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*This 2 1/2 dollar gold piece, in perfect condition, was found recently in a baseball field.*

## EUREKA! GOLD!

By Doug Young

Ottis L. Murphy of Birmingham, Alabama, has struck gold. Right in the middle of a baseball field in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. It all started with a club outing with the Warrior Basin Treasure Hunters Association, of which Ottis is Vice President. The date was September 29, 1979. At 9:30 in the morning, the nine members of the club arrived at the ballpark. The ground with slight mineralization, was still damp from a heavy downpour on the previous Thursday. Conditions were ideal for a day of coinshooting. When Ottis tuned up his Daytona II, he was probably thinking that he would wind up with just a pocketful of silver and clad coins.

Many detectors had been used in the same park many times before. With his Daytona II set a little above bottlecap rejection, Ottis joined with the others in their hunting. After digging a few coins, Ottis got a good clear signal and started to dig for "just another coin" somewhere between 5 1/2 to 6 inches deep, the pipe puffin' coin shooter lost his breath, almost swallowed his pipe, and nearly had a fatal heart attack. He retrieved the "coin" from the hole and jumped up and down like a kangaroo and babbl-

ing like a baby. He was pale and unable to speak. The others gathered around him and saw what he was holding in his shaking hand. It was a 2 1/2 dollar gold piece in perfect condition. From what I've been told you could have had an air raid hit them and they never would have known it because



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they all were so happy. For the next forty-five minutes Ottis didn't find anything. I bet he forgot to turn his detector back on. Who cares. He didn't. The same day, Ottis found three Mercury dimes, one Roosevelt, one Washington quarter, silver of course, eighteen Wheat pennies and a 1937 Buffalo nickel. With the Clads added, he found a total of fifty-eight coins.

Andy Bobyarchick, Club President, phoned Chuck Neuman at the Daytona factory, to tell Chuck of the good news. Chuck in turn, had our Secretary, Pat, call me in Georgia. Needless to say, my wife and I were at the club meeting a few days later. A delicious cake was baked for the occasion with a toy gold coin on it and the words . . . "ray, 'ray, 'ray, Ottis, gold and Daytona!!" You're right, I ate the piece with "Daytona" on it. For some strange reason, over half of the forty club members own a Daytona. I might add, that at the club-sponsored hunt on the 22nd of September, Ottis' wonderful wife, Ray, borrowed a Daytona from me and won the Women's Competition Hunt in a run off the Murphy's are winners that are going to be hard to beat for a long time. ●

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