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MEXICO'S HISTORY

By Harold Russell

Mexico's People resent all attempts to classify them as "Indians" or "Mestizas". They argue, and rightly, that after so many centuries the mixture of Spanish and Indian blood has produced a new people who feel themselves to be Mexicans. They are proud of their double heritage.

As in every other country the people of Mexico are divided into classes, although the dividing lines have tended to become less sharp since the Revolution. The upper class still controls a large portion of the Country's wealth through industries, estates, and business firms. But most of the traditional "Old Families" that once ruled Mexico with a Feudal hand have been separated from their lands. The larger part of the population in the cities is made up of middle and working classes; while outside the city one meets the rancheros who own small farms, and peasants who form the bulk of Mexico's rural inhabitants. The Mexican peasants are very poor even though the government has done a great deal to help them. The life of these people has been reduced by necessity to the bare essentials.

In winter and summer the men wear the same cotton trousers and loose shirts with a small blanket or serape over their shoulders. The women wear loose blouses and full skirts with the traditional rebozo or shawl which they use to carry everything, including their babies, on their backs.

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 XF-AU \$16.50, 1919, VF, \$3.50,
 VF-XF \$4.00, XF, \$8.00
 Ty.—3 One peso, .720 fine,
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 BU 1.50
 Ty.—6 One Peso Constitution,
 BU 7.50

Ty.—7 One Peso (all BU)
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The Two Empires of Mexico

BY CHET FALKENHAINER

The first Emperor of Mexico, Augustin de Iturbide, was born in the town of Valladolid in the state of Michoacan. He came from a rather well-to-do family and led a rather uneventful life until the rebellion against Spain in 1810. Iturbide favored independence for Mexico, but was afraid of the social revolution that Father Hidalgo and Morelos had stirred up. Turning down the commission offered him in the Insurgent forces, he joined the Royalists' instead. In December, 1813, and January, 1814, Iturbide won two decisive battles against Morelos' forces, and turned the tide of battle in favor of the Royalists. Augustin's motto was "a good rebel is a dead rebel" and he meritoriously chased down the Insurgent guerrillas and shot hundreds of them out of hand.

With the capture and execution of Morelos in 1815, the first phase of the revolution inspired by Hidalgo's "Grito de Dolores", or call to arms against Spain, was over. Iturbide was now the darling of the Royalist administration, and being ambitious, soon saw a chance to make Mexico independent on his own terms. In 1821, he read to his troops his own plan for independence, and soon afterwards, many of the Royalists deserted to his forces. By September, 1821, Augustin de Iturbide was the master of Mexico.

Iturbide showed his true colors almost as soon as the dust had settled. One of his first acts upon entering Mexico City was to have himself voted a salary of 125,000 pesos a year for life. Next, he gave up the idea of offering the crown of his "constitutional monarchy" to some European prince, and had himself elected Emperor. His empire lasted just about as long as he had the ready cash to buy the loyalty of his generals. By early 1823, the cupboard was bare, and a young, ambitious general named Antonio Lopez de Santa Ana (of Alamo fame in 1836) began a revolution against the Emperor in Vera Cruz.

Poor Augustin had hardly had time to get used to being Emperor when he was forced to abdicate in March, 1823. He was exiled to Italy and was to receive \$25,000 a year for life. However, he decided to have another crack at the crown, so he sailed back to Mexico the next year to give it another try. He got as far as the town of Padilla, where he was recognized, arrested, and given a dose of lead poisoning all on the same day, July 19, 1824.

Iturbide's main contribution to numismatics, besides plastering his picture on all the silver and gold coins, was the introduction of the first paper money currency Mexico had ever seen. The notes were in 1 and 2-Peso denominations and were supposed to circu-

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- 1963 1c, 5c, 20c, \$1.; 10c, 50c, 1959 1.59
- 1964 1c, 5c, 20c, 25c, 50c, \$1. 1.25
- 1965 1c, 5c, 20c, 50c, \$1. 1.00
- 1966 1c, 5c, 10c, 20c, \$1. 1.00
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- 1c, 5c, 10c, 20c, \$1.00
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- 2 Sets — \$1.60 6 Sets — \$4.35
- 4 Sets — 3.00 10 Sets — 6.90

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- Single Set \$1.00
- 2 Sets — \$1.70 6 Sets — \$4.45
- 4 Sets — 3.15 10 Sets — 7.20

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1966, \$1.00 EACH

1c, 5c, 20c, 50c, \$1.00

SETS	BULK
\$ 1.60
3.00
4.35
6.90	5.80
10.00
13.00
14.75	13.50
27.00	24.00
45.00	38.50

1965, \$1.00 EACH

1c, 5c, 20c, 50c, \$1.00

SETS	BULK
2 \$ 1.70
4 3.15
6 4.45
10 7.20	6.00
15 10.50
20 13.50
25 15.00	14.00
50 28.00	26.00
100 46.00	44.00

1966 BU COINS IN BULK

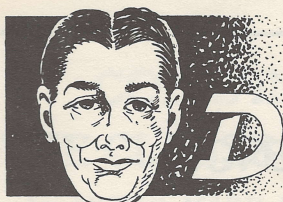
	1c	5c	10c	20c	\$1.00
20 PIECES	\$ 1.00	\$.55	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 5.00
50 PIECES	2.25	1.00	3.50	2.75	12.00
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MEXICAN BU COINS — DUPLIMINT SEALED



From

Dear's Den

We are sorry that our Spanish editor has been tied up in court with legal work during the past

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Poly Sealed Mint Sets 1965-66



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Type 4, 20c, 3 different dates, BU	1.10
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6 1965-64-63, ea. bu10
6 1962, ea. bu20
4 1944, ea. bu70

TEN CENTAVOS

6 1959, ea. unc25
4 1934, ea. unc 1.35
4 1933, ea. unc 1.35
4 1930, ea. unc 3.00

TWENTY CENTAVOS

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7 1960, ea. bu25
7 1956, ea. bu95
4 1942, ea. unc 1.00

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1 1950-51-52-53 unc. ea.30

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NO 1966 25s OR 50s

According to reliable sources it is highly improbable that the Mexican Mint will strike any 25 or 50 centavos during 1966.

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COIN SHOW

The Sixth Annual Gulf Coast Coin Show, sponsored by the Pasadena Coin Club, Pasadena, Texas is to be held at Gulfgate Shopping Center on Gulf Freeway, Houston, Texas on December 10 and 11, 1966. Hours are: Saturday, December 10, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free. Parking is also free.

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COIN DEALER MOVES TO CORPUS CHRISTI

Mexican Coin News extends a warm welcome to Mr. Richard Long and family on the selection of Corpus Christi as their new home. For the past four years Mr. Long has been conducting his coin business from Baton Rouge, La.

Richard or Dick (as most people know him) is a recognized authority on Mexican Currency. Starting with our November issue Dick will have a Column in the Mexican Coin News on the Currency of Mexico. I am sure that you collectors will not want to miss a single article of this series.

If you have any questions that you would like answered or any particular information you would like to see printed, please send your request to Mexican Coin News, P. O. Box 1648, Corpus Christi, Texas 78403. Your request will be answered by experts and/or authorities on the subject.

Corpus Christi is in the American heart of the Mexican Coin business. We have several of the best informed collectors living here. They are considered by many people as authorities on Mexican coins and currency.

There are of course, regions where the climate and other conditions permit the Mexican peasant a better standard of living; but on the whole he still is desperately poor and looks to the government for help.

The Mexican Revolution took up the cause of "education for people" and from that time Mexico has been building schools. These schools have been built in the small villages where not only the children, but their parents as well, can learn to read and write.

For higher education, Mexico has the oldest "University of Mexico" which was founded in 1551. It is the oldest university of its type in the Americas.

Mexicans have always been an artistical and proud people. Their coins and currency are tangible proof of their artistry.

LIBERTY COIN CLUB SHOW OCTOBER 29-30, 1966

Liberty Coin Club of Corpus Christi will hold its 5th Annual Coin Show at the Municipal Coliseum, Corpus Christi, October 29, 30, according to Willie Park, Show Chairman. Bourse tables may be obtained by contacting Clarence Davis, P. O. Box 7001. Exhibit applications are available from Mrs. W. R. Robbins or Bob "Howdy" Bridges, P. O. Box 7001. The prize winning National Coin Week Scrapbook will be on display at the show.

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10c	T4	1933	or 34	BU..	1.00	\$5	1947	T1	BU	1.75
	T5	1946	BU	1.00		1948	T1	BU	1.50
20c	T3	1935	XF	3.00		1950	T2	BU	12.50
	T4	1942	or 43	BU ..	.50		1953	T3	BU	2.00
50c	T1	1907	or 17	AU ..	1.00		1951-53	T4	BU, ea. ..	1.20	
	T2	1919	AU	5.00		T5	1955-57	BU, ea..	1.00	
	T3	1943	or 45	BU ..	.75		T6	1957	BU	4.00
	T4	1935	BU75		T7	1959	BU	1.50
	T5	1950	BU50	\$10	T1	1955	BU	2.50
\$1	T3	1935	BU	2.00		T1	1956	BU	1.75
	T3	1932	thru 1945				T2	1957	BU	13.50
		any date,	BU ..		.80		T3	1960	BU	2.00
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5	\$5	El Banco Oriental de Mexico, XF	1.00
SON -4	\$50	El Banco de Sonora, CU	7.50
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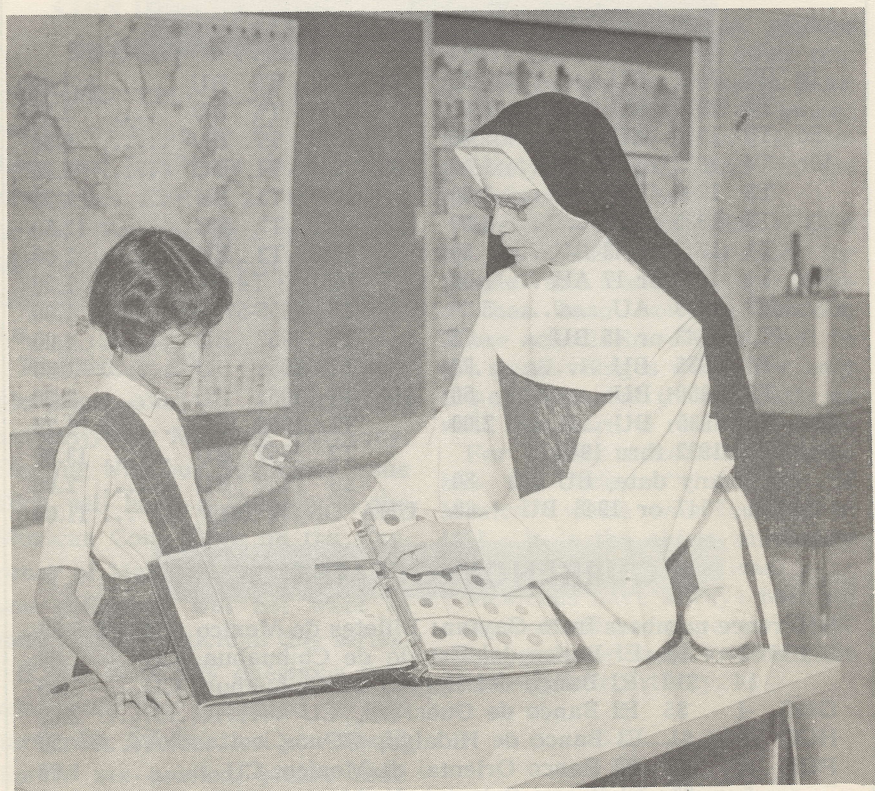
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ANNA LOUISE MATZ AND SISTER KEVIN

In 1963 Anna Louise Matz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matz, gave Sister Kevin her first coins. At the time Mr. Matz was a full time coin dealer and his occupation intrigued Sister Kevin. She asked him to come in and see her. This was the beginning of her interest in Coins. Since 1963 Sister has become an eager coin collector as well as a student of coins and currency.

The World Coin Club has made her an honorary member. Its members have presented her with many of the coins in her present collection. This collection has been on display at the Museum during summer vacation.

Anna Louise and Sister Kevin are to be congratulated for their contribution to the Numismatic Hobby.

COINS IN THE CLASSROOM

by **SISTER MARY KEVIN**

Incarinate Word Academy

Corpus Christi, Texas

I am a second grade teacher. I love children and like to help them in every way I can.

A parent of one of my pupils got me interested in coins three years ago. The coins themselves were fascinating, but I was further led to study more about the countries from which they came. I began a coin scrapbook in which I included a map of each country, the national standard, and a few pertinent historical facts in addi-

tion to the coins and their equivalence in American money.

In showing this coin scrapbook to my class I found that the children were intrigued. They began to try to locate the country on the global map. Some have even learned the capitol of various countries. The history of the country has a new interest for them.

Some of the children have begun their own penny collections, others have gone on to different coin collections. I feel that a hobby of this type will be intellectuay stimulating and of lasting interest. It is a type of hobby that friends and relatives are interested in adding to and it is al-

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"VIP" tables at Austin Money Mart Award's Breakfast Sept. 25, 1966 Back row, l. to r.: Col. Frank O'Sullivan, San Antonio; John S. Hill, Temple, Floyd E. Covill, McCamey, TNA President; Lyman C. Bartee, Show Chrm.; Ray Kirkpatrick, Austin Coin Club Pres.; Bohn H. Mayfield, Austin Show Publicity Chrm.; Miriam Gilmore, Weslaco, TNA News Editor; Lower Table, l. to r.: Tom Bain, Dallas TNA 2nd Vice Pres., Col. E.M. Rice, Austin Club Bourse Chrm., Robert Medlar, Lubbock, TNA Dist. 9 Governor; Joe Davis, Corpus Christi, TNA Dist. 8 Governor; Bob Bridges, Corpus Christi, TNA 1st Vice Pres., Joe Scott, Hospitality Chrm., Austin Coin Club; Keith Johnson, Exhibit Chrm., In Foreground: Back of Gene Massey, Austin; John E. Davis, Austin

Empires Continued

late freely with the silver and gold coins. Actually, no one thought that they were worth the paper they were printed on, and would only accept them when forced to do so. After Iturbide's downfall in 1823, the notes were demonetized and were only acceptable as part payment for taxes. However, Augustin would have been proud of his "funny money" today because genuine specimens of these bills are worth about \$250 each to those crazy gringos.

Between 1823 and 1863, the Republic of Mexico was blessed with no fewer than 35 presidents, as well as a few provisional governments. Also spicing up the political scene during this period were insurrections, sudden and often mysterious deaths, and complete reversals of government policy. The most popular vacation trip during this period was the pleasant journey from Mexico City to Vera Cruz undertaken by politicians who thought that the climate in Europe and the U.S. might be better for their health. Less of those annoying lead insects buzzing through the air, of course.

The Maximilian adventure really began in 1861 when Miramon, who was overthrown by Benito Juarez, appealed for help to the Catholic powers of Europe. Napoleon III of France, spurred on

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Chet's Comments

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THE TWO EMPIRES OF MEXICO

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that something was up when, upon arriving at Vera Cruz, he found the town virtually deserted. The general who was to organize the reception for the royal couple arrived several hours late, and on the way to Mexico City, Maximilian must have been horrified to realize that the cheering mobs of Mexicans who "voted" him in as their ruler were conspicuous by their absence. Nevertheless, Maximilian was determined to make the best of things, and proceeded about the business of being Emperor with a will. His democratic attitudes won over many of the common people to his side, but shocked the conservative nobility and clergy who were surprised to see that Maximilian really did mean to be a good ruler. However, Juarez' forces continued to oppose Maximilian in the field. But, by April, 1865, things looked really good for Maximilian. Juarez and his army had almost been pushed out of Mexico and only held on to a small part of the country across the river from El Paso, Texas.

Then, the whole house of cards began to collapse slowly. By June of 1865, the War Between the States was over, and soon afterwards, the U.S. minister in Paris called on Napoleon III and pointedly asked him how long the flag of France would fly over Mexico. Napoleon desperately intensified the French efforts to pacify Mexico, and convinced Maximilian to sign a decree that anyone caught fighting against the Imperial forces would be shot. The execu-

tions that followed the decree turned the people of Mexico against Maximilian. Even these harsh measures failed to turn the tide, and in response to an ultimatum by the U.S., Napoleon III withdrew the last of the French troops in early 1867. Maximilian refused to leave Mexico and without the support of French troops, he was doomed. Maximilian took command of the shrunken Imperial forces and marched to Queretaro to face the Juaristas. After a short siege, Maximilian and his generals were captured. The emperor and two of his generals, Mejia and Miramon, were condemned to death, and Juarez ignored the pleas of clemency that poured into his headquarters from all over the world. On the 19th of June, 1867, Maximilian and his two generals were lined up against an adobe wall on the Hill of Bells in Queretaro and executed.

The empire of Maximilian made a lasting contribution to Mexican numismatics. It was under Maximilian that the decimal system of coinage was introduced to Mexico. One, five, and ten centavos coins were minted at Mexico City, Guanajuato, Potosi, and Zacatecas. Also, the first Pesos of Mexico were coined under Maximilian in 1866-67 at the mints of Mexico City, Potosi, and Guanajuato.

The two empires of Mexico had much in common. Both emperors were young, both were executed, and both empires were spect under by the turbulent sea of Mexican politics.

LETTERS . . .

Editor: Mexican Coin News

Dear Sir,

For what it's worth, I'd vote against incorporating other Central or South American countries in your publication. This may come as a surprise, but I believe the publication will stand on its own very well if it's only Mexico - it's an extremely popular and diversified field by itself. As soon as you bring all these other countries in, you weaken the original purpose and it becomes one of many general coin bulletins. In the Mexican field, you can be tops in no time - in the larger Latin American field there's too much territory to cover to do a good job - you will lose the interest of group after group because their field will not appear often enough to please them. In my business I have found that it really pays large dividends when you specialize, and I'll bet you'll find it too. We've waited a long time for what you're doing now - I honestly believe you'll lose the interest of Mexican collectors when you branch out - some of them collect the other countries, but most are looking to you for one thing - MEXICO.

Best, Dick Long - Texas

Editor: Mexican Coin News

Dear Sir,

I must take exception to Mr. Wrublewski's opening paragraph in "Mexico's Four Reals".

The first coins produced were not 4 reals. I refer both you and him to Nesmith and Pradean. The first coins produced were 3-2-1-1/2-1/4 reals.

Silver coins were the first produced. Copper came later.

The balance of the article is interesting and informative.

Signed, C. W. Aby, D. O.
California

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Thanks very much for the sample copy of your Coin News Magazine. I am sure that as you receive more articles to print and as your magazine grows you will have started something that all collectors (and dealers) can very handily use.

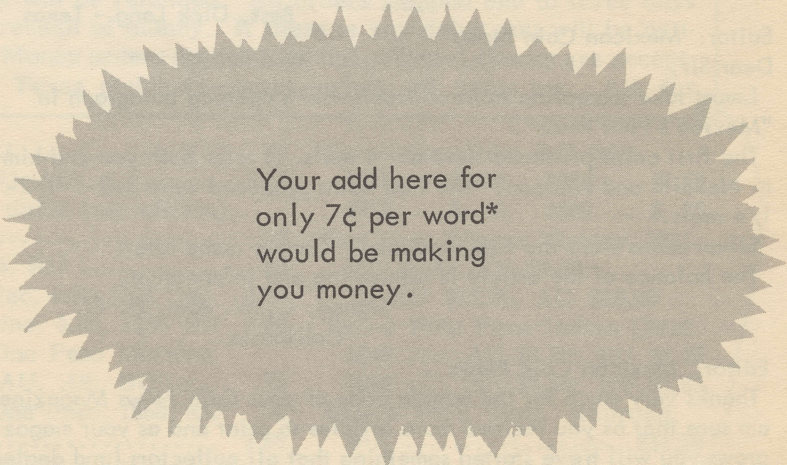
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Sincerely,

Warren Vendor, Florida

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Dear Sir,

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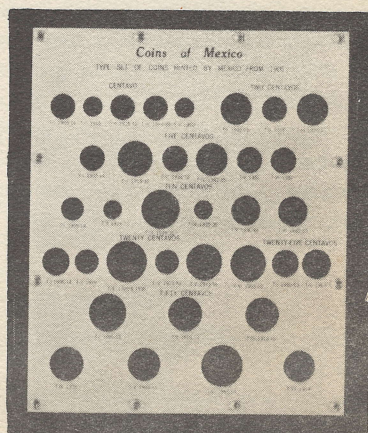
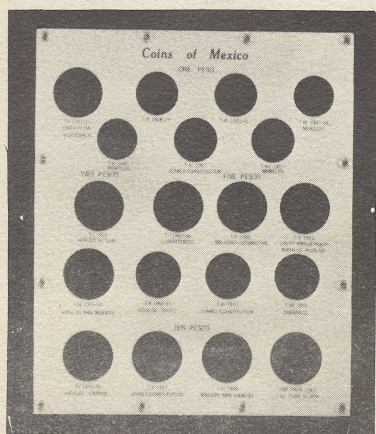
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