

FAMED PAINTINGS OF SHAKESPEARE FOUND DOCTORED

X-Ray Evidence Corroborates Theory Earl of Oxford Real Author of Plays.

By Gladwin Hill
New York, Dec. 13. —(AP)—X-ray evidence that three world-famous paintings supposedly of William Shakespeare actually are of the Earl of Oxford—interpreted as corroborating the theory that the Earl was the real author of "Shakespeare's" plays—was reported today by Charles W. Barrell, photographic expert and prominent Shakespearean student.

After three years' research and investigation with X-ray and infra-red ray photography, Barrell said in an article in the forthcoming issue of Scientific American magazine that he was convinced the portraits had been "doctored" soon after Oxford's death to conceal evidence of nobility and protect the family name from the contemporary stigma of connection with the theater.

"Doctored" Revealed

The pictures are the "Ashbourne" portrait, of uncertain authorship, in the Folger Shakespeare Library at Washington, D. C.; the "Janssen" Shakespeare in the same gallery; and the "Hampton Court" Shakespeare in the British Royal collection.

X-ray pictures of the "Ashbourne" portrait which he made in 1937, Barrell said, revealed under crude later additions to the picture:

—On a ring, the boar's head seal of the Oxford family;

—Hidden in the background, the crest of Oxford's wife's family, the Trenthams;

—A large ruffled collar, an appurtenance of nobility, which had been reduced to more bourgeois dimensions;

—Forehead and hair strikingly similar to Oxford's, which had been disguised;

—In the background, the initials of Cornelius Ketel, a great Dutch painter, to whom Barrell attributes the picture.

Alterations Found

An age inscription, identifying the subject as Shakespeare, also was analyzed, he said, as a spurious addition.

Barrell found similar alterations in noble dress in the other two pictures.

The claim of the Oxfordians was first advanced seriously in 1920 in J. Thomas Looney's "Shakespeare Identified in Edward De Vere, the Seventeenth Earl of Oxford." Like the Baconians and those who argued in favor of the authorship of the Earls of Rutland and Derby, the Oxfordians proceeded upon the prior belief that the Stratford actor could not possibly have written the works attributed to him.

The Earl of Oxford was a lyric poet of some merit and had befriended many men of letters.

\$9.75, few common-medium heifers \$3.25 @ 7.25, cutter-common cows \$2.25 @ 7.0, canners \$2.75, fat dairy type cows 4.75 @ 5.50, odd good beef cows \$6, young cows eligible \$5.50, sausage bulls \$5.25 @ 6, good beef bulls \$6.25 @ 6.5, choice vealers \$9 @ 50, common-medium slow at \$5 @ 7.00.

Sheep: 400, market slow, steady, wool good-choice 95 lb. fed shorn lambs \$7, lightly sorted, good-choice truck-in-wooled lambs salable \$7.50 @ 7.5, carload lots fed lambs eligible \$8, good-choice ewes quotable \$3.50 @ 4.25.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—(AP-USA)—Hogs: 23,000; generally strong to 10c higher than Tuesday's average; bulk good and choice 160-240 lbs. \$5.25 @ 50, top \$5.50; most 350-500 lb. sows \$4.25 @ 45; small lots on butcher orders up to \$4.75; extreme weights around \$4.

Cattle: 11,000; calves 1,000; fully steady trade on strictly good and choice yearlings and light steers; early top \$11.25 on yearlings; average loads \$10.25 @ 11.10; heifers steady to 25c lower; vealers \$10 down; practical top weighty sausage bulls \$7.25; fed heifers above \$9.50, steady.

Sheep: 8,500; late Tuesday, fat lambs weak to 15c lower, mostly 10 @ 15c off, top \$9.10; bulk \$8.75 @ 9; natives \$8.25 @ 9; yearlings \$7.50 @ 7.5; sheep steady; native ewes \$3.75 @ 4.25.

Portland Produce

Portland, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Butter, butterfat, eggs, cheese, steady, unchanged.

Country meats: Selling price to retailers: country-killed hogs, best butchers, 125 to 150 lbs., 8 @ 8 1/4; vealers, fancy, 12 1/2 @ 13 lb.; light, thin, 9 @ 11 lb.; heavy, 9 @ 10 lb.; spring lambs, 14 @ 15 lb.; ewes, 4 @ 7 lb.; good cutter cows, 7 lb.; canner, cows, 6 lb.; bulls, 9 @ 9 1/2 lb.

Live poultry: Nominal, buying prices. Leghorn broilers, 1-13 lbs., 12 1/2 @ 13; do 2 lbs., 12 1/2 @ 13; fryers under 3 lbs., 13c; do 3 to 4 lbs., 13c; roasters, over 4 lbs., 13c; colored hens to 4 lbs., 12 1/2 @ 13; do over 4 lbs., 12 1/2 @ 13; Leghorn hens, under 3 1/2 lbs., 8 1/2 @ 9; over 3 1/2 lbs., 9 1/2 @ 10; No. 2 grade, 5c less.

Onions, potatoes, hay, wool, steady, unchanged.

Portland Wheat

Portland, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Grain: (wheat) Open High Low Close
May 83 85 83 85
Dec. 82 1/2 84 1/2 82 1/2 84 1/2

Cash grain:
Oats, No. 2, 38 lb. white \$25.75
Barley, No. 2, 45 lb. bearded white \$25.75

Corn, No. 2, eastern yellow shipment \$27.
No. 1 flax \$2.02.
Cash wheat (bid):
Soft white 84c, western white 84c, western red 83c.

Hard red winter, ordinary 83c, 11 percent 82c, 12 percent 87c, 13 percent 90c, 14 percent 96c.

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Today's car receipts: wheat 12, barley 2, flour 10, corn 3.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Wheat prices soared five cents a bushel here today, December delivery selling at \$1.02 1/2, highest for any future since October, 1937.

All deliveries of wheat, rye and soy beans and December oats were swept into new highs for the season or longer as a broad buying movement developed in the grain market. Dollar wheat was reached at the outset, and the market later developed greater strength as rye forged ahead to score gains as much as 6 1/2 cents, with December at 69 1/2 cents a bushel.

Wheat closed 3 1/2 @ 4 higher, December \$1.02 1/2 @ 1.02, May 93 1/2 @ 1/4; corn 1 1/2 @ 2 1/2 higher, December 55 1/2 @ 1/4, May 57 1/2 @ 1/4; oats 1 1/4 @ 1 1/2 higher.

(wheat) Open High Low Close
Dec. 1.00 1.02 1/2 98 1/2 1.02 1/2
May 97 1/2 1.00 96 1/2 99 1/2
July 95 97 1/2 94 97 1/2

Wall St. Report

New York, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Rallying power came back to the stock market with a rush today and favored issues went ahead fractions to around 3 points.

Volume increased on the boost and transfers approximated 1-



BEAUTY—American girls might look enviously at the oriental charm of Miss Ching Tsin Kuo, Chinese newspaper correspondent who is visiting U. S. She expects to see Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. She called Jap bombing "worst in history."

000,000 shares compared with 612,150 in yesterday's listless dealings.

The broad strength accompanied another wide advance in the speculative commodities, and was overdue, some analysts said, in view of the usual rule that stocks follow staples fairly closely.

Brokers said the stimulus for the move was probably largely in the booming commodity markets. Tax adjustment selling was noticed but was easily absorbed.

Today's closing prices for 32 selected stocks follow:

Al. Chem. & Dye	175 1/2
Am. Can.	113
Am. & Pgn. Pow.	2
A. T. & T.	170 1/2
Anaconda	31 3/4
Atch. T. & S. F.	24 1/2
Beth. Steel	30 1/2
Caterpillar Tract.	57
Chrysler	88 1/2
Com. Solv.	13 1/2
Curtiss-Wright	10 1/2
DuPont	180 1/2
Gen. Elec.	39 1/2
Gen. Foods	46 1/2
Gen. Mot.	54 1/2
Inf. Harvest	62 1/2
I. T. & T.	45
Johns-Man.	75 1/2
Mont. Ward	54 1/2
North Amer.	22 1/2
Penn. (I. C.)	91 1/2
Phillips Pet.	39 1/2
Radio	5 1/2
Sou. Pac.	15 1/2
Std. Brands	5 1/2
St. Oil Cal.	24 1/2
St. Oil N. J.	42 1/2
Trans. Amer.	6
Union Carb.	86 1/2
Unit. Aircraft	45 1/2
U. S. Steel	68 1/2

Pear Markets Yesterday

New York, Dec. 12.—(AP-USA)—Pears: 9 arrived, 6 Oregon, 2 Washington, 1 California unloaded, 21 on track, Medford Bosc 275 extra fancy \$1.70 @ 2.10, average \$1.93; 773 fancy \$1.40 @ 90, average \$1.75; 720 No. 1, \$1.80 @ 2.40, average \$2.12; Anjou 125 extra fancy \$1.85 @ 2.30, average \$2.04; 229 fancy \$1.70 @ 2.10, average \$1.88.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—(AP-USA)—Pears: 2 Oregon, 2 Washington, 8 on track, Oregon Anjou, 440 extra fancy \$1.65 @ 2.10, average \$1.98; 300 fancy \$1.55 @ 2, average \$1.85.

San Francisco Butter

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—(AP-USA)—Butter unchanged.

Sacramento, Dec. 13.—(AP)—

Churning cream butterfat: First grade 33 1/2c; second grade 31 1/2c.

'Be Home at 9'

Atchison, Kas. (AP)—Glancing over the city ordinances, Police Chief W. C. Linville came across the old, almost forgotten, curfew law. He revived it for the Halloween period because "there's been too much deviltry." The curfew ordinance says all children shall be at home by 9 p. m.

COURT OF HONOR HELD BY SCOUTS OF TROOP EIGHT

Boy Scout Troop 8 of Medford held its sixth court of honor in Eagles hall last night, with first class merit badges being awarded to Marshall Williams for handicraft and James Hoey for dog care.

Don Knips received second class ranking and Mrs. O. Knips was given a second class mother's pin. Tenderfoot investitures included: Aubrey Davis, James Gilham, Bill Hedrick, Darrel James, Gene Neff and Barton Thomas.

Sea Scout Ship Rogue of Grants Pass visited the court of honor, the members including Skipper Ralph Thompson, First Mate Bob Manchel, Second Mate Jiggs Grimm, Bugler Ed Anderson, Yeoman Ken Williams, bos'n-mate Doren Taylor, Coxswain Jim Taylor and Seaman Francis Bornuth, Bill Magnus, Don Samune, James Shaver, Roy Simpson and Candidate Forest Frost.

Also visiting the court of honor were the following members of Medford Troop 7: J. K. Hoey, and C. Holmes, troop committeemen; Dick Smith, Bill Hall, Rodney Witham, Elmer Bashaw and Bob Holmes.

Other visitors included Mrs. I. L. Gay, Miss A. Andrews and A. A. Neff; Jack Thompson, scoutmaster of Medford Troop 3; and Don Welch, skipper of S. S. S. 8. Irving P. Beesley, scout executive, was also present.

Troop 8 committeemen attending were Ivan L. Gay, O. Myers and Stanley Jones. Members of Troop 8 were Clyde C. Fichtner, scoutmaster; Austin Murray, assistant scoutmaster and Chester Cole, Don Barrow, James Gylm, Francis Dooley, Norman Vance and Warren Williams.

ASTHMA VICTIM DIES IN GALICE DISTRICT

Grants Pass, Dec. 13.—(AP)—County Health Officer Dr. S. B. Osgood said yesterday he believed John Sappe, 76, of the Galice mining district, died Sunday after a frantic search for medicine to relieve an attack of asthma.

His cabin furniture was overturned and contents of shelves spilled.

The body was discovered outside 100 feet from the doorway. Dr. Osgood concluded that the man, known to have been an asthma sufferer, failed to find the medicine and ran into the open air and collapsed.

Portland, Dec. 11.—(AP)—A. H. Carpenter decided the west was still reasonably wild Sunday morning. He found a deer grazing on his lawn. It turned out to be the pet of Thomas Nichols, Scholls Ferry road, which had escaped its pen.

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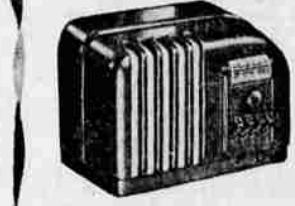
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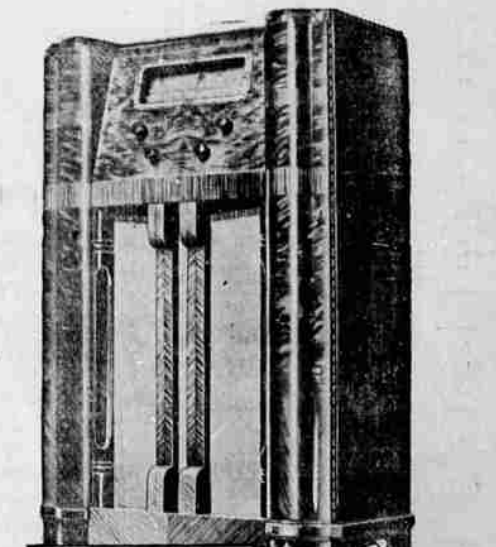
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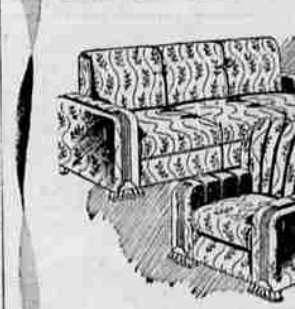


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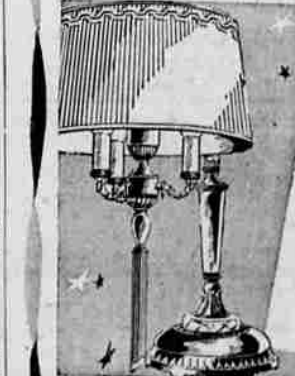
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