

☐ **Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 13 No. 9** **(June 1953)**

Evaluation Date: April 9, 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 stands beside a large brass instrument while Huey, Dewey, and Louie gather below him holding cups of grape juice, set against a vivid blue background.

Summary of Observations

This comic presents as a visually strong example with notable front cover appeal balanced by localized structural wear at the binding. The front cover retains vivid color saturation and high surface gloss, particularly across the blue background and character artwork. A small chip is visible at the bottom corner of the front cover, interrupting the otherwise clean edge. Spine integrity remains intact overall, though fine cracking is visible along the spine fold. Rust is visible on the exterior of both staples, with associated localized discoloration in the surrounding paper.

Interior pages are complete and readable, exhibiting strong color within the artwork and consistent age-related toning of the paper into the cream to light tan range. Print remains clear with stable color registration. The centerfold remains present and aligned. Brittleness testing indicates retained flexibility without visible fiber fracture. Overall, the comic demonstrates strong eye appeal with manageable Golden Age wear concentrated primarily at the spine fold and staple areas.

FRONT COVER — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2704):

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

Observations

The front cover exhibits very strong color saturation, with the blue background appearing vibrant and uniform. Donald Duck and Huey, Dewey, and Louie are sharply rendered with clean outlines and stable inks. Surface gloss is high and reflective across most of the cover, producing noticeable sheen.

At the lower corner of the front cover, a small chip is present, interrupting the paper edge. The chip measures approximately **4–6 mm** at its widest point and does not extend into the artwork. Minor edge wear is visible elsewhere, but no large creases, stains, or moisture effects are observed.

- Strong color saturation across blue background
- High retained surface gloss
- Small chip at bottom corner (~4–6 mm)
- Minor edge wear elsewhere
- No major creases or stains

Overall Impression

The front cover shows excellent visual strength with high gloss and color, with only a small corner chip detracting from otherwise strong presentation.

BACK COVER — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2705):

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

Observations

The back cover shows moderate, uniform toning consistent with age. Advertising imagery remains legible. Light edge wear is visible along the spine side, and corners show mild rounding estimated at **3–4 mm** inward. No writing, tape, or heavy staining is observed.

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

Overall Impression

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

SPINE — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2712):

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

Observations

The spine appears continuous and intact, with no spine splits visible. Fine cracking is present along the spine fold, running vertically in short segments measuring approximately **2–4 mm** each. These cracks do not appear to involve paper separation. No pronounced spine roll is evident.

- Continuous spine
- No splitting observed
- Fine spine cracks (~2–4 mm)
- No pronounced roll

Overall Impression

The spine remains structurally sound with fine age-related cracking along the fold.

UPPER STAPLE — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2713):

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

Observations

The upper staple is present and seated. Rust is visible on the exposed metal. Surrounding paper shows localized discoloration extending approximately **3–5 mm** outward from the staple crown. No pull-through, tearing, or paper loss is visible.

- Staple metal present
- External rust visible
- Surrounding paper discoloration (~3–5 mm)
- No pull-through

Overall Impression

The upper staple shows typical Golden Age oxidation but remains structurally intact.

LOWER STAPLE — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2714):

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

Observations

The lower staple is present with visible rust comparable to the upper staple. Surrounding paper exhibits slight darkening extending approximately **3–5 mm** from the staple. No tearing or attachment failure is observed.

- Staple metal present
- Rust visible
- Localized paper darkening (~3–5 mm)
- Attachment intact

Overall Impression

The lower staple remains firmly seated with age-consistent oxidation.

CENTERFOLD — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2709):

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, with no splitting or tearing observed along the centerfold seam.

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

Overall Impression

The centerfold remains securely attached and structurally sound.

INTERIOR PAGES — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2706–img_2708, img_2710, img_2711):

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. Artwork shows strong color and clear linework. Pages appear complete and readable. Minor edge wear and small corner bends estimated at **2–3 mm** inward are visible on select pages. No tears or clipped coupons are observed.

- Cream to light tan interior pages
- Strong interior color in artwork
- 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. 9 June 1953 Dell Publishing

Overall Impression

Interior pages are well preserved with strong artwork presentation and light age-related wear.

BRITTLENESS TEST — OBSERVATIONS

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Photo Condition & Quality (img_2715):

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

Observations

The page bends smoothly with 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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- Small chip at bottom corner of front cover (~4–6 mm)
- Fine spine cracking along fold (~2–4 mm)
- External rust on both staples
- Localized paper discoloration around staple areas (~3–5 mm)
- Minor edge wear
- Moderate back cover toning

CHAMPION 1ST BASEMAN
FERRIS FAIN
 SPARKS
WHITE SOX



IT'S THE MORNING OF A BIG GAME... CHICAGO WHITE SOX STAR FERRIS FAIN IS COACHING THE NEIGHBORHOOD SANDLOT TEAM... BUT HIS MIND'S ON THIS AFTERNOON'S GAME



A TEAM THAT CAN BUNT IS ALWAYS TOUGH. WATCH THIS TEAM, WE PLAY TODAY IF YOU WANT TO SEE SOME SMART BASEBALL!



WHAT SPARKS A CHAMPION SPARKS YOU!
 and Champions choose Wheaties!

HEY, GANG! THERE'S FERRIS ON THAT TRUCK SIGN! CAN WHEATIES HELP SPARK ME, TOO, FERRIS?

I'LL SAY! IT'S REAL ENERGY FOOD

"GAME TIME"

WHITE SOX ARE FIGHTING TO HOLD ONE RUN LEAD AS RIVALS HAVE MAN ON 1ST, ONE OUT IN 9TH INNING



WE OUGHTA BUNT - BUT THAT FAIN CHARGES BUNTS TOO WELL!

I'LL FAKE A BUNT TO DRAW HIM IN THEN HIT THE BALL PAST HIM - OKAY?



HE'S GOING TO BUNT!



HE CROSSED 'EM UP!

A LINER! WATCH IT, FAIN!



CAUGHT IT! NOW FOR THE GUY COMING BACK FROM SECOND!



FAIN WHIRLS AND SPRINTS TO FIRST FOR DOUBLE PLAY

THE WHITE SOX WIN!

WHAT A CHAMPION!



LOOK, FERRIS, I EAT WHEATIES AND I'M GOING TO BE A CHAMPION, TOO!



YOU'RE STARTING RIGHT FOR ENERGY, HERE'S ONE OF THE BIG REASONS I EAT WHEATIES...

WALT DISNEY
presents
Donald Duck

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FOR YEARS AND YEARS THE OLD QUACKLY PLACE HAS STOOD DESERTED ON THE HILL ABOVE DUCKBURG!



THE ONCE-GAY ROOMS ARE DREARY NOW—FADED AND DUSTY, WITH PLASTER CRUMBLING FROM THE WALLS!



THE FORMAL GARDEN IS RANK WITH WEEDS! THE LILY POND TEEMS WITH FROGS!



ONLY GRASSHOPPERS PASTURE IN THE ROLLING FIELD WHERE CARRIAGE HORSES ONCE MUNCHED IN CLOVER AS HIGH AS THEIR KNEES!



THE WHOLE WORKS HAS FINALLY BEEN PUT ON THE MARKET BY THE QUACKLY HEIRS! BUT WHO WILL BUY IT?



IT'S TOO OLD-FASHIONED FOR A HOME, TOO HILLY FOR A FARM! I'LL NEVER FIND ANYBODY DUMB ENOUGH TO WANT IT!



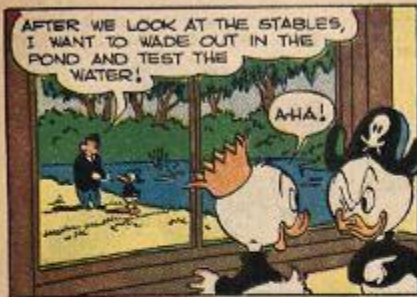
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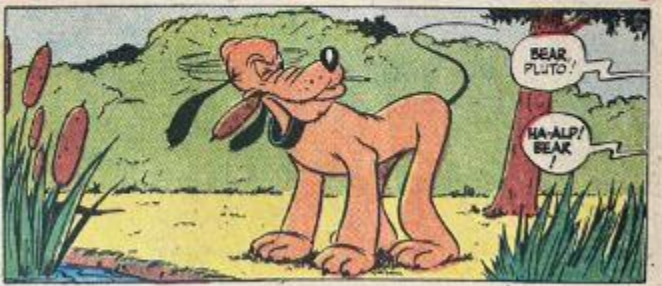
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T'S SAFE
L RIGHT
COULD
S OLD
IT BAD
WAS
THE
S!
HE'S
A BIG
CROOK
I BET!





WUHPH!
THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN!
BUT IF THEY THINK OL' PLUTO'S GOING TO FALL FOR THAT AGAIN, THEY'RE BADLY MISTAKEN!







WALT DISNEY'S
MICKEY MOUSE
 IN
THE LAST RESORT

MICKEY AND GOOFY, WHILE VACATIONING AT WHISPERING PINES RESORT, STUMBLE ON THE UNDERGROUND HIDE-OUT OF TWO CROOKS WHO ARE TRYING TO FORCE THE OWNER, WIDOW PULLET, TO SELL, BY BRIGHTENING ALL HER GUESTS AWAY, UNKNOWN TO HER, THE PROPERTY, CONTAINS RICH URANIUM ORE DEPOSITS...



I WANTED TO MAKE MORE TESTS AT THIS SPOT, SNIDE, BUT THAT SNOOPY LITTLE PEST FROM THE RESORT WAS HANGING AROUND!

SHH... LISTEN!

WHY DON'T WE GET RID OF HIM AN' HIS SKINNY PAL PERMANENT, INSTEAD OF TRYING TO WE MAY HAVE TO YET, BUT SCARE 'EM AWAY? IT'S RISKY BUSINESS!



DID YUH HEAR HIM? THUH BIG JERK CALLED ME SKINNY!

YEAH, BUT DID YOU HEAR WHAT ELSE HE SAID? ABOUT GETTING RID OF US?



C'MON, HELP ME LOAD SOME SUPPLIES INTO THE BOAT!



SCRUNCH DOWN REAL LOW, GOOFY!



YEAH! UH-UH!







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