

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage

Small Czech Pistol Found Large In Value

Frank took a quick look at the collection of more than a dozen guns and reached for an automatic whose sole apparent distinction was its size — less than five inches long.

Frank said, "What's important about this isn't its size, or the fact that it carries seven nine mm. bullets. The point is it is a rare collector's item. It's a 1922 Czech model."

He turned the gun over on its right side and pointed to a brass medallion set in the walnut grip. "Those initials CZ stand for Ceska Zbrojovka, just as it is spelled out up here on the slide housing. That was a firm that turned out guns at

Pure gold used for decorating white house china

At an appropriate moment in the conversation I remarked that the dinner plates had evidently been in the family for some time.

"Not at all," our hostess said. "We got them last summer at a small store."

"But these are Lenox plates," I said, somewhat disbelievingly. "I know," our hostess nodded. "That's why it was such a thrill to get a full dozen and for only \$1 each."

I asked if she were aware of their worth as well as their beauty.

"Indeed, I am," she replied. "When I saw the mark on the bottom—the C.A.C. in a wreath above the word LENOX—I knew enough to get all of them then and there."

The plates were of what is known as soft paste porcelain with a gold rim, plain embossed flowers and leaf design. In the center were some beautifully painted yellow roses. Like all Lenox products, or those with

Cotton and sugar cane adorn Confederate coin

"It took a good half minute for me to figure out what I had," Jim said.

"There I was trying to imagine what kind of coin had the cent mark surrounded by wreaths of cotton and sugar cane that came out of a couple of casks. I could tell it was a bale of cotton between the casks, but not even that helped me, so finally I turned it over."

"And there you saw the words CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA and knew what you had," I put in.

"No, Pink. It wasn't as easy as that. I saw those words all right, surrounding a seated Liberty with the date 1861 beneath, but my immediate thought was that the coin was a phony."

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Annual 'Y' Auction Slated To Raise Equipment Funds

The annual Medford YMCA "White Elephant" auction and rummage and book sale will be held March 12 at the YMCA building, 522 West Sixth st., it was announced Saturday.

Purpose of the auction and sales is to raise money for needed equipment, including wrestling mats, a trampoline, parallel bars, swinging rings, a diving board, basketballs, a spring board for the swimming pool, and to repair pool tables.

Medford area residents have been asked to contribute unwanted articles with enough value to be auctioned, as well as old clothing for the rummage sale and books for the book sale.

Will Pick Up
The articles may be delivered to the YMCA building, or a truck will pick them up. Pickup service may be obtained by telephoning Medford 2-6295.

YMCA officials pointed out that no money is available in the "Y" budget to purchase the needed equipment.

The YMCA facilities are heavily used by Medford area youngsters, and at the present time, some of them have to stand around watching others because of the equipment shortage.

The "Y" swimming pool receives particularly heavy use. More than 4,000 persons have

NOMA Sets Business Machines Program

Representatives of Medford area business machine companies will present the program Monday, Feb. 28, at the monthly meeting of the Medford chapter of National Office Managers association. Jess Vail will be in charge of the program.

The dinner meeting, to be held in the Medford hotel, will be preceded by a social hour, starting at 6:30 p.m.

John Graff, chapter president, will preside at the meeting.

Court Records

POLICE COURT
Agnes C. Welland, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
Arthur LeRoy Ford, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
Elmer May Gibson, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
William James White, excessive noise, \$10.
Wallace Emmet Bayer, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.
Howard C. Ingram, failure to yield right of way, \$10.
Cecil Huston Owings, failure to yield right of way to pedestrian, \$10.
Dorothy B. Morris, failure to stop at red light, \$5.
Richard Ray Romans, disregarding traffic signals, \$5.
Barry Eugene Beer, failure to yield right of way to oncoming traffic, \$10.
Marshall O. Bessonet, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Ray LeRoy Burchfield, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Frank William Hull, failure to stop at stop sign, \$5.

DISTRICT COURT
Albert J. Costelow, no motor vehicle license, \$10 forfeited.
William F. Andrews, exceeding declared weight, \$15.
Keith J. Thompson, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Horace A. Green, 51, of 212 South Ivy st., drunk on public highway, \$30.
Walter I. Sutherland, failure to stop at red light, \$10.
Malcolm H. Cross, violation of basic rule, \$12.50.
Warren O. Anderson, overload, \$32.50.
Ralph W. Bales, overload, \$80.
John A. Williams, overload, \$91.
Seymour A. Hanson, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

CIRCUIT COURT
Raylene Jeanne McCourry vs. Kenneth Maynard McCourry, divorce complaint and answer.

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Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Correspondent

Hollywood —(U.P.) Along with oranges and movies, Hollywood now exports entertainers to Australia, and Spike Jones is packing his bags to-day for the biggest junket of all.

These days Las Vegas and the London Palladium aren't the only spots where a performer can collect big money in a hurry. Now he can



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dust off his old routines (fresh to new audiences) and head for the recently-formed tours of Australia.

Johnnie Ray, Nat Cole, Frank Sinatra and Frankie Laine already have collected top-heavy paychecks in the land of the kangaroos. This week bandleader Jones and his troupe of 20 organized noise-makers, known as musicians, take off.

Biggest Since Sousa
"We're the largest unit to go to Australia since John Philip Sousa went there more than 50 years ago," advised Jones as he stopped for a cup of coffee between travel engagements.

Already on a slow boat to Australia are 38 tons of fantastic instruments necessary to Spike's comic slaughter of popular tunes. The Australians will have their first eyeful of his exploding cellos and bagpipes, a guitar that shoots ping pong balls, a harp that lets loose bows and arrows, a live pig that pops out of a target hit by a baseball.

In 10 years of touring the United States and Canada, said the soulful-looking Jones, "This is the hardest tour to arrange. The details are endless."

One problem was exporting guns to Australia. Customs would not make an exception because Spike only shoots his guns to punctuate his looney tunes.

"We'll borrow guns there," he said. "But we're taking our own blank ammunition, wrapped in special insulated boxes. The customs allowed us to take our miniature cannons, however."

Will Get \$163,000
Jones will bring home \$163,000 for his three weeks in down-under country. But \$28,000 of that, he pointed out, goes for transportation alone of his troupe.

"We have to take the gadgets and props because we can't play our numbers the way we record them," he said. "They have to be more visual. People who make hit records but can't deliver in personal appearances don't last."

The tour, which will also in-

Contributions for Centennial Listed

Jackson county residents are among those who have extended financial assistance and pledged support to the proposed 1959-1960 Oregon Centennial celebration, it was announced Saturday by Charles F. Bollinger, Portland, secretary of the Governor's Centennial committee.

Financial assistance and support has been received from every county in Oregon, with quotas ranging from \$250 to \$1,000, Bollinger said.

Members of the Portland finance committee of the Centennial organization are now raising a budget of \$20,000, which when added to a \$10,000 up-state quota will be used for payment of a survey to be handled by the Stanford Research institute.

Findings of the first phase of the survey will determine the nature of the Centennial celebration planned by a general committee.

GRANGE

The Shady Cove Grange met Feb. 23 with a pot luck dinner preceding the meeting.

Brother Bernie Lewen and Sisters Mabel Cop and Ethel Hockersmith were guests from the Phoenix Grange.

The benefit party for the Shady Cove-Trail fire department Saturday, Feb. 19 netted \$60.

H.E.C. will meet at Mrs. L. Dusenberry's March 8 at 1 p.m. The next regular Grange meeting will be March 9 at the Shady Cove school gym.

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clude Japan and possibly Formosa ("I think my manager wants to get rid of me"), will be the bandleader's first out of this continent. He never has played in London because of a musicians' union ruling there.

"I offered to send them affidavits we aren't musicians but it did no good," he deadpanned. Then he added, "You know, I told that gag to Stan Kenton (the bandleader) and he stood there, nodding, umm-hmmm. He took it straight!"

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