associated with him were Messrs. Dick Graham and W. Reid, M. Cooney, A. Marshall, and W.H. Barker. This unique group of "coiners" or "moneyers" was under the leadership of Field Commandant Andr. Pienaar (now Chairman of the Public Service Commission.)

I have had the opportunity of inspecting a large number of Veld Ponde, and on two occasions have discovered these to be counterfeits – in fact it was due to noticing some-

thing peculiar about a Veld Pond in the possession of a Pretoria collector in 1927 that first aroused suspicions, and, as a result of inquiry in various directions, these suspicions were confirmed by Mr. Royle Baldwin, of London, who furnished the following information:-

"Forgeries of this piece were made many years ago in Johannesburg, soon after their original issue. An informer put the police on the forger's track."

Certain differences make it possible to distinguish the genuine pieces from the counterfeits. These differences occur on both faces, but particularly noticeable is the difference in the height of the "A" on the Z.A.R. side (photos of each are attached showing these variations very clearly). Recently the second suspected counterfeit "Veld Ponde" referred to was brought to light in a collection of coins from South-West Africa. Mr. Royle Baldwin states that he has compared these forgeries many times in London with specimens of the "Veld Ponde" still having an official document with them. The chief differences noted above can be clearly seen in the accompanying photos, and other differences will also be noted on both the obverse and reverse sides. (Figure 1 showing the genuine and figure 2 the counterfeit "ponde.")

By the courtesy of Mr. A.G. Pienaar it has been possible to verify certain of the above state-

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ments in reference to counterfeit "Veld Ponde". The accompanying illustration (figure 3) shows two pieces retained by Mr. Pienaar at the time of manufacture, and kept solely in his possession since. Both Mr. Pienaar and Mr. Kloppers have definitely stated that only one pair of dies were used, and that they were kept under lock and key when not in actual use, so that it can be affirmed that any pieces which differ in the slightest degree from those shown in figure 3 are not genuine. Incidentally, it may be noted also that from careful records taken of weight and dimensions of a considerable number of "Veld Ponde" it is possible to judge in several other ways as to the genuineness of a piece in addition to comparison with the original photograph (figure 3).

It is interesting to note also that prior to the final approval of the pair of dies actually used, another pair was tested, but was not accepted. Mr. Pienaar retained one test piece only, struck from this original pair of dies – all other test pieces and the dies themselves were then destroyed. This interesting and unique piece is illustrated in figure 4. It will be acknowledged that the later dies were greatly superior in design and artistic merit to the earlier pair tested, and one is impressed in considering these pieces with the skill and ingenuity which was displayed firstly in the work of refining the gold (Mr. M. Cooney was the assayer), later in

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New 50 cent and R1 Coins out in March: First Silver R1 in S.A.

Ten Million 50 cent and R1 pieces will be released in the Republic during March. This will be the first time silver R1 coins have been circulated and Mint officials will be keenly watching to judge their popularity.

The minting of the coins has been completed and the S.A. Mint are hard at work packing the coins in 2,000 tins for transfer to the country's main areas. The package of the coins is proving a great headache for the Mint.

The 2 cent; 5 cent; 10 cent and 20 cent coins were sent in bags, but officials have to send the new coin in tins. This is causing labour problems and the Mint will be hard pressed to complete the job in time.

The remaining coin in the series, the 1 cent copper coin, will be distributed later this year.

The Mint reports an avalanche of letters for the 1966 proof sets and waiting for the officials when they returned from leave on January 3 were 3,000 letters. Most of the requests come from South Africa although there has been a great increase in Australian interest in our coinage.

Mint officials attribute this to the introduction of decimal coinage in that country.

The 1965 South African proof sets have failed to qualify for proof set rating by the editorial board of the powerful American numismatic publishing firm, Coin World. In a statement in their newspaper, a panel of the board says the sets are not up to standard and may only be termed "prooflike" sets in editorial and advertising matter.

There was no official comment from the Mint on this move, although an official said the Mint had experienced great difficulty in handling nickel coinage for the first time.

FAKED GALLEON COINS IN U.S.

Florida is being flooded with fake coins alleged to have come from a sunken galleon off the American's States West Coast.

State officials in Florida have warned against the fake coins and coin collectors are on the look out. The sale of dud coins has spread further than Florida and one has even turned up in California.

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someone had been through the bags before him and collected the good coins.

This has been the pattern of coin searching throughout the country and although the coins may not fetch high prices immediately, they will be valuable within a few years.

Kruger Munte-Roof

'n Randfonteinse muntversameelaar is van R13,000 beroof toe hy 8,500 goue Krugerponde by 'n Bantoe naby Hammanskraal wou gaan koop.

Hy het saam met 'n ander man uitgegaan om drie Bantoes op die Soutpanspad in 'n hut te ontmoet. Hulle het die koopsom in note in 'n leërsak gehad.

Die man met die geld is skielik deur die Bantoe-koper agter die nek geslaan. Hy het bewusteloos neergesyg. Die Bantoe het met die geld die bosse ingevlug. Die ander twee Bantoes het die ander blanke aangerand en ook gevlug.

Die roof het in 'n digbebosde gebied, ideaal vir die rooftog, plaasgevind.

Toe die blankes herstel het, was die Bantoes reeds skoonveld met die R13,000. asook die aantal goue ponde wat aan hulle getoon is.

Hoewel die publiek al herhaaldelik deur die polisie teen die transaksies gewaarsku is, is dit duidelik dat sommige mense hulle nie hieraan steur nie en voortgaan om in die goue pond-spookstories te glo, het kapt. Palson gesê.

In die afgelope drie jaar is ten minste 10 persone beroof deur Bantoes wat voorgegee het dat hulle Krugermunte wou verkoop.

FOREIGN COIN SETS

BRAZIL	50 centavos, 1-2 cruzeiros (Y81-83)	\$1.25
BULGARIA	10-20-50 Stoinki (Y56-58)	\$1.75
CHILE	1-5-10 pesos (Y105-107)	\$1.50
HAITI	5-10 centavos (Y20-21)	\$.50
INDIA	50 paisa; 1 rupee (Nehru Commem.)	\$2.50
TOTAL PRICE		\$7.50
SPECIAL AS A LOT ..		\$6.25

REGENCY, 157 RUPERT, WINNIPEG, CANADA.

Free foreign coin set list available.

RHODESIAN COIN PRICES

Rhodesian coins are still attracting a great deal of interest here and overseas. In the third extract of Rhodesian Coins, compiled by the Canadian numismatist, Jerome H. Remick, for World Coin, we list the prices for the shilling and florin. Next month will see the conclusion of the series.

SHILLING

DATE	MINTAGE	UNC.	E.F.	V.F.	F.	V.G.
1932	896,000	5.25	2.45	1.57	.87	.52
1934	333,000	6.30	3.15	2.10	1.40	.87
1935	830,000	5.42	2.62	1.57	.87	.52
1936	1,863,000	4.90	2.27	1.40	.80	.52
1937	1,700,000	6.30	3.50	2.10	1.22	.70
1939	420,000	4.72	2.27	1.40	.87	.52
1940	750,000	5.25	2.10	1.22	.70	.45
1941	800,000	4.20	2.10	1.22	.70	.45
1942	2,100,000	3.85	1.92	1.12	.63	.42
1944	1,600,000	4.02	1.92	1.12	.63	.42
1946	1,700,000	4.02	1.92	1.12	.63	.42
1947	8,000,000	4.90	2.45	1.40	.87	.52
1948	1,500,000	2.60	1.40	.87	.52	.35
1949	4,000,000	2.80	1.40	.87	.52	.35
1950	2,000,000	3.32	1.40	.87	.52	.35
1951	3,000,000	2.27	1.22	.70	.42	.28
1952	2,600,000	2.27	1.22	.70	.42	.28
1955	200,000	2.10	1.05	.80	.49	.35
1956	1,700,000	1.57	.87	.52	.28	.17
1957	3,500,000	1.57	.87	.52	.28	.17

FLORIN

DATE	MINTAGE	UNC.	E.F.	V.F.	F.	V.G.
1932	496,000	7.70	3.50	2.10	1.40	.87
1934	154,000	11.20	5.60	4.20	2.80	1.92
1935	365,000	8.75	3.85	2.27	1.57	.94
1936	683,000	8.05	3.50	2.27	1.57	.94
1937	552,000	9.45	4.90	2.80	1.92	1.22
1939	120,000	12.95	6.30	4.20	2.97	2.10
1940	525,000	6.30	2.80	1.92	1.22	.70
1941	400,000	5.60	2.80	1.92	1.22	.70
1942	850,000	5.60	2.80	1.92	1.22	.70
1944	1,300,000	5.25	2.62	1.92	1.22	.70
1946	700,000	5.77	2.62	1.92	1.22	.70
1947	3,750,000	7.00	3.32	2.10	1.40	.94
1948	750,000	4.20	2.10	1.40	.70	.52
1949	2,000,000	4.20	1.92	1.22	.70	.52
1950	1,000,000	4.90	1.92	1.22	.70	.52
1951	2,600,000	3.50	1.75	1.05	.63	.42
1952	1,800,000	3.50	1.75	1.05	.63	.42
1954	300,000	3.85	2.10	1.40	1.05	.70
1955	1,750,000	2.10	1.22	.70	.52	.35
1956	1,850,000	2.10	1.22	.70	.52	.35
1957	1,500,000	1.75	.98	.59	.45	.28

GREATER INTEREST IN AUSSIE COINS

By S.E. EDWARDS

The coins of our great neighbour in the Southern hemisphere, Australia, make fascinating collecting. Like many other countries, Australian coins, were, until recently neglected, but after the publication of a catalogue in the United States, the U.S. public became interested and there was a scramble for Australian coins of all denominations.

The early coins in Australia were Spanish dollars which were cut out into two coins, the outer ring being stamped "Five shillings" and dated "1813", while the central disc was stamped "Fifteen pence". These were the famed "Holey Dollars" and "Dumps", which fetch enormous prices at the present time. The silver of Spanish dollars was greatly prized in those days as it came from the fabulous silver mines of South America and was of very high quality.

In 1855 the Royal Mint opened a branch in Sydney which struck the "Sydney Mint" sovereigns and half sovereigns. It is not often realised that these gold coins were proclaimed legal tender in the Cape Colony, and should therefore form part of any South African collection.

From 1871 the Royal Mint branch at Sydney struck ordinary sovereigns with the small letter "S" on them. Later other branches were opened at Melbourne and Perth. Coins minted at these branches had the small letters "M" and "P" on the sovereigns and half sovereigns.

It was not until 1910 that the first Commonwealth coinage was issued in Australia when a series 2/-, 1/-, 6d, 3d, 1d and 1/2d was struck by the Royal Mint in London. Geo. V florins in good condition will fetch between R20.00 and R30.00 in Australia to-day and the other denominations all command exorbitant prices because the Australians at that time did not consider it worthwhile to put aside everyday coins. The great rarity among modern Australian coins is the 1930 1d, which will realise around R200.00 in ordinary circulated condition.

In the past Australia has maintained a very high silver content in its coins, but now that it has followed South Africa's lead in going decimal, their coins will be debased. One thing is certain! The old type silver coins of Australia will become increasingly scarce as they are withdrawn from circulation in 1966, just as South African silver coins are fast disappearing in this country.

PRICE TRENDS: SOUTH AFRICAN TICKEY

As South African as the word 'veld' and 'trek', the now famous 'Tickey' appears to be on the way out. In the last four years fewer and fewer of the coins have been minted and last year the tickey died unofficially.

But traditions are hard to die and the small coin which became part of our tradition when it was introduced in 1923 is a long time going. A sentimental public clings to the coin and they have been assured by officials that the Government is testing public opinion on the popularity of the new two cent coin.

These sweet words have not pulled the wool of the eyes of the public.

The Decimalization Act made no provision for the minting of the tickey and the Government has not said any more will be made. With its disappearance, up will go the cost of living. There are no new ½ cent coins so all articles which previously cost 2½ cents will be priced at 3 cents. Who has ever seen manufacturers dropping their prices just because they can't give ½ cent change?

This month's coin review gives all the prices for the tickey and 2½ cent. Next month we will list the sixpence and 5 cent.

DATE	QUANTITY MINTED	UNC.	E.F.	V.F.	F.	V.G.	G.	
1892	24,300	4.50	3.00	1.50	.75	.35	.20	
1893	135,444	3.75	2.50	1.25	.50	.20	.10	
1894	104,000	3.75	2.50	1.25	.50	.20	.10	
1895	112,960	3.75	2.50	1.25	.50	.20	.10	
1896	166,480	3.50	2.00	1.00	.40	.15	.10	
1897	200,600	3.25	2.00	1.00	.40	.15	.10	
1923	303,292	6.00	4.25	2.50	1.00	.50	.25	
1924	501,456	4.75	3.00	1.75	.75	.40	.20	
1925	357,584	5.75	3.75	1.90	.90	.50	.25	
1926	1,572,059	3.25	1.75	1.25	.50	.25	.15	
1927	2,284,964	2.50	1.50	1.00	.35	.20	.10	
1928	919,390	3.75	2.50	1.25	.50	.20	.10	
1929	1,947,895	3.00	1.75	1.00	.35	.20	.10	
1930	980,718	3.75	2.50	1.25	.50	.20	.10	
1931	128	SELLER DETERMINES HIS PRICE						
1932	2,621,962	2.50	1.50	1.00	.35	.20	.10	
1933	5,135,244	1.50	.75	.50	.25	.10	.05	
1934	2,356,564	2.50	1.50	1.00	.35	.20	.10	
1935	1,655,382	3.00	1.75	1.00	.35	.20	.10	
1936	1,094,857	3.75	2.50	1.25	.50	.20	.10	
1937	3,576,175	2.00	1.00	.50	.25	.10	.05	
1938	2,394,345	2.25	1.25	.50	.25	.10	.05	
1939	3,223,710	2.00	1.00	.50	.25	.10	.05	
1940	4,886,545	1.50	.75	.40	.20	.10	.05	
1941	8,967,591	1.00	.40	.20	.10	.05	—	
1942	8,055,784	1.00	.40	.20	.10	.05	—	
1943	14,828,046	.75	.30	.15	.10	.05	—	
1944	831,170	3.25	2.00	.95	.40	.15	.05	
1945	6,594,624	1.00	.40	.20	.10	.05	—	
1946	2,218,805	1.75	.40	.20	.10	.05	—	
1947	1,130,093	2.75	1.25	.50	.25	.10	.05	
1948	2,720,930	2.00	.75	.30	.10	.05	—	
1949	1,904,975	2.25	1.00	.50	.25	.10	.05	
1950	4,096,210	1.00	.40	.20	.05	—	—	
1951	6,325,388	.75	.25	.10	.05	—	—	
1952	11,596,457	.50	.15	.05	—	—	—	
1953	6,963,726	.75	.25	.10	.05	—	—	
1954	3,901,269	.75	.35	.15	.05	—	—	
1955	4,722,741	.75	.25	.10	.05	—	—	
1956	6,190,598	.50	.20	.10	.05	—	—	
1957	1,893,736	.75	.25	.10	.05	—	—	
1958	3,227,748	.75	.25	.10	.05	—	—	
1959	2,553,309	.75	.25	.10	.05	—	—	
1960	21,364	5.75	4.00	3.00	1.50	.75	.25	
1961	299,090	2.75	1.25	.50	.25	.10	.05	
1962	12,589	8.50	7.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	.50	
1963	37,138	4.25	3.50	2.00	1.00	.50	.25	
1964	29,594	5.00	3.75	2.25	1.00	.50	.25	

WAAR KOM ONS GELDSTUKKE SE NAME VANDAAN?

DIE DAALDER

deur FRIKKIE PRINS

Al het ons ou mense sommer altyd van 'n daler gepraat, is die spelling van hierdie woord daalder.

In die jaar 1519 het graaf Von Schlick muntstukke geslaan van silwer wat uit 'n myn in die dorpie Joachimsthal in Boheme gekom het. Die muntstuk is toe genoem 'n Joachimsthaler, en later bloot thaler of taler. Die naam thaler het van daar af ver versprei. So kry ons dit as tallero in Italië, as dollar in Amerika en as daalder in Holland en Suid-Afrika.

In Suid-Afrika het 'n daalder altyd die geldbedrag van 1s. 6d. aangedui, of 15 sent vandag. In Holland was dit altyd 30 stuivers werd en dui dit vandag die waarde van f1.50 aan (een gulden en vyftig sent).

Die daalder is destyds deur die H.O.I.K. in die Kaapkolonie in omloop gebring, maar toe was dit nie meer 'n afkorting van Joachimsthaler nie, maar van riksdaalder wat op sy beurt van riksdaalder af kom.

In Holland het die daalder in verskeie samestellings voorgekom. So was daar benewens riksdaalder die Koningsdaalder, die Philipsdaalder, die Prinsendaalder en die Statendaalder. Die woord rijk in riksdaalder dui op die Heilige Romeinse of voormalige Duitse Ryk.

Die riksdaalder was ook in ander Europese lande in omloop, t.w. Swede en Denemarke, en in sekere Oosterse seestede.

Die riksdaalder is die laaste maal in 1808 onder koning Lodewyk gemunt. Dit is egter nie weer in die muntwet van 1816 opgeneem nie, ofskoon dit tot die helfte van die 19de eeu geduur het voordat dit buite koers gestel is.

Die ou Nederlandse riksdaalder het ook in sy tyd verskeie ander benaminge gehad, soos Leicester-riksdaalder, Unie-riksdaalder, Arend-riksdaalder, en so meer.

Vandag hoor ons die woordjie daalder eintlik nie meer nie. Dit het vir ons behoue gebly in 'n uitdrukking wat self ook nie meer dikwels gehoor word nie, nl. dis 'n bietjie dik vir 'n daalder, wat beteken dis te erg om te glo, of dis te duur.

DIE UITRUIL VA

Een van die belangrikste metodes wat 'n versamelaar kan ruil van munte met sy vriende. Dit dien meer as een doel s metodes van versameling, skoonmaak, uitsoek en bewaring van m op die manier ruil ons kennis uit en verkeer ons aangenaam saam

Maar die doel is eintlik om munte te ruil en daarvoor wil ek 'n paar gedagtes in u midde lê. Die eerste oorweging is om 'n basis te vind vir die berekening van die waarde van die munte. In die verband is dit interessant om aan te stip dat vir 'n versamelaar die gesigswaarde nie die oorwegende faktor is nie. So is 'n goeie 1925 sikspens baie meer werd as 'n 1964 kroon of 'n 1948 sjieling meer werd as 'n 1942 halfkroon. Die belangrikste faktor in die verband is die skaarsheid van die muntstuk wat weer veroorsaak word deur die aantal wat aangemunt is en die hoeveelheid opgesmelt.

Daar is nog baie ander faktore wat onverklaarbaar is vir die leek en dit maak die stokperdjie juis so interessant. Neem byvoorbeeld die waarde van die Krugerminte teenoor party van die duur items van selfs 'n paar jaar gelede. So is 'n Kruger halfkroon van 1897. makliker

verkrygbaar as 'n 1959 sjielingstuk, of selfs 'n pond goedkoop in vergelyking met 'n 1959 kroon. Daarby kom die probleem van die toestand van die muntstuk wat nie altyd s bepaal kan word nie.

Met hierdie probleme sit die versamelaar wat munt wil ruil van 'n versamelaar in die moeilikheid. Lukkig is daar hulpmiddels soos die katalogus van Kapla en die gereelde pryslyste wat in die Munt Nuus gepubliseer word. As u nou regtig vas is kan u die muntstuk deur 'n handelaar laat ruil. Maar dit geld maar net vir baie skaars munte.

'n Tweede probleem is die teenwaarde wat gegee moet word by so 'n ruiling. As ek 'n pennie het in E.F. kwantiteit sy waarde is sê R3.00 en in V.F. het 'n 1962 kroon in V.F. 'n waarde van R4.00 wat ek g

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melting and pouring the necessary gold bars, and, finally, in stamping these blank pieces. That the late Z.A.R. Government greatly appreciated these efforts to provide emergency currency is evidenced by the two documents illustrated in figure 5, which refer to the medals shown in figures 6 and 7. These documents are translated below, and it will be seen that the medal No. 1 was presented to the Officer in Charge (Mr. Pienaar), whilst medals No. 2 were presented to each of the men connected with the "State Mint in the Field."

Pelgrims Rust, 1st J
Mr. A.G. Pienaar,
Sir,

On behalf of the Com
the State Mint in the field
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Deur Amateur Versamelaar

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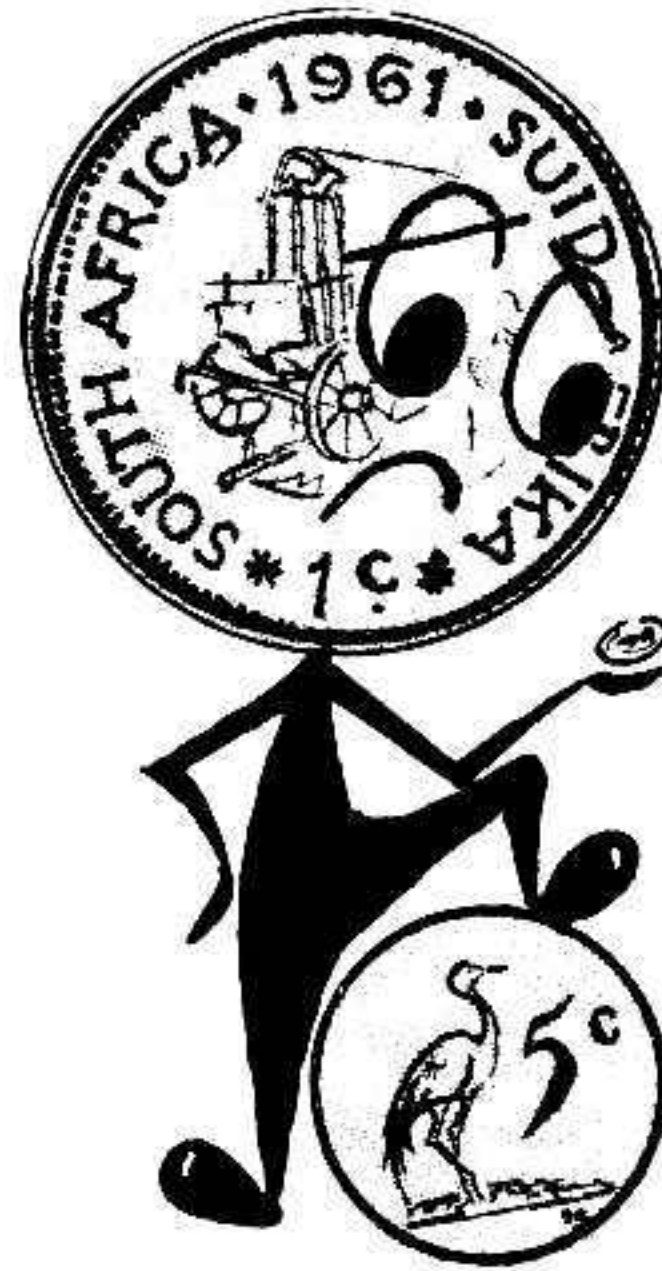
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U sal saamstem dat 'n mens
dareem nie in 'n stokperdie wat jy
beoefen heeldag wil vrees dat jy
deur die ore gewerk word nie.

Ek hoop om volgende maand
meer positief te wees in verband
met die bostaande probleme. Ek
het hierdie keer net die probleem
gestel om u te prikkel sodat u aan
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mission to express to you sincere
thanks on behalf of the late Z.A.R.
Government for all your goodwill and
unfailing ardour in this matter. What-
ever the issue may be, you have in
any case reason to be proud of the
way in which you served your Gov-
ernment. The Government in its turn
is also proud of men like you who
give all their strength and who do
not find any sacrifice too great to
further the interest of our case.

Ph. C. MINNAAR,
Secretary Commission State Mint in
the Field.



WE ADVISE BEGINNERS

Despite the recent fluctuations on the coin market, the average South African proof sets still remains way above the price range of the new comer to coin collecting. Some months ago we advised beginners to concentrate on the lower grade coins and gradually improve each grade until they possessed a collection of top-grade coins.

Again this month we advise the same procedure for new comers who hope to assemble impressive collections of proof sets. The normal price of an uncirculated short set is at least one third higher than that of a proof set.

Prices for uncirculated sets from the hard-to-get years vary from R60 for the 1947 set to R150 for the 1959 sets. These are all high prices, but in no way in comparison to the prices proof sets command.

EXACTLY DOUBLE

However, 1964's set is only R15 compared to the proof set which is exactly double the price.

Our advice column is always aimed at the beginner and for that reason we concentrate on modest, conservative buys. Many beginners are apt to be dissuaded from collecting when they are faced with exorbitant items. However, we believe that if they buy wisely in a small way when they first set out, they will gradually become more and more absorbed in the hobby.

Last month we devoted almost the entire centre page to Rhodesian coinage. Although there has been no marked increase in the price of these coins, there are unmistakable signs that Rhodesian coinage is catching the eye of the world market.

COLLECTORS' DEMAND

An example is the "Independence Stamps" put out by the Rhodesian Government. Although they were declared invalid by the British Government and many other powerful governments and countries, collectors have been clamouring for the stamps which are fetching prices almost ten times more than face value.

Exactly the same will happen to Rhodesia's coinage. At the moment coins of every denomination are easy to find and relatively inexpensive. Time will soon be here when they will be unobtainable.

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SOUTH AFRICAN PROOF SETS
 in original case of issue

SHORT SETS (without gold)

1	1947 per set	R 75.00
2	1951 per set	55.00
3	1952 per set	42.00
4	1954 per set	58.00
5	1955 per set	50.00
6	1961 per set	35.00
7	1962 per set	48.00
8	1963 per set	43.00
9	1964 per set	25.00
10	1965 per set	42.00
11	Complete run of S.A. Short sets 1947 to 1965	1525.00

LONG SETS (with gold)

12	1952 per set	R 75.00
13	1953 per set	95.00
14	1954 per set	145.00
15	1955 per set	155.00
16	1963 per set	80.00
17	1965 per set	98.00
17a	Complete run of S.A. Long sets 1952 to 1965	2225.00

SOUTH AFRICAN PROOF-LIKE SS CROWNS
 SS = Specially select i.e. prooflike finish

18	1953 each	R 18.50
19	1954 each	42.50
20	1960 each	17.50
21	1961 each	19.00

22	1962 each	26.00
23	1963 each	14.50
24	1964 each	8.00

SOUTH AFRICAN UNCIRCULATED CROWNS
 Genuinely uncirculated Crowns

25	1947 each	R 6.75
26	1948 each	7.75
27	1949 each	9.00
28	1958 each	8.50
29	1960 each	3.75
30	1962 each	10.50
31	1963 each	3.25
32	1964 each	3.00

SPECIAL:

33	Bickel's South African Crown Album - upholstered De Luxe Red Leatherette and Gold Cover with transparent polythene pockets showing date and quantity minted for each Crown	R 3.95
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SOUTH AFRICAN UNC SETS - SELECT MINT ISSUE

The set consists of a prooflike Crown SS =
 (Specially Select) and all the currency issues
 of minor coins in uncirculated condition -
 50c, 20c, 10c, 5c, 2½c (Silver) 1c, ½c (Bronze).
 PRE-DECIMAL 1/4d to 5/-

34	1948 per set	R 88.00
35	1949 per set (no shilling)	60.00
36	1958 per set	35.00

37	1959 per set	150.00
38	1960 per set	30.00

DECIMAL SERIES - ½c to 50c

39	1961 per set	R 22.00
40	1962 per set	33.00
41	1963 per set	18.00
42	1964 per set	15.00

Z.A.R.

43	Kruger Penny 1892 VF	R 1.40
44	Kruger Penny 1892 EF	2.10
45	Kruger Penny 1898 EF	1.25
46	Kruger Tickey 1893 F	.95
47	Kruger Tickey 1896 EF	1.75
48	Kruger Tickey 1887 EF	1.75
49	Kruger Tickey 1897 EF	1.85
50	Kruger Sixpence 1892 F	2.25
51	Kruger Sixpence 1896 EF	1.70
52	Kruger Sixpence 1896 EF	1.80
53	Kruger Sixpence 1897 VF	1.15
54	Kruger Shilling 1892 VF	2.80
55	Kruger Shilling 1892 VF	2.70
56	Kruger Shilling 1892 EF	5.25
57	Kruger Shilling 1892 EF	5.75
58	Kruger Shilling 1894 VF	2.85
59	Kruger Shilling 1894 EF	3.35
60	Kruger Shilling 1897 EF	3.30
61	Kruger Shilling 1895 VF	2.75
62	Kruger Shilling 1896 VF	2.20
63	Kruger Shilling 1897 VF	1.80
64	Kruger Shilling 1897 EF	3.15
65	Kruger Two Shillings 1894 VF	5.25
66	Kruger Two Shillings 1897 VF	3.25
67	Kruger Half Crown 1892 VF-	4.50
68	Kruger Half Crown 1892 VF+	6.75
69	Kruger Half Crown 1895 VF	6.00
70	Kruger Half Crown 1896 VF	3.70
71	Kruger Half Crown 1896 EF-	4.95
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73	Kruger Pond D/S 1892 VF+	59.00
74	Kruger Pond S/S 1892 VF	130.00
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76	Kruger Pond 1898 VF	28.50
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78	Veld Pond 1902 EF+	510.00
79	Burger Pond Ex M. Hardly noticeable. 1874 VF	210.00

SOUTH AFRICA

80	Farthing 1924 UNC	R 3.40
81	Farthing 1928 UNC	3.30
82	Farthing 1935 UNC	1.75
83	Farthing 1938 UNC	1.40
84	Farthing 1944 VF	.30

85	Farthing 1943 VF	.40
86	Farthing 1950 VF	.20
87	Farthing 1954 UNC	.50
88	Farthing 1955 EF	.20
89	Farthing 1959 EF	.60
90	Farthing 1959 UNC	.95
91	Farthing 1960 UNC	.75
92	Half Penny 1942 VF	.30
93	Half Penny 1950 VF	.25
94	Half Penny 1950 F	.10
95	Half Penny 1958 VF	.20
96	Half Penny 1960 UNC	.50
97	Half Cent 1964 PROOFLIKE	.50
98	Penny 1934 VF	.35
99	Penny 1936 VF	.40
100	Penny 1936 VF+	.45
101	Penny 1940 F	.15
102	Penny 1950 EF	.45
103	Penny 1947 UNC	4.50
104	Penny 1948 UNC	1.25
105	Penny 1949 UNC	.90
106	Penny 1957 VF	.20
107	Penny 1960 EF	.20
108	One Cent 1961 UNC	.15
109	One Cent 1962 UNC	.35
110	One Cent 1964 UNC	.40
111	One Cent 1964 PROOFLIKE	.75
112	Tickey 1927 F	.25
113	Tickey 1927 VF	1.00
114	Tickey 1932 VF	.60
115	Tickey 1934 VF	.40
116	Tickey 1940 VF+	.30
117	Tickey 1940 EF+	.75
118	Tickey 1943 F/VF	.15
119	Tickey 1947 UNC	1.75
120	Tickey 1948 F	.10
121	Tickey 1948 VF	.20
122	Tickey 1949 VF	.35
123	Tickey 1950 F/VF	.10
124	Tickey 1950 VF	.20
125	Tickey 1952 VF+	.10
126	Tickey 1952 VF	.10
127	Tickey 1959 UNC	.25
128	Tickey 1960 UNC	6.25
129	2½c 1961 UNC	1.50
130	2½c 1962 UNC	7.00
131	2½c 1963 UNC	4.50
132	2½c 1964 UNC	5.50
133	Five Cent 1953 UNC	.45
134	Shilling 1932 VF	1.50
135	Shilling 1932 VF	1.25
136	Shilling 1932 EF	2.70
137	Shilling 1933 VF	1.75
138	Shilling 1933 VF+	1.85
139	Shilling 1934 F	1.10
140	Shilling 1935 F	2.00
141	Shilling 1935 VF+	4.25
142	Shilling 1958 EF+	.75

143	Ten Cents 1961 UNC	.75	198	Five Shillings 1952 EF	1.75
144	Ten Cents 1963 UNC	.45	199	Five Shillings 1954 VF-	21.00
145	Ten Cents 1964 UNC	.45	200	Five Shillings 1954 VF+	24.50
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147	Two Shillings 1933 VF	3.75	202	Five Shillings 1954 VF+	24.50
148	Two Shillings 1935 F	2.50	203	Five Shillings 1954 EF	29.00
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159	Two Shillings 1952 VF	.95	214	Five Shillings 1957 EF	4.25
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165	Half Crown 1924 F-	2.00	220	Five Shillings 1960 S/S	17.50
166	Half Crown 1928 F+	2.00	221	Fifty Cents 1961 EF	6.95
167	Half Crown 1930 VF+	3.60	222	Fifty Cents 1961 EF	6.95
168	Half Crown 1932 EF	3.00	223	Fifty Cents 1961 EF	6.95
169	Half Crown 1932 VF	2.40	224	Fifty Cents 1961 VF+	5.75
170	Half Crown 1934 VF	3.15	225	Fifty Cents 1961 UNC	8.95
171	Half Crown 1935 EF	3.95	226	Fifty Cents 1962 EF+	8.00
172	Half Crown 1936 VF+	3.30	227	Fifty Cents 1963 EF	2.65
173	Half Crown 1936 VF	3.00	228	Fifty Cents 1964 EF	2.45
174	Half Crown 1942 VF	1.95	229	Five Shillings S/S 1892 Kruger Crown EF	59.00
175	Half Crown 1942 VF+	2.25	230	Five Shillings S/S 1892 Kruger Crown EF+	62.00
176	Half Crown 1951 VF	2.75			
177	Half Crown 1955 UNC	2.85			
178	Half Crown 1955 EF	1.75			
179	Half Crown 1958 EF	2.35			
180	Half Crown 1958 VF	2.00			
181	Half Crown 1959 UNC	7.50			
182	Half Crown 1960 UNC	11.00			
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186	Five Shillings 1948 EF	2.95	234	Five Shillings 1962 S/S	23.00
187	Five Shillings 1948 EF	2.95	235	Five Shillings 1963 S/S	13.50
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