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LOT 27 - BU 1940 MERCURY DIME



Description

The Mercury dime, also referred to as the Winged Liberty Head dime, was a ten-cent coin minted by the United States Mint from late 1916 to 1945. It's a popular collector's item known for its beautiful design. Here's a closer look:

Design:

- **Obverse (front):** Featured a profile portrait of Liberty wearing a winged Phrygian cap, a symbol of freedom during the Roman Republic. The design was created by Adolph Weinman and some believe the model was Elsie Stevens, the wife of lawyer and poet Wallace Stevens.
- **Reverse (back):** Displayed a fasces (a bundle of rods bound together with an axe blade protruding) symbolizing unity and strength, and an olive branch signifying peace.

History (1916-1945):

- Introduced to replace the Barber dime (1892-1916).
- Composed of 90% silver and 10% copper.
- Minted at various U.S. Mints, with mintmarks indicating location (e. Mercury dimes minted in Philadelphia have no mintmark).

Popularity Among Collectors:

- Mercury dimes are popular among collectors due to their:
 - Beautiful and intricate design
 - Silver content (for earlier issues)
 - Variations in mint locations and year of issue
 - Some relatively rare dates and mintmarks

Value:

The value of a Mercury dime depends on several factors:

- **Condition:** A well-preserved coin (higher grade) will be worth more than a worn one.
- **Year of Issue and Mintmark:** Certain years and mintmarks, particularly those with lower mintage numbers, can be significantly more valuable. For instance, the 1916-D Mercury dime is particularly sought after by collectors.
- **Silver Content:** Earlier circulated Mercury dimes (before 1965) have a higher silver content (90%) and can be worth more based on the current silver price.

Here's a general range for common circulated Mercury dimes:

- \$2 to \$10 (depending on year and condition)

Uncirculated specimens, especially from the earlier years or with rare varieties, can be worth hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

Quantity: 1