



Highlights of the 3rd National Button Show

THE OLD SAYING, "Third Time's Charm," was truly proven when the Third National Button Show, under the sponsorship of the National Button Society, convened at the Stevens Hotel, November 10-15, in conjunction with the Eleventh Annual Chicago Antiques Exposition and Hobby Fair. It was as though it were a "charmed" show not alone for the grand old "charm" strings of buttons that dazzlingly hung from the walls, but for the tray after tray of beautiful and historical buttons that overflowed every available inch of wall and showcase space. Button events of the future will have a high mark to shoot at in attempting to excel the features and enthusiasm of the participants of this show.

Your reporter's faith in the future was completely re-assured after viewing the work of the committee which brought the Third National Button Show to fruition. Sincerity, energy and harmony prevailed.

Mrs. E. J. Bishop of Grand Rapids, Mich., general show chairman, arrived at the Stevens Hotel on Friday to be in readiness for the big week, and she was busy every minute. Enough praise cannot be given to her and her committee for the splendid manner in which the details were handled.

Mr. Bishop took time off from his business activities to help the cause along, and lent valuable assistance, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

During the week of the show a group of Missouri button collectors got together in the Stevens Hotel and organized the Missouri Button Society. Mrs. Nellie Bennett of St. Louis was elected president; Mrs. Paul Selby, Kirksville, vice president; Mrs. Frank C. Wine, Clarence, recording and corresponding secretary; Miss Florence Evans, St. Louis, treasurer; Mrs. Elsie Kelly, Lake Ozark, parliamentarian.

It was voted to hold the charter membership open for six months to accommodate other Missouri collectors not present at the National Button Show. Dues were fixed at \$1 per year.

The Allen County Historical and Archaeological Society of Lima, Ohio, sent three frames, especially made from a special wood just for the Chicago Exposition. Mrs. F. C. Beam of Lima was among those present to tell of the work of this society which has done so much to preserve local history in and around Lima.

Mrs. Carl M. Anderson of Kansas carried off one of the \$25 prizes for her trays representing every classification recognized by the National Button Society. Mrs. Anderson is president of the Kansas State Button Society, which had fifty entries in the show.

E. O. Breen, zipper salesman of Atlanta, Ga., but a collector of buttons by hobby, was among those who spent the week at the Button Show. A recent news item in *The Atlantic Journal*, in describing Mr. Breen's collection, said he was suffering for lack of somebody to converse with about his hobby, so the Chicago show provided just the right tonic for that malady.

Michigan, Mrs. Bishop's home state, also did itself proud with approximately seventy entries.

Mrs. Lewis Jones, prominent in Michigan State button affairs, was present with her three sisters, all of whom are button collectors, each one specializing.

Buttons which were donated to the Society were auctioned off during the show thus increasing the Society's fund by \$90.35. C. W. Brown of Ashland, Mass., was the auctioneer.

Several new members were added to the Society during the convention week.

Button minded folks probably looked with envy upon the beautiful corsage which Edna Crotty, president of the club for the past two years, was wearing. It was beautifully fashioned of delicate calicoes. The beautiful silver

chairman of the show was decorated with dangling silver buttons, looking like the swankiest charm bracelet.

New Jersey was represented by Mrs. Lillian Albert, well known button author, and Ethel LaMers, manager of the New Jersey button shows.

Helen Wegener of Tacoma, Wash., Marguerite Maple, of Fleischmann, N. Y., and Dr. Frank Finck, St. Louis, Mo., had a gigantic task in judging the buttons for the numerous prizes and ribbons. Certainly no more conscientious and painstaking judges could have been selected. They thoroughly covered the hundreds of entries.

Mrs. John L. Vette, Oak Park, Ill., won the \$25 prize for the best miscellaneous tray in the show.

The \$10 prize for the best individual button went to Edythe Doe of Massachusetts. This 17th century button is a real beauty. It is a large amethyst with seven diamond chips in a fleur de lis center, all in a gold mounting.

At the annual luncheon which was held in the conference room of the Stevens Hotel on Thursday at 12:30, nineteen different states were represented. Next to Illinois, Michigan had the greatest number of delegates present. Missouri and Indiana tied for third place; Massachusetts and New Jersey were in fourth place; Kansas, Minnesota and Ohio, each had four delegates. New York, Florida and Wisconsin, each sent three. The State of Washington had two members present. Colorado, California, Maine, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania were each represented with one member.

Edna Crotty, president of the National Button Society, presided, introducing several members, who had come from a distance. In addition to the regular business routine a new constitution was presented, and after discussion, adopted.

The nominating committee's slate of officers for 1942 was unanimously elected as follows:

George Heindorf, president, Syracuse, N. Y.

L. Erwina Couse, vice president, Lynn Haven, Fla.

Mrs. Eugene Ashley, second vice president, New Bedford, Mass.

Tillie Magovern, secretary, Lafayette, Ind.

Dr. Frank Finck, treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

The board of directors consists of the following members: Gertrude Patterson, New Jersey; Helen Schultheis, California; E. O. Breen, Georgia; Mrs. Carl Anderson, Kansas; Grace B. Porter, Ohio; C. W. Brown, Massachusetts; and Mrs. E. V. Wales of Washington.

It was a touching moment when Mrs. Carl Anderson of Kansas, representing the National Button Society, presented felicitations and flowers to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brown who were celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary. A very popular couple are the Browns. Life is fuller and richer after knowing them.

A telegram of good wishes was read from the San Diego Button Club.

Members of the Society presented Edna Crotty with a beautiful, antique, mosaic pin during the week of the show in appreciation of her untiring work as president of the National

Button Society during the past two years.

Among the outstanding collectors present in the button booths during the week were Judge and Mrs. Pendleton of Ohio.

During the luncheon of the Society life memberships were accorded to O. C. Lightner, publisher, and Pearl Reeder, editor of *HOBBIES*.

The Monadnock, N. H., Button Club, with a small membership, started to raise money about two years ago to send a delegate to the 1941 National Button Show. By small button gifts to the club treasury, bridge parties, and other local events, they achieved their goal, and sent Mrs. Dorothy Morey, club president to bring back news of the big event.

The morning programs were one of the highlights of the show. Chairman Bishop arranged for two speakers to appear each morning from nine to eleven. Besides these there were open discussions from the floor, all of which added considerably to the fund of knowledge of those present and en-

abled collectors to meet each other personally.

Except for the few moments that C. W. Conrad, staff photographer, "shooed" almost everyone out of the button section so that he could picture, at least a part of the exhibition, the aisles were crowded.

It is not surprising that the incoming president, George Heindorf, should quickly draft Mrs. Bishop to manage the 1942 National Button Show Exposition. Although she gave all the credit for the 1941 exposition to her various committees, the success of each reflected her splendid leadership.

Among the out-of-town visitors who signed the guest register in the button department at the Eleventh Annual Antiques Exposition and Hobby Fair were:

MICHIGAN—Mrs. Emery Jay Bishop, Mrs. Edith E. Fuoss, Mrs. H. R. Lifton, Mrs. Clarence A. Andrews, Mrs. Louise MacDonald, Mrs. C. T. Ross, Mrs. G. Bowker, Mabelle M. Graves, Mrs. George D. Smith, Polly S. Luers, Mrs. John T. Buckbee, Mrs. F. R. Walters, Mrs. Patty Parish, Mrs. Sutherland Nye, Dorothy Tuck, Mrs. O. E. Knickerbocker, Bernice Owens, Mrs. R. A. Hecht, Mrs. Geo. Hindenoch, Mrs. Lewis Jones.
ILLINOIS—Edna Crotty, Mrs. Frank

Photograph showing one corner of exhibits in National Button Show.



George Heindorf, a Syracuse, N. Y., business man, who was elected president of the National Button Society. Mr. Heindorf formerly a philatelist, like many went over to buttons. He specializes in military and rare uniform types.

PRIZE AWARDS

for the

1941 National Button Show

Chicago, Nov. 10-15

BEST TRAY IN SHOW—Early French—
Prize \$25. Mrs. J. L. Vette, Oak Park, Ill.

BEST ENTRY IN A GROUP FOR THE BENEFIT OF SHOW—Prize \$25. Mrs. C. M. Anderson, Kans.

BEST SINGLE BUTTON — Amethyst Jewel—Prize \$10. Mrs. Edythe Doe, Mass.

SECOND BEST SINGLE BUTTON — Enamel Head on Copper—Mrs. Mabelle M. Graves, Mich.

THIRD BEST SINGLE BUTTON — Carved Ivory Deer—Mrs. Emery Jay Bishop, Mich.

BEST ENTRY CONTAINING MOST BUTTONS NOT IDENTIFIED IN "BUTTON CLASSICS" —Prize \$10. Mrs. J. E. Jarvis, Mich.

SECOND BEST ENTRY CONTAINING MOST BUTTONS NOT IDENTIFIED IN "BUTTON CLASSICS" —Prize "Little Red Riding Hood" button. Mrs. Mabelle M. Graves, Mich.

ANIMALS—MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. Frank Finck, Mo.—1st prize-ribbon; Special prize—Framed animal picture. Mrs. Emery Jay Bishop, Mich. — 2nd prize-ribbon; Special prize — Framed dog picture. Mrs. Casper Baarman, Mich.—3rd prize-ribbon; Special prize—Bridle button clip.

ANIMALS—CATS

Mrs. A. J. T. Woll, Mass.—1st prize-ribbon; no entry in 2nd & 3rd.

ANIMALS—DOGS

Della M. Clum, N. Y.—1st prize-ribbon. Mrs. Anna M. Graham, Mich.—2nd prize-ribbon. Mrs. Maude E. Taylor, Ill.—3rd prize-ribbon.

ANIMALS—HORSES

Mrs. Nella E. Tuttle, N. H.—1st prize-ribbon. Mrs. Edgar Lefavour, Mass.—2nd prize-ribbon. Mrs. Charles Slight, Mass.—3rd prize-ribbon.

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No entries.

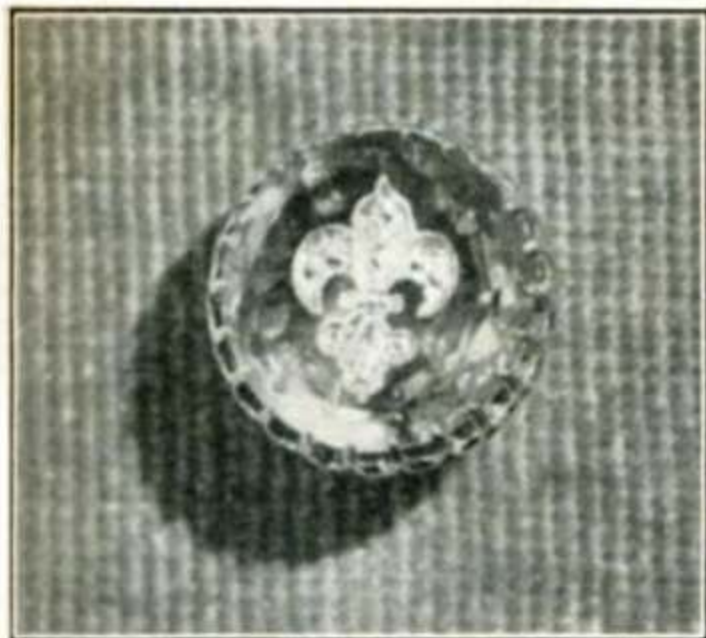
SPORTING

Mrs. J. D. Bennett, Mo.—1st prize-ribbon. Special prize—Several prize buttons. Mrs. Pearl Stuttle, Ill.—2nd prize-ribbon; Special prize—cash \$2. Mrs. Florence Evans, Mo.—3rd prize-ribbon.

Modernistic Fruits and Vegetables

Mrs. Maude E. Keerl of New York State has a good idea in collecting not only for present enjoyment but for the future as well. She has made up a tray of modernistic fruits and vegetables, all from exclusive stores in and around New York City. These make a most attractive exhibit and Mrs. Keerl says that she believes in years to come these buttons will be quite a curiosity. It is true that some very splendid buttons are being made in these classifications, and these and similar classifications merit the consideration of the collector.

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View of amethyst button, with diamond studded fleur de lis center, and gold mounting, which won \$10 award for best single entry in show. Collection of Edythe Doe, Massachusetts.

This miscellaneous tray belonging to Mrs. John Vette, Oak Park, Ill., was adjudged the best single tray, and won a \$25 prize.



Chicago Antiques Exposition and Hobby Fair Exhibit.