



Gift of Bell 68 Years Ago Led to Collection

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A little sheep bell given to a five year old girl in Antelope, Ore., 68 years ago, started a local lady on her way to a sizeable and rather unique collection of bells.

Upon entering the patio of the comfortable trailer home of Mrs. Beryl Axe of Rt. 2, Box 537, Sandy, one is greeted by a tinkle, tinkle of sweet music. Responsible for this pleasant sound one notes five small bells with heart-shaped clappers hanging from the roof and making melody as they are caught by the frolicking wind.

A Basque sheep bell with the letters SAINLEGIER-CHANTEL inscribed on it, has puzzled its owner since she received it many years ago. She has never run across anyone who could translate its wording for her.

A set of teamsters bells holds many fond childhood memories for Mrs. Axe. She reminiscingly stated, "When we heard these bells, we knew wagons filled with wool were going through town. The little town of Shaniko in Eastern Oregon shipped

more wool than any other town in the world in those days. It was written right in the back of our geography book -- and myl were we proud."

Many countries, as well as events and places of historical interest, are represented in this fine collection of bells. There's a garlic crusher bell from Russia which was also used to summon the maid, and one made from black lava in shape of a little hoop-skirted lady from Mexico.

"This beautiful shining bell is from Germany," Mrs. Axe mentioned. "Being a very artistic people, the one from there is bound to be pretty."

Then there's the bell-hop bell from Canada, a lovely pottery bell from Holland with a hand-painted windmill, Christmas bells from Sweden, and various ones from places such as England, Morocco, France, Belgium, India, Persia and Switzerland.

A pronged elephant bell from Siam is rather unique. These bells are fastened to the edges of the blankets of passenger

elephants and jingle against each other and against the elephants legs when it walks. These are not authentic unless they have 14 prongs.

"This," Mrs. Axe stated, holding up an ordinary cow bell, "is a cow bell, which I must have followed home many a night as a child."

Included in her collection are many little "souvenir" bells

from places like Capistrano, The Rushmore Monument, The World's Fairs, Timberline Lodge, Boston's Minute Man, and one with a picture of the Old Man of the Mountain in New Hampshire.

Mrs. Axe pointed out that, "Every nation has a different bell - metal, and no two bells ring alike. Also, the bells different countries manufacture

for export are a cheaper grade than those they make for their own use."

Of the many bells in this delightful lady's collection, she has bought only three herself. All of the others have been given or sent to her by friends. Some have been received from perfect strangers who heard

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Mrs. Beryl Axe of Rt. 2, Box 537, Sandy holds in her right hand the first bell she received as a five year old youngster. Her interest has developed through the years into a hobby of collecting a variety of bells. (Post Photo)

African Princess to Speak Friday at Sandy SDA Church

Princess Alice from Malawi will speak at the Sandy Seventh-day Adventist church on Friday, Jan. 14 at 7:45 p.m.

This modern "Alice in Wonderland" was brought from Malawi, a country of hills and tropical growth in east central Africa on a 9,000 mile plane ride through 9 "time" zones to

Hollywood, where she was unexpectedly confronted with an appearance on the Ralph Ed-

ward television show, "This Is Your Life."



She was raised by S. D. A. missionaries in Malawi after she was orphaned at the age of 8. She received a basic education at the mission and became a teaching assistant there.

After the missionaries who had raised her returned to the United States they tried to bring the princess here but were unsuccessful. Then Edwards learned of the project and arranged to have Princess Alice and her husband flown here to appear on his program.

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting. She will also be appearing at the Gresham high school auditorium on Saturday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Nebraska Potluck
The Nebraska Social club's potluck dinner will be held Saturday, Jan. 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall, 8130 S. E. 13th, Portland.

Following the dinner will be a time of good oldtime dancing.

Hull Foundation Holds Annual Meeting Here

The annual meeting of The Oral Hull Foundation For The Blind, Inc. was held Jan. 8 in the Fellowship Hall of the Sandy Community Presbyterian Church, following a luncheon.

A Progress Report was given, consisting of such interesting items as the Background of the organization, the Achievements, a Look Ahead, On The Calendar, Acknowledgments, and concluding with the following paragraph: "So let us move forward into 1966 with increased courage and confidence. Let us set specific goals for that year, and then strive valiantly to achieve them. Let us continue to have the faith and enthusiasm that have been the hallmarks of the past. But let us not forget that we have but climbed the foothills; that the mountain still lies ahead."

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held following the annual meeting. Officers elected for this year are Jerry James, president; Marlon Bucholz, 1st vice president; Mrs. Eleanor Harmon, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Richard Wesselink, secretary; and Howard Berger, treasurer.

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