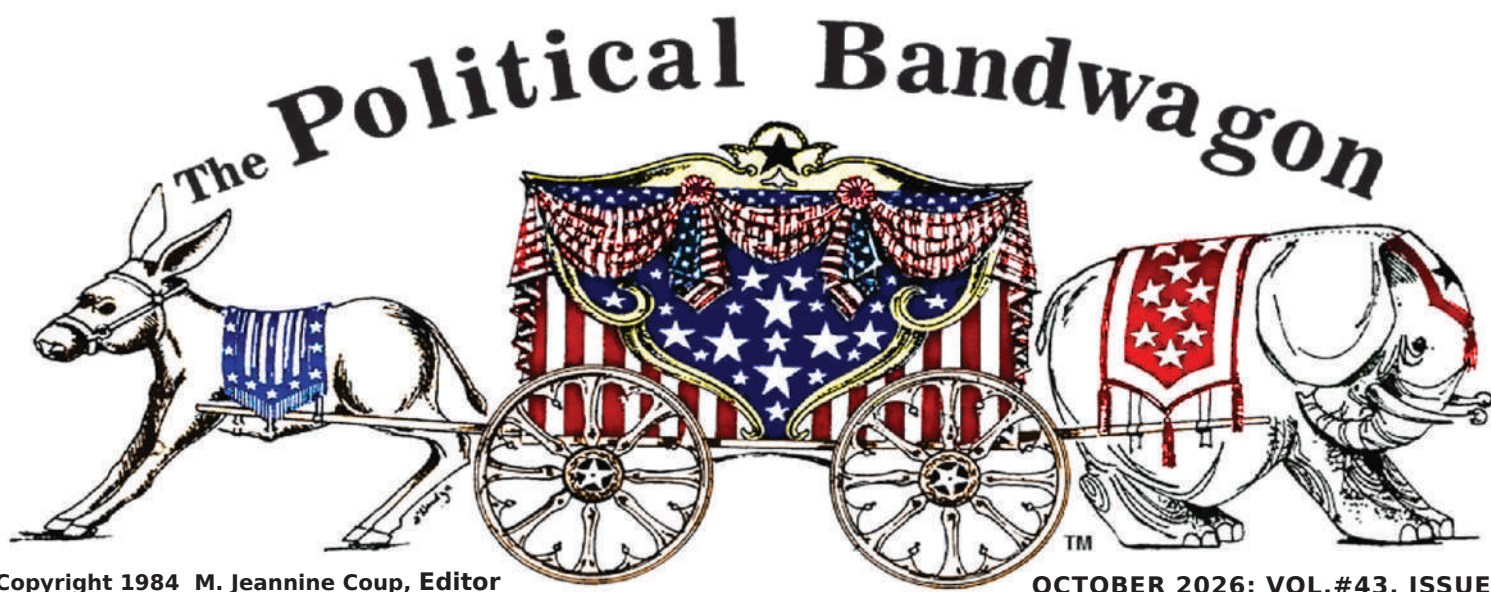




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SYLVESTER WHO?

How a Plea to FDR Turned One Black Farmer Into a New Deal Sensation

By Mike Hatchett, APIC#18087

Last year, I had the good fortune to acquire a lot consisting of several pieces of New Deal-era campaign ephemera aimed at African American voters. Perhaps the most striking was a twelve-page pamphlet entitled *President Saved His Little Farm*, published in 1934. The pamphlet featured a photo of Mississippi farmer Sylvester Harris with his mule, captioned by a short statement that Harris' mortgage had been extended after a telephone conversation with President Franklin Roosevelt earlier that year.

What was the rest of the story? The pamphlet yielded no further details about Harris or his conversation with the president. Instead, it contained information squarely aimed at convincing black voters that the New Deal had positively impacted them and their lives in Indiana, urging a vote for Sherman Minton, the 1934 Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate.

Harris' remarkable story came to national attention in February 1934. Though the economy was improving, the nation remained in the grip of the Great Depression. Down to his last \$10, Harris, a cotton farmer, was in arrears on the mortgage on his 140-acre property. On February 19th, he decided to make the journey from his home to the nearest phone, nearly an hour away, at a country store in Columbus, Mississippi. Harris set out on this journey astride his mule, Jesse, with a singular goal in mind: to personally ask the president of the United States for help saving his farm.

What happened next is the subject of legend with some exaggeration and political hype thrown in for good measure. In the most frequently told version of the story, upon reaching the store, Harris made multiple calls to the White House switchboard asking to speak directly with President Roosevelt. Several times, he was shunted to aides, only to refuse them outright. Sylvester Harris would not be deterred: only a direct conversation with the man at the top would suffice. Finally, a familiar Patrician voice from the radio came over the line and inquired who was calling. "It's Sylvester," Harris replied. "Sylvester who?", FDR asked. Harris identified himself as a black farmer "...all the way down here in Mississippi". The farmer explained his dire plight to the chief executive—the pending foreclosure

and the possible loss of his crops—and reminded Roosevelt of his promise, reprinted in so many newspapers, to help those in need. "Sylvester," came the earnest reply, "I'll investigate and you'll hear from me."

Word of Harris' conversation with FDR spread fast in the sleepy town. He was interviewed by the local paper, the *Columbus Commercial Dispatch*. The Associated Press picked up the story and quickly sent their own reporter to interview Harris and take the photo memorialized on the front of the pamphlet. Several days after the president's promise to investigate, the New Orleans Farm Bank dispatched an agent to Harris' home. His persistence, combined with a little help from people in high places, had paid off: Harris and the bank agent signed a new agreement, modifying the loan's payment structure, thus saving his home and livelihood.

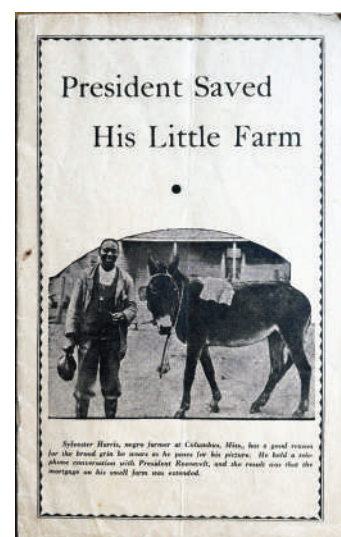
The story of Sylvester Harris, his mule, and his brief conversation with the sympathetic commander-in-chief might have faded into local lore if not for the AP story. The article was picked up in publications across the nation. Several newspapers sent their own reporters to interview Harris and *Movietone News* even dispatched a camera crew to film him recounting the entire affair.

Harris' story spread like wildfire, especially among African Americans. At a time when good news was in short supply, black newspapers were among the earliest to send reporters to Columbus following the initial story. Harris became so well known to both black and white audiences that his conversation with Roosevelt was later re-enacted in a 1935 special radio broadcast celebrating AT&T's 50th anniversary. Harris' plea joined re-enactments of other notable phone conversations from 1934, including the call from J. Edgar Hoover initiating the manhunt for Pretty Boy Floyd and another announcing the birth of the Dionne Quintuplets. The Harris story would also be commemorated in other forms. In 1935, prolific singer/songwriter Memphis Minnie released "Sylvester and His Mule Blues" recounting Sylvester's quest to speak with "Mr. President Roosevelt".

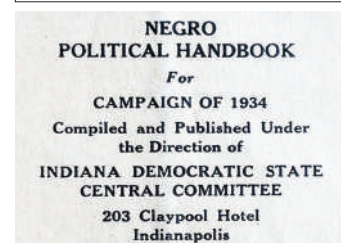
Eight months after the phone call, with his fame at its peak, Sylvester Harris found himself on a train bound for Chicago. He would be making a campaign appearance with Arthur Mitchell, Democratic nominee for Illinois' 1st congressional district. Mitchell had been recruited to run against Republican Oscar DePriest, for years the sole black member of the U.S. House of Representatives. All told, Harris spent nearly two weeks in Chicago on the campaign trail with Mitchell. In addition to recounting his story, Harris made a direct appeal to black voters to reconsider their (Continued on page 22...)



Sylvester Harris and Congressman Arthur Mitchell. Arthur Wergs Mitchell Sr. (Dec 22, 1883 – May 9, 1968) was an American politician and civil rights activist from Illinois. He represented Illinois's 1st congressional district for his entire tenure in the United States House of Representatives, from 1935 to 1943, during which time he was the only African American in Congress. A supporter of the New Deal, Mitchell was the first African American to be elected to the Congress as a Democrat.



1934 campaign pamphlet by the IN Democratic State Central Committee titled "President Saved His Little Farm." Sylvester Harris & his mule in front of his farmhouse.



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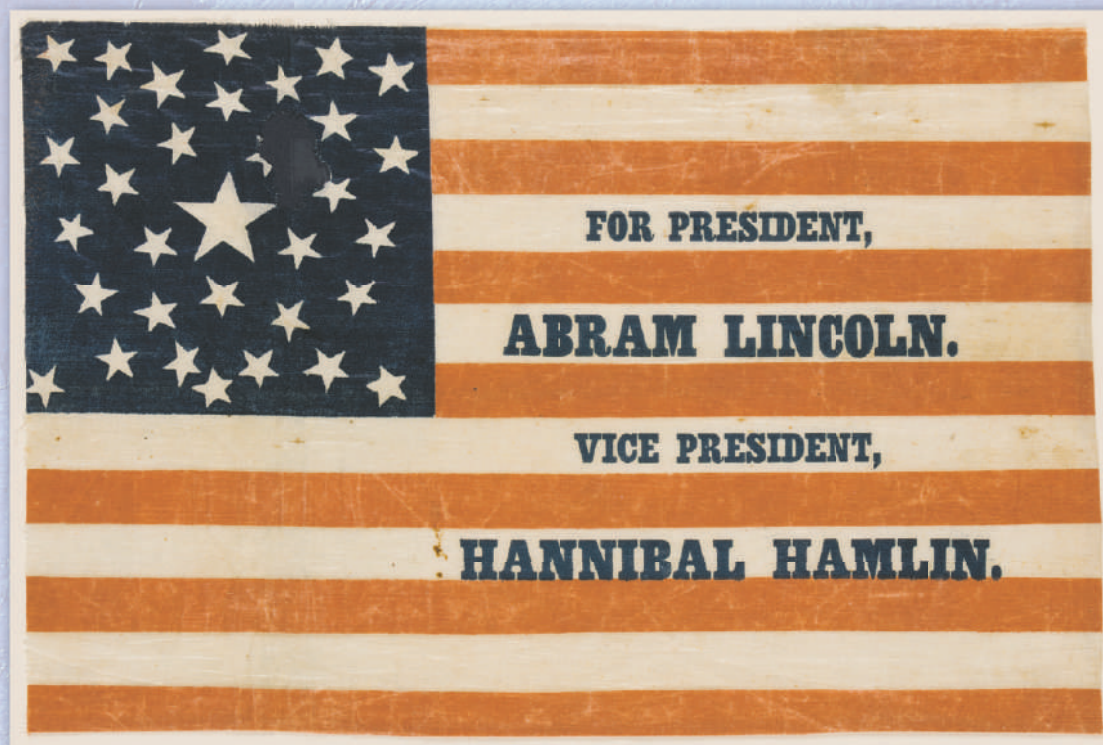
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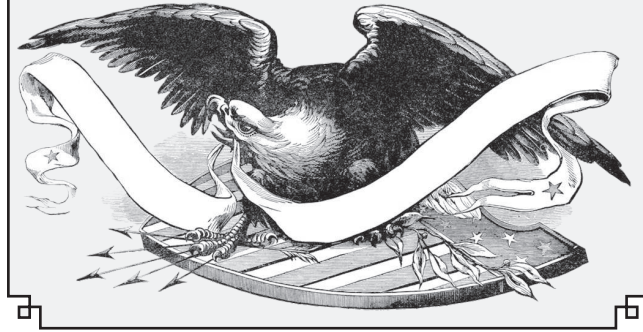
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OCT 17, 2026 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA POLITICAL MEMORABILIA SHOW Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm at Knights of Columbus Hall, 21433 Strathern Street (between Canoga Ave & Alabama Ave), Canoga Park, CA 91309. Admission: \$3 for adults (kids & students are free with ID). Tables: around 40 tables at \$25 each for APIC members and \$30 each for nonmembers. New location with tons of parking and large facility with easy loading (no ramps, no stairs). Contact: Tom Morton tmapic22@yahoo.com or 818-644-9231

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THE FRUGAL COLLECTOR - OCT 2026

This month a few items found on the PME Facebook page will be discussed.

First is a 1" pin for Wendell Willkie, the 1940 Republican presidential nominee who ran against Franklin D. Roosevelt. The pin is bright blue that features gold lettering. It reads "HOLLYWOOD WILLKIE WORKERS CHAIRMAN" along the border, surrounding a stylized central logo featuring two overlapping "W" initials. It sold in the end for \$50.

Next is a 2 1/4" satirical pin from the 2008 election supporting the Republican ticket of John McCain and Sarah Palin. Featuring blue and white lettering over a bright red background, the button playfully reads "Elect Gidget & The Geezer / McCain Palin", a reference to the youthful, cheerful surf culture icon, poking fun at Palin's relative youth and pageantry background—with "The Geezer," a lighthearted nod to McCain's status as a seasoned, older politician. It was a quick pickup at \$6.

A very simple 7/8" pin from the 1940 election supporting Republican candidate Wendell Willkie in this example. Designed with a classic patriotic red, white, and blue color scheme, the pin features bold lettering that reads "Dormont Wants Willkie," referencing the borough of Dormont, Pennsylvania. \$35 for it wasn't bad at all in the end.

Next in line is a 1 1/4" pin supporting Franklin D. Roosevelt in one of his presidential re-election bids. Featuring a simple white background with bold blue lettering, the pin uses a clever acrostic layout where the enlarged first letters spell out "FDR"—reading downward as "Franklin Deserves Re-election". Designed for clear visibility and straightforward messaging, this pin serves as a classic piece of mid-century Democratic campaign memorabilia. A must have at just \$14.

Last is a 3/4" pin supporting General Leonard Wood in his bid for the 1920 Republican presidential nomination. The simple, understated design features gold or off-white lettering spelling out "Leonard Wood" against a dark circular background, framed by a broad metallic brass-tone border. A classic at just \$14.



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NOV 8, 2026 - WISCONSIN APIC FALL SHOW The Wisconsin APIC will host its 2026 fall show on Sunday Nov. 8th, at the Watertown Public Library. (Packers play later afternoon). We are returning to last years location at 100 S Water Street, Watertown. Hours are 12-3pm. Tentative theme is Wisconsin locals. Table costs are unbelievably low at just \$10 each or 2/\$15. To reserve tables and further info, contact Pat Kehoe at pkehoe@gmail.com or 414-690-4980.

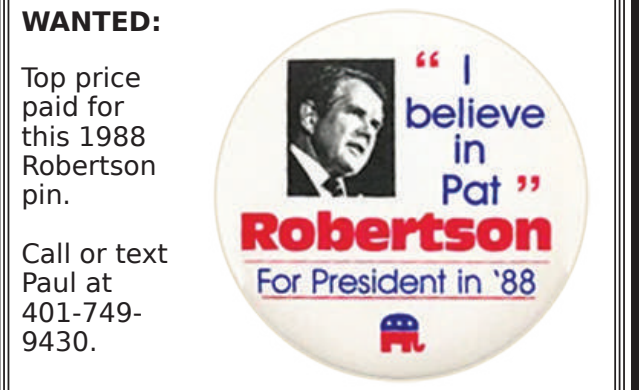
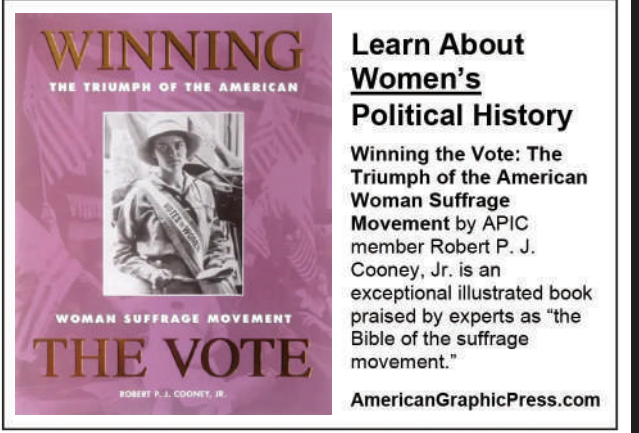
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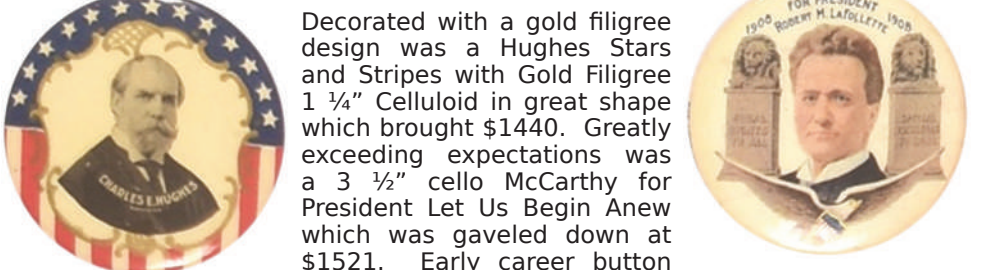
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Auctions on Parade

By Michael McQuillen
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Anderson Auctions of Ohio once again had a great selection of Political and Americana items for sale in their most recent auction offering. This month we will take a look at many of the lots selling in the \$1100 and up range. A classic 1 ¼” cello Bryan Ohio Horse Shoe pin-back galloped to \$1170 (all prices realized include an 18% Buyer’s Premium and are rounded to the nearest dollar.) An 11” across and 6 ½” high William Henry Harrison Tureen with Log Cabin and Hard Cedar designs sold for \$1200. Measuring 1 ¼” was a LaFollette for President 1908 Celluloid which managed \$1404.



Decorated with a gold filigree design was a Hughes Stars and Stripes with Gold Filigree 1 ¼” Celluloid in great shape which brought \$1440. Greatly exceeding expectations was a 3 ½” cello McCarthy for President Let Us Begin Anew which was gaveled down at \$1521. Early career button collectors battled out a 7/8” Harry Truman for Eastern District Court Judge to \$1560.



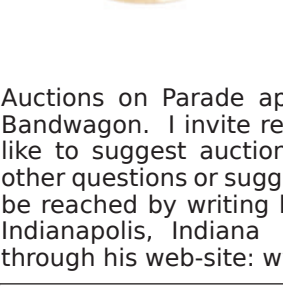
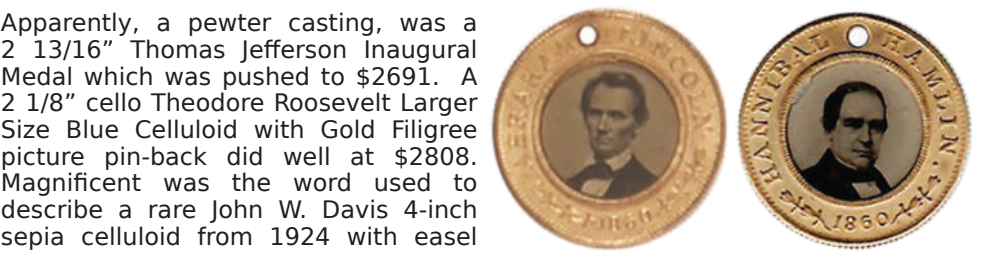
A great Abraham Lincoln 3 1/4 by 3 3/4-inch tintype in gutta percha frame found a new home at \$1560. Many desirable Teddy TR buttons graced the pages of the sale, here, a 1 ¼” Roosevelt Our Greatest American picture button did well at \$1872. Size isn’t everything as a small ¾” cello Hoo-Hoo Hoover for President button picturing an owl brought \$1989.



Third Party items continue to be in demand. Here, a Chafin, Watkins Prohibition Jugate Picture Fob got to \$2162. Most likely dating to 1912, was a Roosevelt Large 2” Pin and Bull Moose Hanger that charged to \$2400. A 12” tall Votes for Women song bird, sang for women’s rights and hit anote at \$2457.



A couple of very desirable William Jennings Bryan items join our line-up next. First, a 1 ¼” Bryan Defenders of the Constitution picture button, and second, an Indianapolis made Bryan and Stevenson Henry Deutsch 1 ¼” Jugate, both of which scored at \$2457. The nicest Lincoln of the sale was a prime example of an 1860 ferrottype featuring Abraham Lincoln on one side and Hannibal Hamlin on the other. When the smoke cleared it settled at \$2574.



back and pin at top with ribbon. It was pinned up at \$3803.

A stunning President Zachary Taylor 2 1/2 by 2 3/4-inch full color portrait under glass with brass frame produced in France during Taylor’s presidency found a new home at \$4680. Many hopeful collectors only dream of owning a Henry Ford for President picture button. Here, a 7/8” picture variety made an even \$6000.

Finally, the biggie of the sale, was a prohibitively rare “Row, row, row your boat” along with Woodrow Wilson and Thomas Marshall on this exceptionally rare Wilson for president 1 1/4-inch celluloid from 1912. The pin shows a trio rowing across the Potomac with the Capitol in the background. At the bottom it says, “Win With Wilson.” It finally docked at \$12,870!

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Auctions on Parade appears monthly in The Political Bandwagon. I invite readers to write me if they would like to suggest auctions to be reviewed or have any other questions or suggestions. Michael J. McQuillen can be reached by writing him directly at P. O. Box 50022, Indianapolis, Indiana 46250-0022, e-mail: michael@politicalparade.com or through his web-site: www.PoliticalParade.com

DID YOU KNOW?

WINNING THE VOTE: 1878-1900 (excerpt)

By Robert P.J. Cooney, Jr.

Jane Addams moved into one of the poorest sections of Chicago in September 1889 and began a movement for self-help and social service whose reputation spread around the world. Following a comfortable childhood and young-adult ennui, Addams was 29 when she and Ellen Gates Starr opened Hull House to serve the neighborhood’s immigrant population. A pioneer social worker and adept fundraiser, Addams attracted a host of talented individuals who worked with their neighbors for civic improvement as well as for social and industrial reform. Her insightful articles and books brought her international recognition and led President Theodore Roosevelt to call her “the most useful citizen in Chicago.” Addams believed that without the vote women were “outside the real life of the world” and she served as vice president of NAWSA [National American Woman Suffrage Association] from 1911 to 1914. She guided Hull House which she called “an institution attempting to learn from life itself,” for over 40 years and became one of the country’s leading advocates for peace, equality, public service, and international cooperation.



HULL HOUSE, CHICAGO

Residents and friends dined together in Hull House Coffee House where they could discuss recent events and formulate plans for the future. Hull House brought new options for recreation to Chicago’s Near West Side when it opened the city’s first public gymnasium in 1893. Supporters organized fencing classes (left) and Chicago’s first women’s basketball team (below).

“Women played basketball at Hull-House. Well...they played basket ball, and with hair coiffed into neat buns. Early on, female players of this thrilling new game also competed under the regulation of girls’ rules, which restricted their movement across the court. There were many people in those days who deemed the game unwomanly and fretted about women overexerting themselves. However, women’s basketball at Hull-House quickly got real. What would become one of America’s favorite sports made an early start in Chicago on Hull-House hardwood, and women were on the court from the start. Who knew Jane Addams, in the closing decade of the nineteenth century, helped birth the first generation of female athletes in the city?!” (Stacy Lynn, Women’s Hoops at Hull House) . . .



“Early women’s basketball in Chicago had followed Smith College rules, which positioned seven players in designated areas of the court to limit physical exertion. However, in 1903, the Chicago girls basketball league adopted boy’s

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NO THIRD TERM DAY

By Harvey Goldberg

Following the Democratic Party’s nomination of President Franklin D. Roosevelt for a third term, anti-FDR politicians began the “No Third Term” banner. They argued that the founding fathers intended that a president should only serve two terms.

On Oct. 23, 1940, Los Angeles observed, “No Third Term Day.” The Los Angeles Times reported the next morning:

More than 1,100 decorated automobiles parading from city to city, hundreds of volunteers distributing literature, buttons and stickers, speakers addressing mass meetings and a number of novel demonstrations were included in yesterday’s observation of No-Third-Term Day in Los Angeles County. The highlight of the day was the broadcast of Wendall Willkie’s address on the third term issue last night.

“Paul Revere” and a party of cowgirls rode the streets of the city warning against breaking the third-term tradition. Sound tracks, calliopes and bands called attention to the necessity of preserving that democratic safeguard. “Minute Men and Women of 1940” called from door to door to warn citizens of the danger of totalitarianism should the third-term tradition be scrapped.

FDR’s supporters cited World War II as a reason for breaking the two-term tradition. Roosevelt won re-election for his third term with nearly 55% of the popular vote. Following FDR’s re-election to a fourth term, the 22nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed in 1951, setting a firm two term limit.

22nd Amendment: “No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice” and “no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term” to which someone else was elected “shall be elected” more than once.



Francis Voltz & Les Sachs ride down Spring St. during the L.A. ‘No 3rd Term’ demonstration. Notice the 6” Willkie pin on her horse’s head.

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Anti third term billboard is unveiled at Wilshire Blvd. & Ardmore Street in Los Angeles (LA Times).

Portion of crowd surrounding the car of Republican presidential candidate Wendell Willkie at Los Angeles City Hall (LA Times). Text of 4 anti-FDR signs in the crowd behind Willkie say: “Only Congress Can Declare War Except Roosevelt”; “Things Are Bad Enough That A Third Term Will Wreck The Country”; “He Planned It This Way Don’t Let Him Tell You Otherwise”; “Jeffersonian Democrats of California.”



Willkie poster stamp

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W103-\$350.00 "Drink Coca-Cola" Beautiful 1972 litho advertising tray features image of a girl named Elaine from 1916 during WWI. Wear on edge corners, on left edge between 9-10 o'clock, & in the gold stripe right of the glass. Wired for hanging. 19"x8.5"x1" deep.



W108-\$400.00 "Drink Coca Cola, Delicious and Refreshing." Features the iconic 1914 Betty Girl. Lower left corner: "Stelad Signs, Passaic Metal Ware Co. Litho, Passaic, NJ." Bottom center: "© The Coca-Cola Company." 13.25"x 10.5"x 1" deep advertising tray. Some minor wear on the edges.



W112-\$115.00 S.E. Bailey & Co., Phila., PA, Manufacturers & Dealers in Carriages & Harness. Established 1890, HQ in York, PA & later also manufactured in Lancaster. One of the regions largest employers. A dealership opened in Phila. Maker: Abrams Paper Weight, Pittsburgh, PA. 3"x 1" clear glass octagonal paperweight.



W114-\$30.00 Abstract Title Guarantee & Trust Company, Akron, OH, Incorporated 1891. Cracked w/stains at 5 o'clock. Part of mirror missing. 3" dia. pocket mirror.



W101-\$75.00 Beautiful 11" dia. Edwardian era litho plate titled: Jamestown 1607-1907. Central scene depicts Pocahontas saving John Smith's life. The left vignette is a portrait of John Smith & the right is Pocahontas. Made by the H.D Beach Co. Reverse stamped: Vienna Art Plates, copyrighted by W.H.Owens & Co., Manchester, VA. Styled as a "Vienna Art Plate" to mimic expensive European porcelain using stamped tin commemorating the 300th anniversary of Jamestown. 1907 Jamestown Exposition. Minor edge wear. Marked at 5 o'clock in the inner gold band. Impressive color. Very good condition.

W104-\$135.00 Hartford Fire Insurance Co. Text on the reverse as follows... Titled: The Monarch of the Glen, After Sir Edwin Landseers famous painting. A "hart fording a stream" has been a part of the coat of arms or seal of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company since the corporation was established in 1810. There is a connection between the design and the seal of the city from which the Company took its name. Furthermore, the hart of stag, has long been recognized as symbolic of guardianship and watchfulness. In this use it has long been identified with the printed literature of the "Hartford." This picture is presented to you with the compliments of the Company in the belief that it will be an ornament to your office.

Given to insurance agents to hang in their office. 1950's litho tray 20x24" with text and company seal on reverse. There are small holes drilled on each side for the hanging wire. The edges show wear including a shallow dent at 9 o'clock in the "frame". Note that the "frame" is part of the design of the piece and not separate from it.



W109-\$350.00 Palmer Cox Brownies figurine. Painted bisque porcelain with gilded accents; two police apprehending "The Dude" character; based on early Palmer Cox cartoons. 5.75"x 4.75", Near mint



W115-\$145.00 National Lock Company, Rockford, IL. Terrific old Hardware Salesman sample or store display screw set, it shows two different types of screws, a button head screw & a counter sink screw. Marked on bottom molded by National Lock Company Plastic Division. 3.75" dia. x 7/8" high, tortoiseshell patterned plastic edge, sides & bottom.



W100-\$125.00 Red Spot Cigars 1930's Embossed Tin Tacker Sign Tobacco Advertising



W105-\$75.00 Ice Cold Hires R-J Root Beer, Finer Flavor Because of Real Root Juices, The Charles E. Hires Co., Phila., PA. Small text at bottom: BL-1, Made in USA. Litho advertising sign with small holes at top and bottom for mounting to a door pusher or wall. 11-3/8"x3.5"



W106-\$45.00 Litho platter advertising Scheidt's Valley Forge Beer, Ramshead Ale, Norristown, PA. General Washington is pictured in the foreground with troops at Washington's Headquarters, Valley Forge 1776 in winter. Minor edge wear on red rim & small marks on scene on tray. 11.25" dia. x 1.25" deep.

W107-\$52.00 The Busch Shoe Repair Co., Wichita, We Call For & Deliver Free. 2.75" oval medallion w/3.25" receipt hook. Instructions printed on the back: Hold medallion firmly with one other hand medallion. on a chassis



W110-\$185.00 (right) "Moon Mullins" inscribed on back of figure's coat. Head is a corked copper. Painted 8.5" bisque ceramic bottle. American comic strip ran from 6/19/1923-6/2/1991. Depicts the lives of diverse lowbrow characters who reside at the Schmaltz (later Plushbottom) boarding house. The central character, Moon (short for Moonshine), a would-be prizefighter—perpetually strapped for cash but with a roguish appetite for vice & high living. Moon took a room in the boarding house in 1924 & never left, staying on for 67 years. The strip was created by cartoonist Frank Willard.



W116-\$20.00 SE Schenley Elegance 3.5" dia. litho tin coaster tray advertising their specialty liquors: Cream of Kentucky, Sir John by Schenley, Old Stag Bourbon, Schenley Reserve, & Champion Bourbon.

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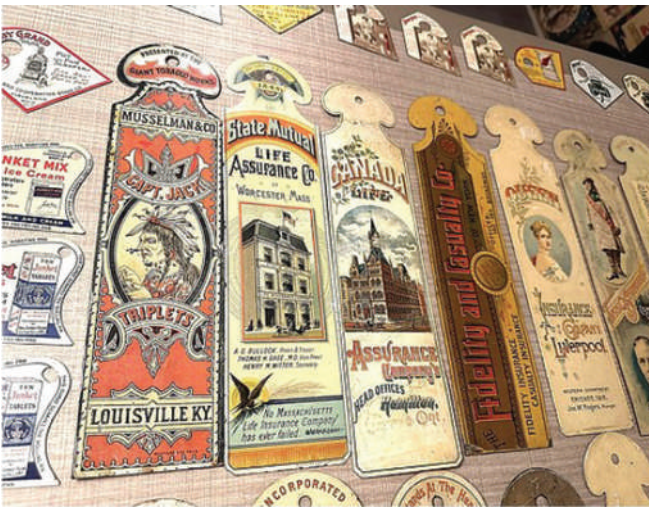
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6pm: Banquet & Auction Preview
- Friday 16** 7am–3pm: Show & Sale (Banquet Room)
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- Saturday 17** 10am: Farewell!



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W120-\$24.00
WW2 bullet shaped salt & pepper shakers, glazed ceramic with a "V" for Victory. 2.75"x 1.25" dia.

W121-\$45.00
Wood cigarette case with carved wood eagle attached to front. Lid swivels open & is shaped like a propeller blade. 3-1/8"x 5".

W122-\$122.00 (right)
Small glazed ceramic vase w/gilt embellishment. Vignette titled: Peace Institute, Raleigh, NC. 3.25" H x 1-7/8"W. Named after William Peace, benefactor. Founded as women's college 1857. Stamp on bottom: Made in Germany. Designed for Toyland, Raleigh, NC.

W123-\$40.00
"Gen. MacArthur Style" printed on stem. Corn cob pipe 10.75"x 4.5" cob bowl. Unusual size & shape

W124-\$64.00
100th Anniversary Battle of Hanover 1863-1963 felt pennant Civil War

W126-\$15.00
WWI Souvenir de France hand embroidered cloth w/embossed paper frame, hand made. 3.5"x5.5" used postcard (soft corners, stain upper right)

W127-\$26.00
Admiral Dewey water color, paper covered 3.5" square x 1" box embellished with ribbon holding a dried flower. Hand made.

W128-\$250.00
N.G.P. (National Guard PA) Indiana, PA 1915, 2nd Brigade Encampment. Vignette titled "Camp Life". Felt pennant

W130-\$85.00
USN fouled anchor insignia embossed 5/8" x 1.5" locket on 7.5" bracelet. Inside locket is picture of Gen. MacArthur saluting & paper message "God Bless You And Keep You My Dear". Back stamped: Sterling Silver LOCKETAB. Sweetheart.

W133-\$48.00
U.S.S. Oklahoma, 27,500 tons. 2.75" x 11.75" felt penant (capsized at Pearl Harbor without ever seeing action)

front --- W132-\$20.00 --- back Lincoln photo. Back text: The Best Portrait of Abraham Lincoln. "The most satisfactory likeness of him," are the words Todd Lincoln used in describing the picture of his father, shown on this card. The photograph was taken by Brady at Washington on Feb. 9, 1864. It is used on the five dollar federal reserve notes & 3 cent postage stamps. This reproduction is from an original print, presented by the son of Abraham Lincoln to Arthur F. Hall, President of The Lincoln Life Insurance Company, of Fort Wayne, IN. 3.5"x1.75"

W137-\$300.00
Grant match safe embossed metal portrait (same on both sides) Stamp on base. PATD. Oct. 9. 88. 2.5"x 1-5/8"

W138-\$12.00
Mine Fuehrer. How did you enjoy your trip to Russia? WW2, 3.5"x 5.5", "Slam the Axis" postcard ©1943 D. Robbins & Co., NYC

W139-\$12.00
Look! Uncle Sam made monkeys of 'em. (Tojo, Hitler, Mussolini faces on monkeys) WW2, 3.5"x 5.5" "Slam the Axis" postcard ©1943

W136-\$55.00
Admiral Dewey pictured. Text: Co.D. 10th Penn. Inf. U.S. Volunteers, Laurel Iron Works, Monongalia Co., W. Va. Addressed in printed script to E.C. Jennewine. Faint water spot under name. U.S. Maine picture upper right corner. Unused envelope 2.25" x 4.25"

W140-\$15.00 (left)
316th INF. (Infantry), 7.5" x 8.5", printed on felt

W141-\$18.00 (set of three WW2 sheets of 7"x10.5" notepaper)

1. Give 'em Hell-O for us! US Army plane drops bombs on Berlin.
2. Keep 'em Running...Right Off The Map. Jeep soldiers chase Tojo, Hitler, Mussolini.
3. Bring Home the Bacon. Hitler, Tojo, Mussolini tied behind tank. And their faces are on the three pigs at bottom. Three little hams who gotta be cured.

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W145-\$10.00
Nixon elephant pinback brooch w/faux jewel eye, enameled name, 1-5/8"

W146-\$22.00
elephants embellished w/faux clear jewels & red jewel eye, pair of 3/4" clip back earrings

W147-\$18.00
Nixon 1.25"x1.5" brooch ringed w/faceted Rhinestones, pinback

W148-\$64.00
Nixon brooch embellished w/faux red faceted jewels, 1"x 1.75" pinback. Near mint.

W149-\$18.00
LBJ embossed letters & 5/8" donkey charm

W150-\$45.00
Goldwater brooch donkey, glasses, red faux jeweled eyes, 1-3/8" pin back

W151-\$22.00
LBJ donkey brooch w/red faux jeweled ears & eye pinback 1.25"

W153-\$18.00
Nixon embossed elephant brooch w/enameled blanket & red eye 1-3/8"x 1-7/8" pin

W154-\$24.00
Nixon embossed elephant charm w/enameled blanket & red eye 1.75"x 2.5" oval pendant on 22" chain necklace

W155-\$18.00
Nixon embossed elephant brooch w/enameled blanket & red eye 1.25"x 1-7/8" pin back

W156-\$28.00
Nixon embellished w/faux faceted red jewels 3/4" charm

W158-\$10.00
Kennedy pendant 1-5/8" dia. silver color

W159-\$10.00
Kennedy pendant 1-5/8" dia. silver color

W160-\$10.00
LBJ enameled hat 1-5/8" dia. silver color pin back brooch

W161-\$28.00
Governor Brian Schweitzer Montana. It's A New Day 1-1/8" dia. embossed clutch in original box, Montana Silver Silversmiths tag inside box

W162-\$18.00
pair of 5/8" silver color elephant cufflinks

W164-\$95.00
2-sided Nixon charm (same on both sides). faceted gem. 1.25" dia. lovely 7" bracelet. Warner jewelry is not very common & is higher quality. Exceptional bracelet chain (right).

W165-\$34.00
Republican Centennial 1854-1954 embossed 3/4" dia. screw back pin w/profile portraits of Lincoln & Ike in original Balfour box.

W163-\$32.00
Adlai Stevenson 1950's political campaign 7" bracelet with 1/2" letters Win With Steve and a donkey charm. Gold color

W166-\$22.00
Adlai & Estes 1/2" letters & donkey charm on 6" faux pearl bracelet

W167-\$32.00 (lot of 3 Carter items)
1. Carter name embossed on 7/8" peanut charm on 7" chain bracelet.
2. 1/2" peanut on fine link 18" chain.
3. 1/2" peanut clutch back lapel pin/tie tack.

W169-\$12.00
Nixon for President embossed 4 leaf clover 1-1/8" charm on 7" bracelet with 1/2" letters

W171-\$48.00
Nixon opaque acrylic square bracelet 2.75" x 3/4"

W172-\$48.00
Nixon clear acrylic square bracelet 2.75" x 3/4"

W174-\$20.00
John F. Kennedy name embossed around profile portrait, 1-1/8" dia. watch fob on leather band

W175-\$42.00
JFK watch face novelty charm 1.25" dia. plastic

W176-\$18.00
7/8" Donkey brooch embossed, red faux jewel eye, pin back

W177-\$14.00
7/8" Victory, Donkey brooch, silver color clutch back

W178-\$85.00
1.5" stag beetle on stick pin, McKinley 1896 gold bug

W181-\$65.00
"The President's Club" engraved on a pair of oval 3/4"x 7/8" cuff links in original gift box. Tag: Kremantz 14KT Gold Overlay. Issued by Repub. National Committee to major financial donors of \$10,000 +

W182-\$65.00
Jackie Kennedy cameo in gold rim on gold chain in original jewelry box. Tag says: 1/20-12KT Gold Filled. Near mint.

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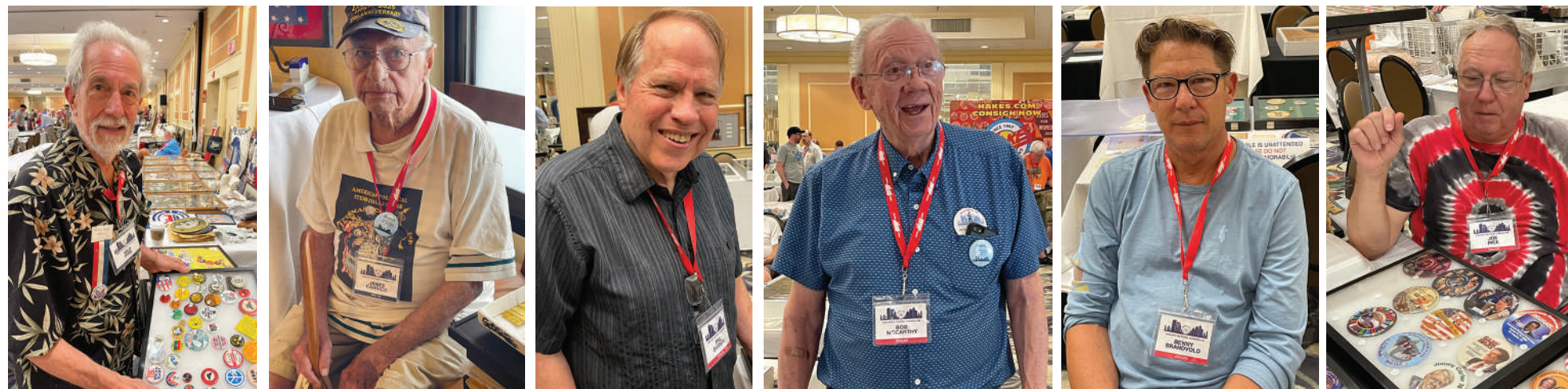
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Ronald Miller

Lori Ferber



Trish Solomon

Frank Buckley

John Olson

Gabby & Brandon Saxton

Judd Revesz



Matthew Pasternak

Pat Lenington

Jam Session w/Becky Peeling

Winning Bid

Howard Parks



Winston Blair

Jason Frazier

William Darcy

Shalom Schwartz w/new purchase

Shawn Gray

TREASURES on the WEB

By Paul Bengston

It's hard to imagine collecting now without the web. There was a time when ones only connection to the hobby came via snail mail. On the auctions you either mailed or called in your bids. You didn't know if you had won (or not) until an invoice came in the mailbox 2 weeks later. You paid for that with a check sent in the mail. The whole process took a month or more. The internet has changed our hobby. We get almost instant feedback. We pay for items with a click. Most eBay transactions take place with no one on one contact between the buyer and seller. The good news is that this is what younger collectors like, and older collectors seem to be embracing and learning. Facebook seems to be the biggest driver in attracting new collectors to the APIC. The Political Memorabilia Exchange Facebook group now has over 6,000 members. Each of these people has at least been exposed to the APIC and it's friendly members. There are dozens of candidate, state and specialty collecting Facebook groups for our hobby. I hope this means future growth

1st up is a pink 2 ½" x 6 ½" Douglas Johnson ribbon. This had some condition issues but still brought in \$549.

The Blaine Logan Irish American Club of Topeka Kansas made a fantastic green ribbon with metallic gold edging and fringe. This sold for \$2,949 with 59 bids.

There is so much going on with this Harrison Reid pin that it is almost confusing. With two laborers standing on the rim of a top hat with two doves, an eagle and some unknown animal and the word "Protection" underneath, this is a wild item that sold for \$129.

This 4" x 4" "McKinley for Protection" tin badge sold as a Buy It Now for \$999. The top folds over to be worn from a pocket. Made by the Pacific Sheet Metal Works of San Francisco who made sardine cans. A wonderful centerpiece item for any McKinley frame.

What may at 1st appear to be a common McKinley TR jugate with some added ribbons was really a very unusual stickpin. Note how McKinley is facing inward on this version where he is facing outward on the common an often-seen version. This sold for \$68.

This draped flag design is nothing unusual but not often seen with TR. This sold for \$202. Anything odd for TR does well.

The TR Zig Zag toy clicker is a classic. This one was missing the clicker part but otherwise appeared minty. It sold for a reasonable \$566. Zig Zag was a candy maker at the time, not the rolling papers of the same name.

This 1 ¾" sepia Parker Davis jugate is a beautiful item that comes in various sizes and TR mates. This sold for only \$405 which I thought was a good deal.

Presidential hopeful and Senator Oscar Underwood made a beautiful pin as seen here with the American and Confederate flags graphics. This sold for \$155. This is seldom offered. Oscar was well known for his anti-Prohibition and KKK opinions.

You had to click to the 6th photo in the listing of this graphic Taft pin to know this was the very rare 7/8" size. I have only seen one other in this size in my years of collecting. This sold for a Buy It Now for \$150.



Best & happy hunting,
Paul Bengston APIC #3514

Is there a 7/8" Wilson? I would love to know if you have seen one.

From the 1920 notification for Vice President, this Coolidge badge would be a must have for both Harding and Coolidge collectors. Some minor ribbon separations kept the price down to \$263.

It is hard to think of any other pin made in more size variations than this sepia Cox pin. I have been working on getting all the sizes for years and I am still several short. I forgot to bid on this one. This ¾" size sold for \$124.

This 1 ¼" Coolidge trigate on a "Reception Committee Night Before Worcester Sept. 20, 1924" ribbon appeared to be cracked. It turned out to be a hair under the celluloid. Either way, condition held this very rare item down to only \$263. A very rare item.

This 3 ½" "We Want Roosevelt" with both blue and red lettering sold for \$117. There is also an all-red lettering version. Perhaps there is an all-blue lettering version?

There are several versions of this design 3 ½" FDR pin. One is relatively common but this "Philadelphia County" version is downright rare. It sold for \$341 despite the photo being printed off center.

This 1 ¼" "Landon and Knox" pin with a pale-yellow background and brown lettering is a rare one. Made by Irwin Hodson of Portland, it came with a felt sunflower and a metal attachment showing a horse driven carriage with the words "Horse and Buggy Club". This sold for \$383.

Despite not becoming a state until 1959, Alaska supported Willie as seen on this very odd and I assume rare ribbon. This sold for \$219. The background graphic is a totem pole.

Someone got a great Buy It Now at only \$25 on this desirable 3 ½" Truman pin.

Kennedy is known for not signing much. His autographs are highly prized. This autographed handsome photo sold for \$2,850 with 51 bids. It had PSA authentication.

I think someone got a very good buy on this McGovern Seante pin. Not one I recall seeing when I specialized in McGovern. Seller stated that it might be a staff pin. This colorful beauty showing a young George in front of The Capitol building sold for only \$26.

\$29 was the Buy It Now price on this 1 ¾" 1968 McGovern picture pin. This design is known to come in both 3 ½" and 1 ¾" sizes. The 3 ½" has been offered a handful of times over the past 20 years. The 1 ¾" has been offered only once to my knowledge with foxing and sold just south of \$500.

If you enjoy discussing online sales, join the Facebook group "Treasures on the Web" for comments on these and many other items. Join the APIC on Facebook too.



WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT A GREAT AMERICAN LIFE by Walter Stahr

There is a new biography of note coming this fall written by Walter Stahr, the New York Times best selling author of *Seward: Lincoln's Indispensable Man*, *Stanton: Lincoln's War Secretary*, and *John Jay: Founding Father*. A two-time winner of the Seward Award for Excellence in Civil War Biography, Stahr practiced law in Washington and Asia for more than two decades. He is an honors graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Law School.

In a recent interview, Stahr recounted the reason for the subtitle. To focus on the Taft presidency alone misses the real story of five decades of his significant public service to the nation. Hence "A Great American Life" subtitle, rather than "A Great American President."

"Throughout Taft's unparalleled half century of national service, his lodestar was the rule of law—and a commitment to exercising his powers within it. This commitment to self restraint seems remarkable today, when selflessness and public propriety have all but vanished from politics. Readers left and right, blue and red, will find this extraordinary life a great refreshment, and a brilliant signpost to a better way."

—Christopher Cox, author of *Woodrow Wilson: The Light Withdrawn* and former Chairman, U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security

The contents of *Taft: A Great American Life* is described on the Barnes & Noble site where it can be pre-ordered. <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/william-howard-taft-walter-stahr/1149526095>

William Howard Taft was perhaps not a great president, [the description says], although his limited view of the president's role looks better today than it did at the time. But Taft's true claim to greatness lies in his work before and after the White House: five decades of selfless public service culminating as one of the most transformational chief justices in American history.

Taft was the only president to have spent much of his career as a judge, first in the state court system in Ohio, then as a federal judge on the Sixth Circuit. He dreamed of serving on the United States Supreme Court and yet, more than once, he declined a seat in order to continue his work as America's first civilian governor in the Philippines. When he returned to Washington, he took a place in Roosevelt's cabinet, effectively serving as deputy president before winning the presidency in his own right in 1908.

Tariffs. Immigration. Labor unrest. Colonial possessions. Free trade with Canada. Civil war in Mexico. The national deficit. Government efficiency. These were just some of the issues Taft faced in the White House. After his disastrous defeat in the 1912 election, due in part to Roosevelt's decision to challenge him for the Republican nomination, Taft returned to private life, although often involved in public causes, such as the fight for the League of Nations. But all this was only a prelude to a second act as the most important chief justice since John Marshall, changing the very way the Court worked by securing it the power to select those cases it wished to decide.

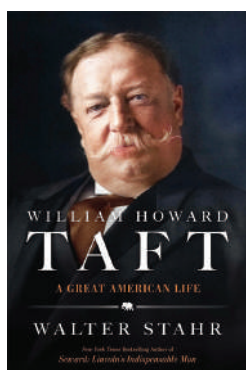
A carefully researched and gracefully written biography, displaying a deep understanding of both political history and human nature, *William Howard Taft* thoughtfully reassesses what makes a great American public servant worth remembering.

Taft Chronology

- 1880-81 Legal reporter for Cincinnati Commercial.
- 1881-82 Assistant Prosecutor, Hamilton Co., Ohio.
- 1882 Collector of Internal Revenue, First Ohio District.
- 1885-97 Assistant Solicitor, Hamilton County.
- 1886 Marries Helen "Nellie" Herron. Moves to home on McMillan Street.
- 1887-90 Judge, Ohio Superior Court.
- 1890-92 U.S. Solicitor General.
- 1892-1900 Judge, Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Rules on patent rights; becomes known for strict interpretation of the law and for efforts at judicial reform.
- 1896-1900 Dean of Cincinnati Law School. Promotes growth of school and founds Circuit Court Library.
- 1900-01 President, U.S. Philippine Commission.
- 1901-04 First Civil Governor of the Philippines. Replaces military rule; establishes modern government and institutions.
- 1904-08 U.S. Secretary of War. Close adviser to President Roosevelt; heads Panama Canal commission.
- 1906 Provisional Governor of Cuba.
- 1909-13 President (27th) of the United States.
- "We can not meet new questions nor build for the future if we confine ourselves to the outmoded dogmas of the past."*
- William Howard Taft, 1912
- 1913-21 Professor of Constitutional Law, Yale University.
- 1915-21 President of League to Enforce Peace, a forerunner of the League of Nations.
- 1918-19 Co-chairman, National War Labor Board.
- 1921-30 Chief Justice (10th), U.S. Supreme Court.
- 1930 Retires as Chief Justice. Dies in Washington on March 8.

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The general public was first admitted into the Washington Monument 1888 Oct 9. Proposed in 1800 and begun in 1848. After many delays in construction a dedication ceremony was held on a blustery day on February 21, 1885 (the day before George Washington's birthday) though it was not yet fully completed. It is managed by the National Park Service.

A lithograph of the original design of the monument by Robert Mills (1781-1855), architect, is shown at right. Lithographed by Charles Fenerich, published by E. Weber & Co., Baltimore, c.1846. Expressly engraved for the Washington Monument Society. Exhibited: Unbuilt Washington, National Building Museum, Washington, D.C., Nov. 2011-May 2012.

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Six presidents have birthdays in October: John Adams, Rutherford Hayes, Chester Aurther, Theodore Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower and Jimmy Carter. The Stock Market crashed in October, and the Statue of Liberty was dedicated in that month as well. This month I will do a short bio of TR.

There is probably nothing new in this summary for APIC members as he is certainly a fan favorite; hell, I suspect he is one of the few presidents today's high school students would recognize. Yes, he is on Mount Rushmore which was authorized in 1925 and completed in 1941. He was our youngest president being 42 years old at the time of his inauguration.

Most know his story of being a sickly child with severe asthma who overcame his illness with a "vigorous life". He was homeschooled and went to Harvard where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. After graduation, he considered becoming an attorney but abandoned this to pursue politics. In the NY Assembly, he was a member of the reform faction.

His mother and first wife died on the same day in 1884, and he left to recover in the roughs of the Dakota Territories. His cattle herd was wiped out in the severe winter of 1886-1887 and he returned to New York.

After a failed run for mayor and appointments to Civil Service Commission, Board of New York City Police Commissioners and Assistant Secretary of the Navy, he organized the Rough Riders and became a national hero in the Spanish American War. He was then elected governor in 1898. The NY State Republicans were less than enamored with his aggressive agenda and convinced McKinley to make him his Vice-Presidential running mate when Garrett Hobart succumbed to cardiac disease in late 1899. McKinley was subsequently assassinated making TR president in 1901.

He was/is known for his progressive policies. He denounced a run for re-election and hand-picked William Taft to succeed him. Taft took a much more stayed and conservative approach to governing and when TR returned from his trip to Africa made it known he would pursue the nomination in 1912. Taft controlled the party machinery and despite TR's popularity, Taft managed to secure the nomination "saving" the party even though splitting the party would insure Wilson's election. TR's delegates bolted the convention and formed the Bull Moose/Progressive/Washington Party. He won 6 states and out polled Taft by over 500,000 votes, but Wilson would win in a landslide. He promoted his progressive agenda and indorsed Hughes in 1916.

When WW1 started in Europe, he became an active promoter of preparedness and was still considered a favorite for the nomination in 1920 when he passed in Jan of 1919. Vice-President Thomas Marshall proclaimed "Death had to take Roosevelt sleeping, for if he were awake, there would have been a fight."



WILD FIND ON THE ROAD TO DANVERS

Mike Hatchett submitted this incredible story. He and his father road tripped from West Seattle WA to the National in Danvers MA, a total of 3068 miles using the shortest route. Since his father had been in the 7th Cavalry, they made a stop at the Little Big Horn Battle Field National Park off I90 south of Billings MT, known as Custer's Last Stand to most of us and the Battle of Greasy Grass to the victors. After an "incredibly interesting and moving" tour they crossed the road to an Indian Trading Post. This is an all-purpose restaurant, souvenir shop, museum and "antique shop". I was here last summer and other than a fry-bread taco and chili I would have expected to find zip. Much to Mike's surprise he found the "Holy Grail" of his collection; hanging way up above cases of beadwork and arrowheads was a 1926 re-election poster for Nellie Tayloe Ross the first woman governor in the US. She lost her re-election bid but was appointed by FDR as the first woman director of the US Mint.

He had a great National but nothing could top this truly "wild find". As someone who specializes in western governor ephemera this was a perfect addition. Be honest specialists, how many of you found your best piece in the "wild"? Finding the "Holy Grail" awesome; road tripping across America with your father PRICELESS!!!



ADVICE FOR YOUNG COLLECTORS

Robert Fratkan APIC#793

I reached out to Bob, or "Fratkin", as he is known by his lovely wife, and asked him if I could feature him in a piece in the newsletter. I requested he provide sage advice to young collectors and share some of his favorite "wild" finds. I think he has at one time or another filled every leadership role in our hobby, from APIC President to longstanding *Keynote* Editor and I'm not sure exactly what else. When I first met him in my early years as a member, I admit I found him quite intimidating—he had an epic collection, seemed brilliant and tolerated fools poorly. I urge you not to be intimidated, in fact seek him out; he is one of the foremost ambassadors of the hobby and has an unsurpassed reservoir of knowledge that he will freely share. This is best experienced over a late-night adult beverage.

His advice:

"This is a wonderful hobby for collectors, with numerous items available in all price levels from a rare Lincoln Hamlin uniface jugate to a Nixon litho. If I were to start today, the best advice I could give is to choose a candidate or election that you would really like to pursue and concentrate on making it the best you can. This doesn't preclude adding other pins for a broader collection. You have to ask yourself several very basic questions. First, who are you collecting for? Are you doing this to show to your friends, who likely have no particular interest in sharing your enthusiasm, or are you trying to build a collection that you can share with other APIC members? And, at the core of collecting, would you rather have a few quality buttons or lots of Ford, Obama and Trump pins? Ask yourself, in twenty years, which of these choices is going to please you more? After years going to flea markets, antique stores, reviewing catalogs, on-line auctions and eBay, I have two other thoughts that I have shared with serious collectors over the years: #1 always buy the best button you can afford--and be willing to wait for it, and #2 as you gain more knowledge and experience in the hobby, always look to acquire items you have never seen before."

One might wrongly assume that Bob was a catalog auction collector or one who waited for exquisite items to bubble up from hobby sources. Yes, he reels in those trophies like the serious collector he is, but at heart I suspect he loves the hunt even more. From flea markets in Europe to antique shows and shops wherever he travels in the US, he has added numerous rarities with hard work, knowledge and possibly a little luck. Years ago, he was antiquing in Reading PA and at the last shop, he asked about politicals. A gentleman chatting with the owner volunteered he had some in his garage. Bob followed the man to his home, and after some searching, a cigar box was produced which yielded the pristine TR pretzel seen below. How many of us would have passed on that "maybe" opportunity given the likelihood poor result. He was able to bring this home for roughly the current price of a meal for two at

FROM THE PRESIDENT

October 2026 Bandwagon



Now that our 2026 national convention is in the books, I'm pleased to share that it was a financial success.

Profits from the show are being widely distributed: \$2,000 has been returned to the national APIC coffers to repay a loan given to the host New England chapter last year; \$3,000 will be sent to the 2028 national convention team once a proposal is created and approved by the Board of Directors; and the remaining profits will be retained by the local chapter, which has already committed to sponsor the welcome reception at our next national convention in two years.

Thanks again to Mike, Susan, Tom and their team for a job well done and their efforts to produce a great, profitable summer gathering. I believe that everyone who attended the event in Danvers had a wonderful experience!

If you'd like to spend some time looking back on the convention, we've created a gallery within the APIC website featuring a wide selection of photos taken in Danvers by Ohio member Michael Gruber. They include shots from room hopping, the bourse, the awards dinner and much more. Simply scroll over the tab marked MY APIC and click on the link that reads "Gallery of Photos & Videos." Our plan is to add videos from Danvers - which include the estate planning session and the Q&A presentation with Sarah Botstein - as soon as they're available, so stay tuned.

Moving on, now that Fall is upon us, I encourage you to attend one or more of our coming local and regional shows across the country. Check out the calendar of APIC events on the homepage of our website and in the Bandwagon to find a show near you. Or plan a family vacation around a show that's being held in an area that you enjoy visiting or have never traveled to before. You've probably heard of eco-tourism, foodie tourism and even concert tourism - let's add pinback tourism to the list!

Finally, during the estate planning seminar at the national convention, there was a discussion about how APIC can help members value and sell their collections when the time comes. In return, the APIC receives a 15% tax deductible donation that's used to support the organization's efforts, including costs associated with the *Keynote* magazine and the website. If you'd like to know more about this opportunity, please don't hesitate to contact me directly and I can share details and potential next steps.

Thanks, Tony

the Golden Arches. On another occasion, he was helping a friend at the big advertising show in Indianapolis. After spending most of the day there, he walked across the fairground to an antique show, at nearly closing time. After talking to several seasoned APIC members who had already scrutinized the stadium sized room, he decided "What the heck, I am already here so I might as well look." At the other end of the room, on a stack of cardboard boxes, sat a Riker mount full of PEP pins for \$1 each, and right in the middle of the carton pins was a Davis Bryan Victory pin also priced at \$1. Another big score happened in Atlanta; he was there for an event at the Cox Communications office, where he was the curator of their collection. He had some free time and rented a car to travel up to an antique show. He spotted "ANTIQUES" painted on a large building roof and pulled in to explore. It was one of those large warehouse shops mostly offering furniture but in the back was a small antique store. There he discovered a multi-drawer cabinet with six 3 ½" Kennedy pins which he couldn't recall seeing before. He never considered himself a JFK expert and would have purchased only one if they had been \$20 each but since they were \$5.50 each, he bought them all. Guess he got a good return since several top JFK collectors had been unaware of their existence. Again, reach out; Bob is a fabulous mentor and your time spent with him will be invaluable, enlightening and inspiring.



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SILVER AND GOLD

In addition to the classic Burl Ives jingle in "Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer," Silver and Gold were front and center in the partisan political conflicts at the end of the 19th century. Coinage had generally been based on the "gold standard" which allowed the general public to have their gold bullion melted and converted to gold coins at any US Mint. In fact, the gold standard was formally adopted in 1873. A stable currency value favored big business and banking interests. Coinage based on silver favored western mining interests and farmers who would benefit from inflation which would ease their loan repayment. Silver was much less valuable by weight, and its bullion value was far less than a silver coin's face value. In other words, the value of gold coins was equal to its metallic value whereas the value of a silver coin was arbitrarily set by the US government.

The recession of 1893 resulted in deflation and unemployment. This resulted in loan distress for dryland farmers and a substantial drop in silver value which crippled western mining industries which resulted in further unemployment. In response, western states hoped to seek relief by basing coinage on silver at a 16:1 weight ratio to gold i.e. bimetalism.

This movement created some interesting bed fellows resulting in fragmentation of the two traditional parties that had dominated the landscape since the civil war. In 1896, when the Republicans adopted a strong gold standard platform at their convention, progressive delegates from western states bolted the convention and formed the Silver Republican Party. They initially tried to nominate Henry Teller from Colorado but ultimately compromised endorsing the Bryan ticket. The trigate below features Bryan with Senator Mantle and Congressman Hartman from Montana, both had bolted the convention. The Silver Republicans were active from 1896 to 1901. During this period, they elected several congressmen and boasted a few senators in their ranks. After 1901, many returned to the fold, while others defected to the democratic party. Another party favoring silver-based coinage was the Silver Party which was active mostly in Nevada between 1892 and 1911. It managed to elect several members to their congressional delegation.

The democrats had their defectors as well in 1896 with the formation of the National Democratic Party also known as the Gold Democrats or Jeffersonian Democrats. They nominated John Palmer and Simon Buckner. Palmer had been a Union General and Simon a General in the Confederacy. They feared that the inflation driven by silver-based currency would destroy the economy. Their party was short lived and had little success as most democrats favoring the gold standard bit their tongue and voted McKinley. One could build a sizable collection featuring only items that reflect this issue.



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Dec 12: Northern California Political and Pop Culture Show and Sale, 10am-12pm. Sierra 2 Center, Curtis Hall, 2791 24th St. Sacramento CA, Contact Adam Gottlieb (916)956-2030 or gottlieb007@hotmail.com

Jan 23, 2027: 2nd Biennial Las Vegas Western Regional APIC Show, Gold Coast Resort & Casino, 4000 West Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89103. Sat, Jan 23, 2027, 7am-6pm. Contact: Cary Demont, caryd8@comcast.net

Feb 13: Big Apple Super Bowl Weekend Show, 9am-3pm, Union Fire Company Banquet Hall, 1396 River Rd, Titusville, NJ Contact Tony Lee, (609)310-0817 or tonylee08560@gmail.com

Feb 27 South Florida Political and Historical Collectibles Show, 9am-3pm, Palm Beach Gardens Moose Lodge, 3600 RCA Blvd, Palm Beach FL Contact Tom Peeling, (561)707-3090 or TRbuttons@aol.com

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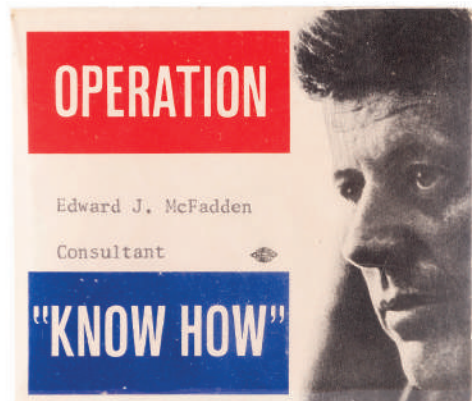
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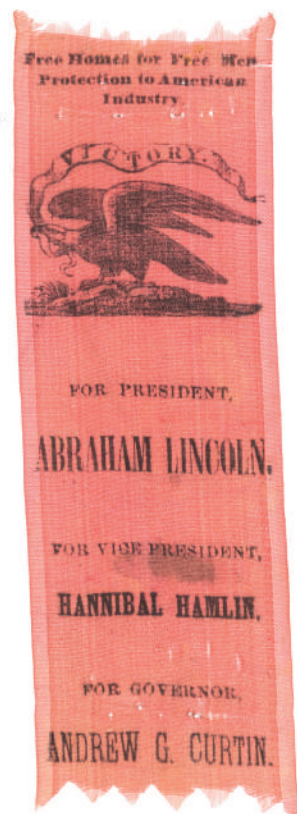
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