

Urns Found On Beach



UNUSUAL URN found near Reedsport is held by the finders, Mrs. Henry Mitchell and Jim Shipley. With the pair is Mrs. Mitchell's daughter Harriet. Below is a closeup of the vessel. (News-Review photos)



Finders Seek Origin Of Strange Urns

Several strange, olive-drab urns have been found washed ashore on the Oregon Coast, and they have become the subjects of one of the growing guessing games of the state.

Where did they come from? And what were they used for? These are the foremost questions.

One of the latest of the finds was made at Reedsport a week ago by a Reedsport woman and boy looking for glass balls used to buoy fish nets. It was found on the beach about two miles from Reedsport by Mrs. Henry Mitchell and Jim Shipley.

The big urn measured 18 inches in height and was griddled by three rings. Near the top was a pretzel shaped symbol. The urn's contents are not yet known. It was sealed, and the seal has not yet been broken. It weighs about 20 pounds.

A picture is being sent to the University of Oregon for study. Meanwhile the guessing goes on. A Eugene woman who heard of the urn said she had been told it resembled the kind used to receive cremated remains of bodies. She said it was the custom during the World War II in Japan and on other islands of the Far East to use the receptacles for ashes. "The remains of many of the prisoners and soldiers were handled this way," she said.

Portland Girl Wins Oratorical Contest

ALBANY (AP)—A student from Portland's Franklin High School won the Oregon American Legion's oratory contest at Albany Saturday.

The winner was Marcella Comstock, 16, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Comstock. She will compete in the regional oratorical finals at Boise April 11th.

The contest oration topic was the U. S. Constitution. The 10 minute speeches were followed by 6 minute extemporaneous talks. Miss Comstock will deliver her oration at the Oregon American Legion convention at Medford in June.

Troops Reach Kasongo In Drive Against Witchcraft Terrorists

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP)—A joint force of U. N. and Congolese soldiers got through to Kasongo today in their drive against witchcraft gangs terrorizing Kivu Province.

This column, made up of 150 U. N. Malay soldiers and 50 Congolese, flashed a terse message to U. N. headquarters here saying: "All is well."

The 200-mile drive to Kasongo from the U. N. base at Kindu apparently met no resistance from the bow-and-arrow gangs who profess intention to "kill all whites." The men traveled in heavy trucks over roads that were little more than ribbons of mud. The trip took 24 hours.

An estimated 30 whites thought to be mainly missionaries and plantation owners, are believed still in the Kasongo area—center of the witchcraft cult.

This is the first time that U. N. soldiers and soldiers nominally loyal to the leftist Stanleyville regime of Antoine Gizenga have cooperated on this scale. Gizenga's supporters claim control of Kivu, which has degenerated into a state of anarchy because of roving gangs of soldiers, cultists and bandits.

The United Nations has put the strength of the witchcraft fanatics at several hundred. They are armed with bows and arrows, lances and homemade guns. Around their heads they wear strips of leopard skin. Their slogan is "kill all whites," but so far U. N. headquarters here has received no information that any whites have been killed by the cultists in the Kasongo area.

Congo experts believe the group belongs to a sect known as Kilawa, which is known to have indulged in human sacrifice but was suppressed under the old Belgian colonial rule.

Sherwood Man's Body Found In Willamette

OREGON CITY (AP)—A body found in the Willamette River at Oregon City Saturday has been identified as that of Robert Dean Beardale, 31, of Sherwood.

He had been missing since December when his canoe capsized when he was duck hunting on the Tualatin River.

The widow and two daughters survive.

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