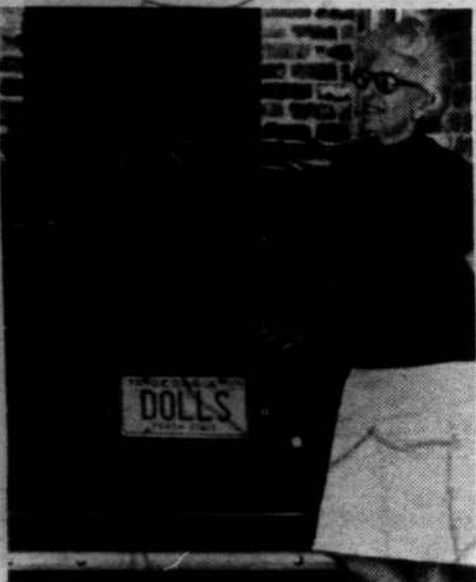


Doll collecting . . . one of the country's biggest hobbies



Joe Elizabeth Gerken is a well-known doll collector who knows a lot about dolls. She runs a museum for antique dolls in Savannah, Georgia. What does her license plate say?

Doll collecting is one of the most popular hobbies in the country.

Many men and women join doll clubs.

The clubs have meetings and talk about dolls.

They bring their dolls to shows. Judges pick the best dolls and give them ribbons.

There are some junior clubs for kids. However, most adult clubs won't let kids join until they are 19 years old.

Save your dolls, kids. They could be valuable.



Doll photo courtesy Antique Doll Museum, Savannah, Ga.

Nearly 100 years ago, these dolls belonged to twin sisters. Their value has risen through the years. They are now in a museum.



Personality dolls, like this Farrah Fawcett doll, are popular today. Someday this doll could be worth a lot to a future collector.

Most children can't afford to collect old dolls. But they can start a collection by taking care of the ones they do have.

Here are some ideas:

Treat them with respect. Don't cut their hair. Pack them away in the clothes they came in. Don't put plastic dolls in the attic where it could get too hot.

Start a card file. Fill out a card on each one.

1. Name of the doll
2. Date you got it
3. How much it sold for
4. If it is a personality doll, write down something about the person it is based on. Save newspaper stories about him or her. Also, save an ad about your doll.

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Draw a line to these words in the story.

card	old	hair
date	newspaper	name

Doll Try'n Find

Words about dolls are hidden in the block below. See if you can find: rag, stocking, spool, cornhusk, eggshell, indian, colonial, paper, fashion, wood, leather, wax, Barbie, GI Joe, walking, talking, Raggedy Ann, Raggedy Andy, head, body, hair, arms, house, clothes, and teddy.



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 A R A G F O S W O P A F C L R
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Mini Page Quiz-a-roo

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How well did you read this week's Mini Page?

Page 1: Look at the pictures on page 1. Find the following:

a shoe maker doll's body Faith Wick
 photo Helen Bullard Judith Condon

Page 2: The White House Doll House is now in a _____.

Page 3: This week's super sport plays for the Washington _____.

Page 4: It's a good idea to fill out a _____ about your dolls.



Tick, tock, tick tock! 1977 is running out. Next week read about clocks and telling time. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from The Mini Page.

Madame Alexander Dolls

Many children collect Madame Alexander dolls.

Madame Alexander was born in New York City. Her father ran the first doll hospital in the country.

Madame got into the doll making business during World War I. Up until that time, most of our dolls had come from Germany. The war stopped the shipments.

Madame went to work. Her first doll was a Red Cross nurse made of fabric. Now her dolls are made of plastic.

There have been some rumors that the Madame, who is now 83, is about to go out of business.

This is not so, says her New York office. The Madame is still very active. She is president of the company. The business is a family one. Her daughter, son-in-law and grandson could carry on if needed.



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