

## Treasure of old coins worth \$250,000 discovered in home

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 MEDFORD, Mass. — A treasure of old silver coins and securities worth an estimated \$250,000 was discovered in the home of a retired patent lawyer when firemen began cleaning up after fire gutted a portion of his house.

In an undamaged garage adjoining the home of Harold R. Savage, 86, firefighters stumbled upon a 1934 Ford automobile, whose antique value was estimated at \$50,000 dollars. The car had sat unused for years, fire officials said, because a tree had grown blocking the garage door.

"It's nobody's business," Savage said from his bed in Lawrence Memorial Hospital when asked about his hoard. He was being treated for minor burns and smoke inhalation and was in satisfactory condition.

"I figure the worth of the cache is \$250,000 right now," said Medford Deputy Fire Chief Edward Moon. "And that doesn't include the uncounted currency that is locked up in two safes and a chest."

Until Thursday's fire, Savage, had lived alone in the two-story wooden and brick home in West Medford for 40 years, apparently amassing his collection of "solid" currency, police said.

"The firemen couldn't lift one wooden chest from a bedroom," Moon said. "When we opened it we found it was half full of rolls of coins."

Coins tumbled from opened drawers, spilled from closets, and overflowed from dozens of boxes, Moon said. On the attic stairs firefighters found \$6,000 worth of silver dimes, alone.

Officials contacted Savage's nephew Godfrey Savage, of Durham, N.H. when firemen discovered the coins and stacks of silver certificates stashed throughout the modest house.

An engineering professor at the University of New Hampshire and executor of his uncle's estate, the younger Savage hired an armored truck to transfer the money to a Boston bank.

## Out for a Sunday morning stroll

This squirrel doesn't seem a bit concerned that he is surrounded by high power lines on his morning romp. A few days ago, he might have had tough going along Brewer street in Bryan because the lines were covered with ice.

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

## New Anthony dollar to be available in July

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DENVER (UPI) — Lighter, smaller and more economical than her predecessor, the Susan B. Anthony silver dollar began pouring off Denver Mint presses last week, but officials said the public will not be able to sample the coins until July.

The Anthony coin is the first dollar to honor an American woman. The dollar has a portrait of the 19th century suffragette who organized the first women's rights convention in 1848.

U.S. Mint Director Stella Hackel, who caught several of the first Anthony dollars produced at the Denver mint, said the coin was made of a lighter and smaller than the Eisenhower dollar and should gain wider acceptance.

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In addition, she said Anthony coin costs less to produce than a dollar bill, will last longer and has more uses. The Philadelphia Mint pressed the first Anthony dollars in the country Dec. 13.

"We expect it to be of benefit in private business and industry because it is easier to handle \$1 coins than \$1 notes," she said. "Also, the automated merchandizing industry will be able to offer a wider range of products to consumers."

She said 200 million of the coins will be minted in Denver by the time circulation begins in July. The San Francisco Mint is also producing the coins.



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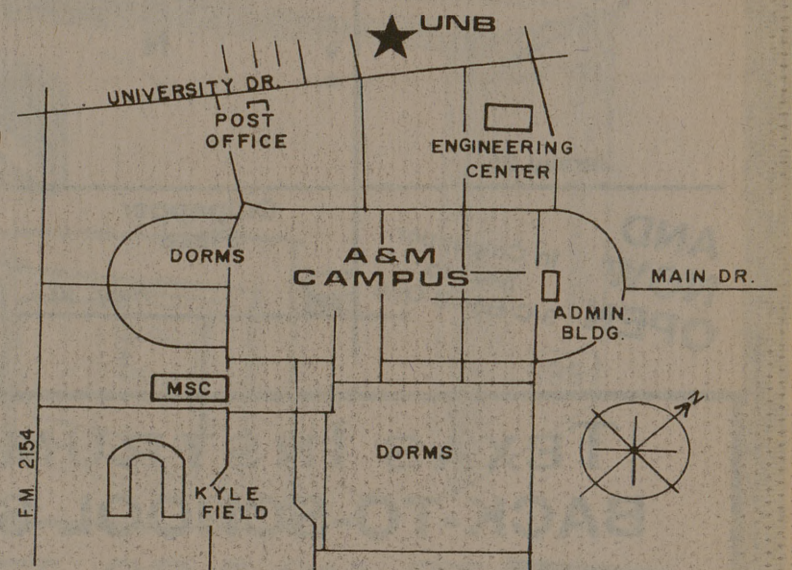
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