

❑ *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 13 No. 5* (February 1953)

Evaluation Date: April 10, 2026

Publisher: Dell Comics

Cover Price: 10¢

Format: Staple-bound comic magazine

Contents: Donald Duck lead story with additional Disney character stories

Cover Description: Donald Duck skis downhill in the foreground while Huey, Dewey, and Louie follow behind him on a sled labeled "FIRST AID," the scene set against a snowy blue winter background.

Summary of Observations

This comic presents as a visually striking example with particularly strong front-cover appearance and solid overall structure, offset by significant deterioration at the staple areas. The front cover retains vivid color saturation and high, even surface gloss across the blue background and character artwork, contributing to strong eye appeal. Minor handling wear is present along the edges, but it remains limited in extent and does not substantially disrupt the cover's presentation.

Interior pages are complete and readable, displaying consistent cream to light tan toning with strong interior artwork color and clean print registration. The spine remains continuous and well aligned, showing notable strength for the period with no visible splitting. Both staples are present, but they show **severe oxidation**, with extensive rust accumulation and accompanying paper discoloration directly impacting the binding areas. The centerfold remains attached and aligned despite staple deterioration. Brittleness testing indicates retained flexibility without visible fiber fracture. Overall, the comic shows excellent visual appeal with meaningful structural concern localized at the staple points.

FRONT COVER — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2652):

The image is sharp, evenly lit, and fully framed, capturing the entire front cover including all edges, corners, spine-side margin, and surface texture. Resolution is sufficient to assess gloss, color saturation, and edge condition.

Observations

The front cover exhibits very strong color saturation, with the blue background appearing rich and uniform. Donald Duck and Huey, Dewey, and Louie are rendered with bold inks and clean outlines. Surface gloss is high and reflective across nearly the entire cover, producing a smooth sheen without interruption.

Minor edge wear is visible along portions of the cover perimeter. Small areas of shallow edge chipping are present, particularly along the fore edge and lower edge. These chips are irregular in shape and measure approximately **2–4 mm** inward from the edge. Corners show light rounding without full paper loss. No creases, stains, writing, or moisture distortion are observed.

- Strong color saturation across blue background
- High retained surface gloss
- Minor edge chipping (~2–4 mm)
- Light corner rounding
- No creases, stains, or writing observed

Overall Impression

The front cover retains excellent visual appeal with vivid color and strong gloss, affected only by minor edge chipping consistent with age and handling.

BACK COVER — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2653):

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

Observations

The back cover shows moderate, uniform age-related toning typical for early-1950s Dell production. Advertising artwork remains legible with intact borders and panels. Surface gloss is reduced but even. Corners show mild rounding estimated at **3–4 mm** inward. Light spine-side edge wear is present. No chips, tears, writing, tape, or moisture staining are observed.

- Moderate uniform toning
- Light spine-side edge wear
- Mild corner rounding (~3–4 mm)
- Advertisement intact and legible

Overall Impression

The back cover remains intact and presentable with normal Golden Age aging and handling wear.

SPINE — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2660):

The spine image is clear and well lit, showing the full spine length and both staple locations.

Observations

The spine appears continuous and straight with no splitting or separation observed. Cover alignment remains true with no lateral roll evident. Surface wear along the spine fold is minimal. Paper integrity remains strong along the length of the spine despite staple area deterioration.

- Continuous spine
- No splitting observed
- Minimal surface wear
- No visible spine roll

Overall Impression

The spine remains structurally strong and well preserved for the book's age.

UPPER STAPLE — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2661):

The macro image is sharp, evenly lit, and centered on the upper staple area.

Observations

The upper staple is present but exhibits **severe rust**, with heavy oxidation covering much of the exposed metal. Surrounding paper shows pronounced dark discoloration extending approximately **6–9 mm** outward from the staple crown. Paper fibers in this region appear weakened, though no complete pull-through or tearing is visible.

- Staple metal present
- Severe external rust
- Surrounding paper discoloration (~6–9 mm)
- Fiber weakening near staple

Overall Impression

The upper staple shows advanced oxidation with significant impact on surrounding paper.

LOWER STAPLE — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2662):

The macro image is clear and properly framed around the lower staple area.

Observations

The lower staple also shows **heavy rusting**, comparable to or slightly less than the upper staple. Surrounding paper displays darkened discoloration extending approximately **5–8 mm**. No pull-through or complete detachment is visible, but paper integrity is reduced in the immediate area.

- Staple metal present
- Heavy rust visible
- Surrounding paper discoloration (~5–8 mm)
- Attachment intact but weakened

Overall Impression

The lower staple remains in place but exhibits severe oxidation with notable paper impact.

CENTERFOLD — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2659):

The image is evenly lit and in focus, clearly showing both centerfold pages and the fold line.

Observations

The centerfold is present and aligned. Staples are visible through the fold. Paper coloration matches surrounding interior pages. Despite staple rust, no splitting or tearing is observed along the centerfold seam.

- Centerfold present
- Attached at both staples
- Uniform toning
- No splits or tears

Overall Impression

The centerfold remains attached and structurally intact despite staple corrosion.

INTERIOR PAGES — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2654–img_2658):

Interior images are sharp and evenly lit, showing full pages with margins and corners visible. The indicia page is clearly legible within this photo set.

Observations

Interior pages exhibit cream to light tan paper coloration with strong interior artwork color and clean print. Pages appear complete and readable. Minor edge wear and very small corner bends estimated at **2–3 mm** inward are present on select pages. No tears, clipping, or writing are observed.

- Cream to light tan interior pages
- Strong interior color saturation
- Pages complete and readable
- Minor edge wear
- Small corner bends (~2–3 mm)
- Indicia visible and legible: Walt Disney's Comics and Stories Vol. 13, No. 5 February 1953 Dell Publishing

Overall Impression

Interior pages are well preserved with strong visual quality and light handling wear.

BRITTLENESS TEST — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2663):

The image clearly shows a page being flexed with underlying pages visible.

Observations

The page bends with smooth curvature and shows good rebound. No visible fiber cracking, splitting, or flaking is observed.

- Smooth flex
- Good rebound
- No visible fiber fracture

Overall Impression

Paper retains flexibility and does not exhibit brittle behavior.

CONSOLIDATED DEFECT LISTING

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- Minor edge chipping on front cover (~2–4 mm)
- Severe rust on both staples
- Significant paper discoloration around staple areas (~5–9 mm)
- Localized paper weakening at staple points
- Moderate back cover toning







MICKEY MOUSE

the MIRACLE MASTER

BY WALT DISNEY

ONE DAY TO HIS GREAT SURPRISE, MICKEY FINDS HIMSELF THE POSSESSOR OF A MAGIC LAMP! AFTER MUCH FOOLISH EXPERIMENTATION WITH HIS NEW POWERS, MICKEY DECIDES TO USE THE LAMP FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WORLD! HE BECOMES ENTHUSED OVER PLANS TO TRANSFORM THE CITY DUMP INTO A MODEL VILLAGE FOR THE POOR! DONE WITH THE BEST INTENTIONS, MICKEY SOON REALIZES THAT GOOD INTENTIONS ARE OFT TIMES MISUNDERSTOOD!



WELL, MISTER... DOES IT SOUND GOOD TO Y?

YOU ARE INVITED TO MOVE INTO MOUSEPARK VILLA!
NEW HOMES, GARDENS, PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS! ALL YOURS-RENT FREE! COME AND BE HAPPY!



GOOD...HEH! LISSEN, CHUM MAYBE YOU FALL FER DIS FREE RENT BAG BUT NOT ME! ITS SOME NEW SUCKER GAME AN' I AINT BITIN'



MARK MY WORDS, TONY, THERES A CATCH IN IT SOMEWHERE! THEY CAN'T FOOL ME!
NOBODY S'ES GIVE AWAY SOMETHING FOR NOTING!
YOU SAID IT, MA'AM!
YOU SAID IT, MA'AM!



THE WAY I FIGGER IT, ITS LIKE THIS. THEY GET THE PLACES ALL FILLED SEE? THEN BAM... THEY SOCK ON THE RENTS!
YOU SAID IT, JOE!



MY OSCAR KNOWS A MAN THAT'S ON THE INSIDE. HE SAYS IT'S ALL A BIG SWINDLE!
YOU SAID IT, MAME!









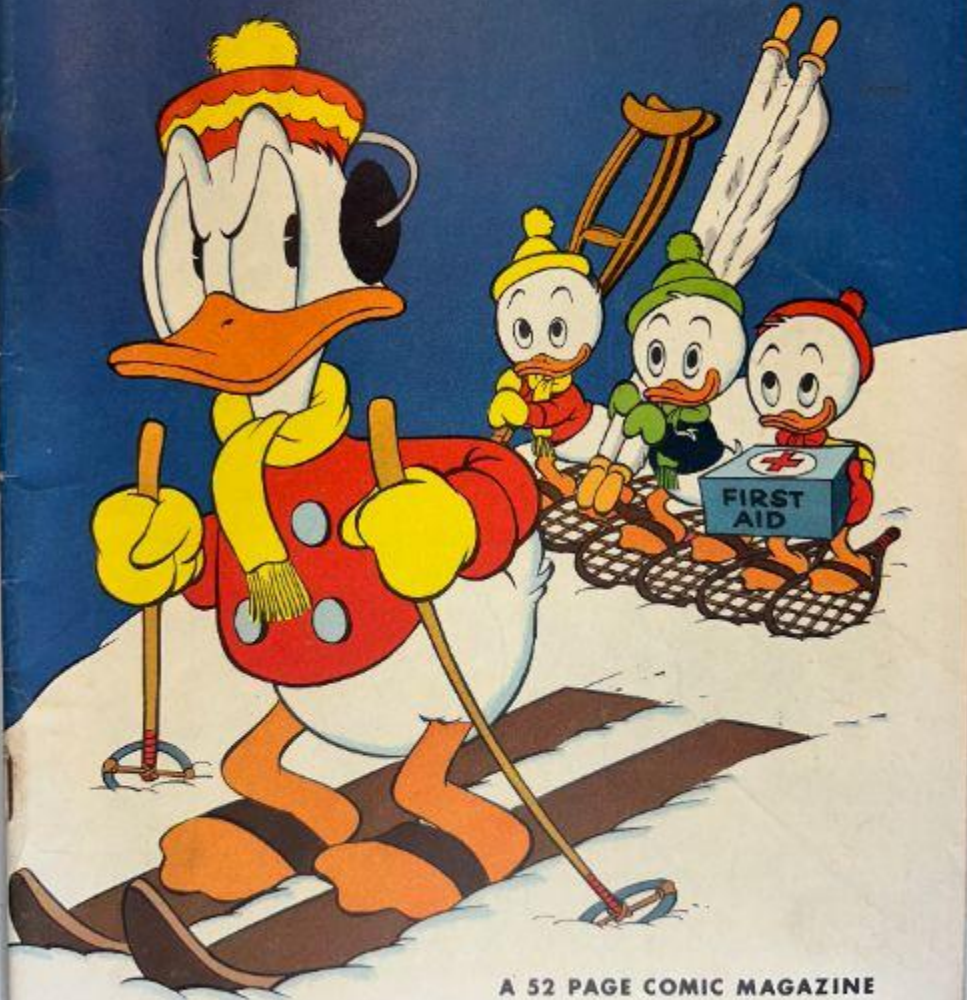


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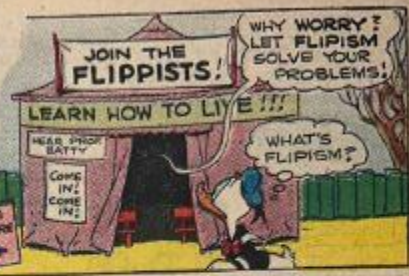


OFFICIAL SCORE CARD

LAKERS 96 OPPONENTS 94

What SPARKS a Champion SPARKS you! And Champions Choose WHEATIES! Breakfast of Champions!

Walt Disney presents
Donald Duck



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