

# ☐ *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 12 No. 8 (May 1952)*

**Evaluation Date:** April 12, 2026

**Publisher:** Dell Comics

**Cover Price:** 10¢

**Format:** Staple-bound comic magazine

**Contents:** Donald Duck lead story; additional Disney character features

**Cover Description:** Donald Duck strains with a bundle of golf clubs while one duck character records scores and Huey, Dewey, and Louie look on, set against a bright yellow background with green ground.

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## Summary of Observations

This comic exhibits pronounced **binding-related damage driven by advanced staple oxidation**, which has materially affected the paper at and around both staple positions. The severity of corrosion and the resulting paper erosion raise uncertainty regarding the continued functional presence of the staples, particularly at the centerfold fold, and necessitate close, section-by-section inspection. While the front cover retains attractive color saturation and recognizable artwork, structural integrity is compromised by staple-area deterioration and associated tearing and loss along staple channels.

Interior pages remain present and readable with consistent age-appropriate toning and good artwork clarity; however, the centerfold reveals elongated voids, torn fibers, and dark corrosion staining where staples would typically anchor the fold. Brittle test imagery shows flexing over paper already weakened near binding areas. No restoration indicators are observed.

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## FRONT COVER — OBSERVATIONS

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**Photo Condition & Quality (IMG\_2534.jpeg):**

The image is sharp, evenly lit, and fully framed, showing the complete front cover, edges, corners, and surface texture with sufficient resolution to assess color, gloss, and edge condition.

### Observations

The front cover retains **strong yellow color saturation** across the background with bold, stable inks defining Donald Duck and Huey, Dewey, and Louie. Surface gloss is moderately retained, visible as a soft sheen across the central field, with some flattening near edges consistent with age and handling.

Edge wear is present but less severe than the internal binding damage. Corners show mild rounding estimated at **3–4 mm** inward without complete paper loss. No writing, staining, or creasing is visible on the cover face. No major edge chips or tears are observed on the front cover itself.

- Strong yellow color saturation
- Moderate retained surface gloss
- Light edge wear
- Mild corner rounding (~3–4 mm)
- No writing, stains, or cover-face tears observed

### Overall Impression

The front cover remains visually appealing, with condition issues dominated by internal binding deterioration rather than cover-face damage.

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## BACK COVER — OBSERVATIONS

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### Photo Condition & Quality (IMG\_2535.jpeg):

The image is clear and evenly lit, showing the entire back cover with edges and corners visible.

### Observations

The back cover exhibits **uniform age-related toning** to a light tan typical for early-1950s Dell paper stock. Advertising artwork and text remain legible with intact borders. Surface gloss is minimal but even. Edge wear is light, and corners show mild rounding estimated at **3–4 mm** inward. No writing, tape residue, tearing, or moisture staining is evident.

- Uniform age-related toning
- Reduced but even surface gloss
- Light edge wear
- Mild corner rounding (~3–4 mm)
- Advertisement intact

### Overall Impression

The back cover is comparatively clean and stable, with normal aging and light handling wear.

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## INSIDE FRONT COVER — OBSERVATIONS

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### **Photo Condition & Quality (IMG\_2536.jpeg):**

The image is sharp and evenly lit, clearly showing margins and interior surface.

### **Observations**

The inside front cover shows cream to light tan paper coloration with even toning. No writing or stains are visible. Edge condition mirrors general age wear without significant tearing at this location.

- Inside front cover present
- Even age-related toning
- Clean margins
- No writing or stains observed

### **Overall Impression**

The inside front cover is intact and free of major defects.

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## SPINE — OBSERVATIONS

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### **Photo Condition & Quality (IMG\_2544.jpeg):**

The spine image is well lit and resolves the full spine length and staple channels.

### **Observations**

The spine remains continuous with no large external splits; however, visible **dark staining and distortion** is present at staple locations, indicating internal corrosion. The outer paper at the spine fold shows thinning and discoloration adjacent to staple channels.

- Continuous spine
- Pronounced discoloration at staple positions
- Localized thinning of paper at fold

### **Overall Impression**

The spine is structurally compromised by staple-area deterioration despite continuity of the outer fold.

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## UPPER STAPLE — OBSERVATIONS

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### **Photo Condition & Quality (IMG\_2545.jpeg):**

Macro image is sharply focused, clearly resolving the staple channel area.

### **Observations**

The upper staple area shows **advanced corrosion**. Metal is not clearly discernible; instead, a dark, rust-colored mass fills an elongated cavity where the staple would normally be visible. Surrounding paper fibers are heavily eroded and friable. The cavity extends approximately **8–10 mm** along the fold.

- Staple metal not clearly identifiable
- Severe corrosion mass present
- Surrounding paper erosion (~8–10 mm)

### **Overall Impression**

It is **unclear whether the upper staple remains structurally intact**; corrosion has largely obscured or consumed the metal.

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## LOWER STAPLE — OBSERVATIONS

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### **Photo Condition & Quality (IMG\_2546.jpeg):**

Macro image is clear and properly framed on the lower staple channel.

### **Observations**

The lower staple region shows **similar or greater corrosion** compared to the upper area. An elongated void with dark corrosion residue is present, and paper fibers are torn, darkened, and weakened over approximately **9–12 mm**. Staples are not distinctly visible within the cavity.

- Staple metal not clearly visible
- Severe corrosion and paper loss (~9–12 mm)
- Binding strength significantly compromised

### Overall Impression

The lower staple is **likely functionally failed**, with corrosion causing major binding damage.

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## CENTERFOLD — OBSERVATIONS

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### Photo Condition & Quality (IMG\_2541.jpeg; IMG\_2542.jpeg; IMG\_2543.jpeg):

Images provide both full-page and close-up views of the centerfold fold and staple areas.

### Observations

The centerfold remains present but shows **extensive tearing, voids, and corrosion staining** along the fold. Elongated holes are visible where staples would normally anchor. Paper fibers along the fold are fragmented and darkened, particularly at both staple positions.

- Centerfold present
- Elongated voids at staple positions
- Heavy corrosion staining
- Paper fibers torn and weakened

### Overall Impression

The centerfold is materially compromised by binding failure but remains attached in sections of the fold.

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## INTERIOR PAGES — OBSERVATIONS

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### Photo Condition & Quality (IMG\_2537.jpeg; IMG\_2538.jpeg; IMG\_2539.jpeg; IMG\_2540.jpeg):

Images are clear and evenly lit, showing full pages with margins.

### **Observations**

Interior pages are cream to light tan with good color retention and clean print. Pages are readable and complete. Minor edge wear and small corner bends are visible, but no widespread tearing away from staple zones is observed.

- Cream to light tan pages
- Strong interior artwork color
- Complete and readable
- Minor edge wear and small bends

### **Overall Impression**

Interior pages remain visually strong aside from binding-adjacent damage.

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## **BRITTLENESS TEST — OBSERVATIONS**

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### **Photo Condition & Quality (IMG\_2547.jpeg):**

The image clearly shows page flexing and edge behavior.

### **Observations**

The page bends with limited smoothness near the fold due to **pre-existing binding damage**. No new cracking attributable to the test is visible.

- Pre-existing weakened fibers near fold
- Uneven rebound
- No new fracture observed

### **Overall Impression**

Paper retains partial flexibility, with brittleness influenced by binding deterioration rather than uniform paper embrittlement.

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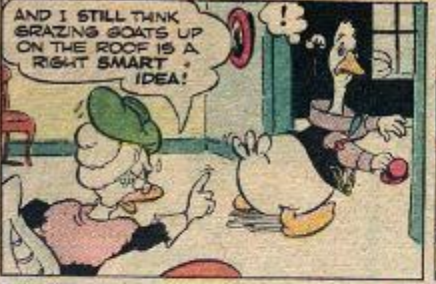
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- **Severe staple oxidation at both upper and lower staple positions**
- **Staple metal no longer clearly visible; functional presence uncertain**
- Extensive paper erosion and voids at centerfold fold ( $\approx 8\text{--}12$  mm)
- Heavy corrosion staining along spine fold
- Binding integrity materially compromised
- Moderate overall page toning

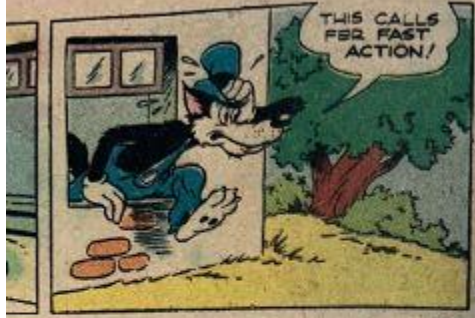




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 THE NEW GOATS MOVED IN...  
 AND PROMPTLY SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION...





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...AT LEAST, NOT UNTIL LI'L WOLF AND I HAS A CHANCE TO GET OUT OF TOWN!



... I HOPE!

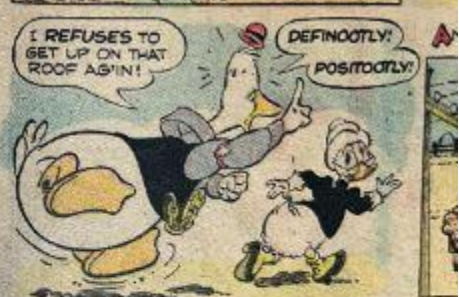


LOOK, CHICKENS! HERE'S MY POP NOW!



YEOW!  
GUS GOOSE, CATCH ME!

HUH? WAIT A MINUTE! I DON'T THINK MUCH OF THIS IDEA, EITHER!



I REFUSES TO GET UP ON THAT ROOF AG'IN!

DEFINOOTLY!  
POSITOOTLY!



... AWK!











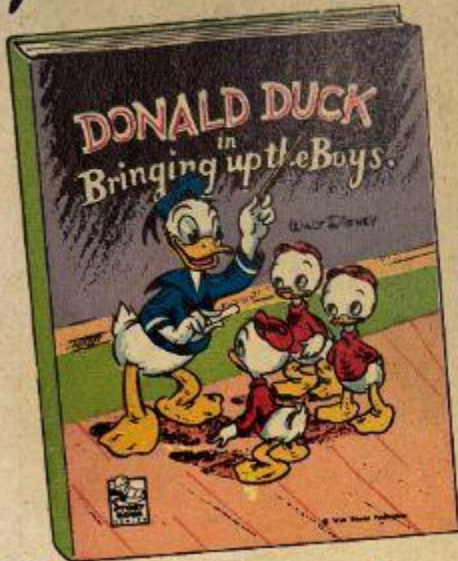
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