

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage

Antique Jewel Case Made From Single Wood Block

"What do you think it is?" Alice, pointing out that the grain Ted asked, gesturing towards a small cabinet.

The piece was approximately 14 inches square and a little under 18 inches high to the top of the scrollwork arch over its front. Except for that ornamentation, and more scrollwork on the arches between the footings, it was of a simple design.

"I bought it for \$30 because I liked the shape," said Alice.

I opened the paneled door in the front of the piece. There was a lock to it, but the lock was broken. Inside there were two bare shelves.

Below the door was a shallow drawer on which there was also a broken lock.

"I didn't know until after I got it that it was made from a single block of wood," continued

RARE CURRIER AND IVES BOUGHT AT BARGAIN

"What do you think of this?" Jean asked, holding up rare Currier and Ives print which she said she had bought for only \$35.

It was a small folio size entitled Central Park In Winter. Beneath a full moon a score or more of skaters were flashing over a pond in the upper foreground just beyond a road that was filled with sleighing parties.

The piece was beautifully preserved. Not only did the figures look as fresh as newly arrested

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"A half-cent," sniffed my Cousin Beth, "the most worthless coin the country ever put out, and here it is hung on a good gold chain."

I turned my attention to the coin held in a close fitting circle.

It was in mint condition. Even the letters in the word Liberty, inscribed on a fillet in the hair of the female head above the date, 1831, were free of the tiny scratches that virtually any use will bring.

The date held no special significance for me until I turned the coin over, and what made it do so then was the sight of laurel berries in the wreath enclosing the words half cent.

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Ike's Press Conference Techniques Said Improving; Still Tough for Note Takers

By MERRIMAN SMITH

U.P. White House Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower's press conference technique seems to be improving steadily.

The chief executive has held 56 new conferences since taking office. The tenseness he showed in the early months has almost disappeared.

However, he still is the most difficult president in recent years to follow on pencil and paper. This is due to his speed of speech, plus what has been described as his "circular" sentence construction.

Plus, of course, the fact that few of the reporters take shorthand notes. They use a scribbling system of abbreviated English readable only to the individual who makes the notes.

At least two-thirds of the reporters at an Eisenhower news conference do not have to make detailed notes. They have time to wait for an unofficial but complete transcript of the proceedings made by a commercial reporting firm. However, reporters for the press associations, the networks, and newspapers on deadlines, must do their best to keep up with Mr. Eisenhower in complete detail.

Speaks Fast

When the President makes a formal speech from text, he speaks at a rate of between 120 and 130 words a minute. He seems to speak even faster in news conferences.

His sentence construction frequently is complicated, unless

he is speaking on a subject to which he has given much advance thought.

When Mr. Eisenhower is asked a question, he usually starts speaking immediately without stopping to consider silently what he is about to say. He thinks aloud and on his feet.

On occasion, he is eloquent. An example of this was his recent news conference delineation of America's desire for peace and the need for courage to be patient in international relations. This was the President at his news conference clearest and best.

The Eisenhower temper of his Army days rarely shows itself before reporters. To date, he has not indulged in the face-to-face criticism, scorn, and occasional name-calling toward reporters that at times marked the press relations of his two immediate predecessors.

On occasion, a question will anger him and his reply will show it. But his reply usually is directed to the question, not the questioner. When his face colors noticeably, when he teeters on his toes, when he whacks one hand in the other, he's sore.

He has ex-President Truman's trait of punctuality at his news conference, but Mr. Truman did not seem to care nearly as much as Mr. Eisenhower about how long the conferences lasted. Mr. Eisenhower is ready to leave after about 30 minutes.

High Attendance

The Eisenhower press conferences are more heavily attended

on an average than any since the days when interest in the Roosevelt administration was running high. His first news conference in 1953 attracted 294 reporters, a record to date. There have been many conferences since attended by well over 200 men and women. Wednesday's attendance was 152.

Mr. Eisenhower's general attitude toward the reporters today is easier and more informal than it was a year ago. He doesn't seem quite as braced for a storm as he once did. Most of the reporters he knows are addressed as "mister." Only a few are called by their first names.

Most of his meetings with reporters are held in an ornate room of the old State department building at 10:30 a.m. He is expected to hold these conferences only once a week. This Mr. Truman's schedule, although F.D.R. tried to maintain a twice-a-week schedule.

The building is across the street from the White House. Members of the President's staff would like to see the conferences restored to the White House, itself, but this is impossible at the moment because Mr. Eisenhower's office is too small for the crowds he has been attracting.

Natural Gas Line Completion Seen Within Two Years

Calgary, Alta. — (U.P.) — West-coast Transmission Company's natural gas pipeline from the Peace river fields to the United States border is expected to be completed within two construction seasons after work starts, a company official said.

650 Miles Long

George F. McMahon, vice-president of Westcoast, said it was hoped gas will be flowing in the line by late 1956. The line will be 30 inches in diameter along its entire length of 650 miles and have a daily capacity of 650,000,000 cubic feet, McMahon said.

The line will follow the same general route originally proposed by Westcoast, from Fort St. John through Pine pass to Prince George, Quesnel, Williams Lake, Merritt and on south to serve Vancouver, B.C. Gas will be delivered to Pacific Northwest pipeline corporation at the border in the Sumas, Wash., area.

Delivery Contracted

In joint agreements with Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp. and El Paso Natural Gas Company, announced earlier this week, Westcoast contracted to deliver 300,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily at the Canadian-U.S. border to Pacific Northwest Pipeline, with Pacific delivering 250,000,000 cubic feet daily to El Paso.

The remaining 50,000,000 cubic feet will be used by Pacific Northwest Pipeline along with gas already committed to the Pacific Northwest states.

The agreements provide for purchase of additional Canadian gas when developed.

Carlson Predicts Ike Will Seek Reelection

Washington — (U.P.) — Senator Frank Carlson (R-Kan.), one of President Eisenhower's early political backers, has joined those Republicans predicting the President will run for a second term in the White House.

And on the basis of 1952 developments, Carlson can boast of a fairly good record as a prophet regarding Mr. Eisenhower's political intentions.

Statement Disclosed

Amid speculation about whether the President will seek reelection in 1956 or retire to a Pennsylvania farm, Carlson's office here disclosed that the Kansas senator made this statement this week in his home state:

"The people of this nation in 1952 were insistent that General Eisenhower return to the United States from his NATO service in order that they might elect him President. They will be equally insistent in 1956 that he assume this great responsibility for another four years."

15 Evening Courses Slated at College

Ashland — Fifteen evening courses will be offered by Southern Oregon college during the winter quarter from Jan. 3 to Mar. 16, Registrar Mabel W. Winston has reported.

Information concerning fees and class meeting times may be obtained from her office at the college.

Among the courses to be offered are basic ceramics, advanced ceramics, painting, orchestra, tests and measurements, evaluation of classroom instruction, speech correction, first aid, standard and advanced, body conditioning, rollerskating, social dance, creative writing, philosophy, first year Spanish, history of the Far East, and history of the Northwest.

The advanced ceramics, painting, education, first aid, and history courses all meet requirements for secondary provisional teaching certificates, Mrs. Winston said.

Special Prosecutor Named for KF Case

Portland — (U.P.) — Charles E. Raymond, chief deputy district attorney of Multnomah county, says he has accepted an invitation to be special prosecutor for Klamath county in the murder trial of James Quinton Anderson.

Anderson is charged with the fatal shooting of Richard David Miller, 25, in November. He has requested a change of venue with a hearing scheduled in Klamath Falls next Monday.

Raymond was to confer with Klamath County District Attorney Frank Alderson Saturday.

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Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH

Jean Valjean went to prison for stealing a loaf of bread in Victor Hugo's famous story, "Les Miserables." A real life story of a man who stole a sack of flour to make flapjacks, was arrested and sentenced to serve seven years in the Oregon State penitentiary, participated in a jail break, and was subsequently hanged, is one of the memories of Malcolm Badger, Associated Press telegrapher, now a domiciliary member.

Back in 1924 the Willows-Kelly case occupied the front pages of Oregon newspapers because of the fact that they were

members of a party of four men who escaped from the penitentiary. A guard was killed as well as one of the escaping convicts. Willows and Kelly were captured but the fourth member got away. They denied having killed the guard, but as participants in the break they were held by the court to be guilty and were sentenced to be hanged.

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Notification of Timberland Owners Needed for Permits

Salem — (U.P.) — Applicants for permits to harvest timber for commercial purposes in Oregon will, effective Jan. 1, be required to notify adjacent timberland owners of their intention, in accordance with action taken by the Board of Forestry at its recent meeting here.

The object of the requirement, as brought out by board discussion, is to acquaint adjacent timberland owners of the proposed logging activities in order that steps may be taken to establish accurate cutting lines and also to inform them of the creation of a potential fire hazard.

State Forester George Spaul said the board order would affect some 10,000 loggers who would seek permits during 1955. He added that the department will simplify the procedure as much as possible. All district headquarters have been instructed to assist the logger and make land records available to applicants. Blank certification forms to be filled out indicating that the board requirements have been fulfilled will be provided.

An acre of cotton requires up to 800,000 gallons of water.

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