

Rare Coin Brings \$25,000

By Peggy Ross

About ten years ago, Kenneth Mason, a barber at that time, took an interest in coin collecting. One evening, he happened to notice an unusual Lincoln penny which had been tossed in with the rest of the change in the cash register. Kenny decided to take the 1936 U.S. Cent home to check it out in his coin manuals.

During the ten years that followed, Kenny found out that there wasn't enough informa-

tion about rare coins in the greater Cincinnati area to help him determine the actual value of this coin, which had been struck obverse and reverse. Discussing it with acquaintances, Kenny received various offers for the coin—some of them up to \$500.

Last Thursday night, however, Dan Wilkins of San Rafael, California, came to the Mason's home to have a look at this unusual piece of Ameri-

can money. When he left, he took the coin with him—but not before paying Kenny \$25,000 for the rare little piece of metal.

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