

Yellowed Label Doesn't Necessarily Mean Stradivarius Is the Real McCoy

New York—(U.P.)—Could that old violin up in the attic be a long lost Stradivarius? Look inside. There in faded ink on yellowed label "Stradivarius."

Wow! But who! Before you go out and spend the \$5000 to \$75,000 a genuine Stradivarius is worth. There is only the remotest of remote chances that your violin, label and all, is the real McCoy.

Giving this sad news to thousands of excited violin owners is a regular and painful job to Rembert Wurlitzer, one of the few experts in the United States whose experience qualifies him to say "yes" or "no" about the authenticity of an old instrument and have his word accepted.

"It's pathetic sometimes," he said in his shop in Manhattan. "People often bring violins here at great personal expense and expect to walk out rich. Then I

have to tell them the instrument might bring \$5 at a second-hand store, if they're lucky."

Six Inquiries a Day

Wurlitzer gets as many as six inquiries a day from people who want to convert a "Strad" into quick cash. He is able to deflate most of these bubbles by mail after examining a photograph of the violin. What misleads many owners is the "Stradivarius" label.

Antonio Stradivari, the master violin maker, with the help of his two sons, Francisco and Ombono, pasted a printed label bearing his Latinized name and monogram and date inside each instrument they produced at their famous shop in Cremona, Italy, during the late 17th and early 18th centuries.

But since then, hundreds of thousands of violins have been manufactured and a reproduction of the Stradivarius label pasted in as a trademark.

Label Meaningless

"The label just doesn't mean anything. It is no different than believing every car with the word 'Ford' on the hood was put together personally by Henry Ford."

There are about 600 authentic Stradivari instruments, including violas and violoncellos, known to exist. Wurlitzer has a file on more than 300 of them in his office.

"The Stradivari kept no record of their production. From what we know of their rate of output it's estimated they turned out about 1200 instruments altogether. Now, the problem is whether any of the 600 unaccounted for have survived. I doubt it. A violin is a fragile thing, you know."

Depends on Condition

A Stradivari instrument usually brings from \$5000 to \$75,000 on the market, depending on its condition and whether it represents the best work of the

Talent Schools' Teachers Rehired

Talent—The entire staff of teachers for both the Talent grade school and high school has been rehired for the coming year. It was announced yesterday. The action was taken at the last meeting of the Talent school board.

The high school faculty includes Roy B. Parr, superintendent; Ralph Carroll, Miss Ina Freeman, Mrs. Mildred Briggs, Mrs. Ruby Messenger, Mrs. Irma Parr, George Bray, Gordon Hart, Glen Lamb, John W. Loughary and Irving S. Thomas.

Grade school teachers are Bruce Hitt, principal; Mrs. Virginia Schopf, Francis Farthing, Richard Reum, Ronald Pinkham, Charles Jones, Mrs. Doris Corry, Mrs. Ruth Dewes, Mrs. Nellie Young, Mrs. Alfreda Wheeler, Mrs. K. Yvonne Mearns, Mrs. Genevieve Holdridge, Merle Atkinson, and Mrs. Delora J. Wade.

One more elementary teacher remains to be hired, according to Superintendent Parr.

Pasadena, Calif. — (U.P.) — Seismographs at California Institute of Technology recorded a "large and distant" earthquake today believed in the Indian Ocean area.

Italian masters. The Spanish government paid a London dealer \$35,000 in 1951 for a Stradivari violin which had disappeared from Madrid in 1813 and turned up in England more than 100 years later.

Another was believed to have gone out of circulation in 1948. Madame Patricia Du Bois, a retired violin virtuoso, had her Stradivari interred beside her in a mausoleum at Compton, Calif., where she died at the age of 78.

Wurlitzer checked an expert who had repaired her violin and found that hers was not a genuine Stradivarius, either.



BOYS' CLUB OF AMERICA award for "outstanding citizenship by former Boys' Club member" is presented to comedian George Burns by Gary Kilarr, 15, of San Francisco, the West Coast's boy of the year. Presentation is made in Los Angeles. (International)

Industrial Payroll Benefits Listed in Chamber Survey

Some 200 or more people are expected to be brought to this area this year as employees of the two new plywood mills which will be completed and in operation within the next few months.

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce this week forecast what this will mean to the economy of the area. It based its estimate on a survey completed recently by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as to what happens when new industrial jobs are created in a community.

This survey indicated that for each 200 new factory workers there are:

- 590 more people
- 224 more households
- 102 more school children (three or four school rooms)
- \$1,180,000 more personal income per year
- \$540,000 more bank deposits
- 214 more passenger cars
- 348 more workers employed
- 8 new retail establishments
- \$720,000 more retail sales per year, including increases of \$70,000 for grocery stores, \$60,000 for eating and drinking establishments, \$90,000 for department and variety stores, \$50,000 for clothing and shoe stores,

County 4-H Leaders Training School Set

The annual Jackson county 4-H club leaders training school will be held Friday, March 25, starting at 8 p.m., at the Eagle Point Grange hall, it was announced today by Jean Brooks and Glenn Klein, county agents for 4-H club work.

Featured speaker for the school will be Jim Dunlevy, manager of radio station KYJC, who will discuss leadership responsibility.

The school will be for all officers of Jackson county 4-H clubs. Members of the executive committee of the 4-H Leaders association, and members of the 4-H Teenage council will be in charge.

Refreshments will be served, and entertainment is planned.

Phoenix Honor Group Slates Initiation

Phoenix — Initiation ceremonies for nine new members of the Phoenix High school chapter of National Honor society will be held Friday at 8 p.m. at the high school.

Students who will be initiated include Dona Glasscock, Shirley Keplinger, Barbara Hendrickson, Sandra Owens, Jim Korth, Sheyla Thompson, Barbara Lawson, Sharon Janes, and Dorothy Good.

The initiation ceremonies will be conducted entirely by student members of the organization. They will include Kay Fisher, Darlene Bradshaw, David Kelsoe, Janice Stevens, Marie Mitchell, Audrey Hite, Raydene Chisum, Nancy Hammers, Doris Macy, Tom Griffiths, Betty Harris, and Brison Stovall, who will present the certificates and pins.

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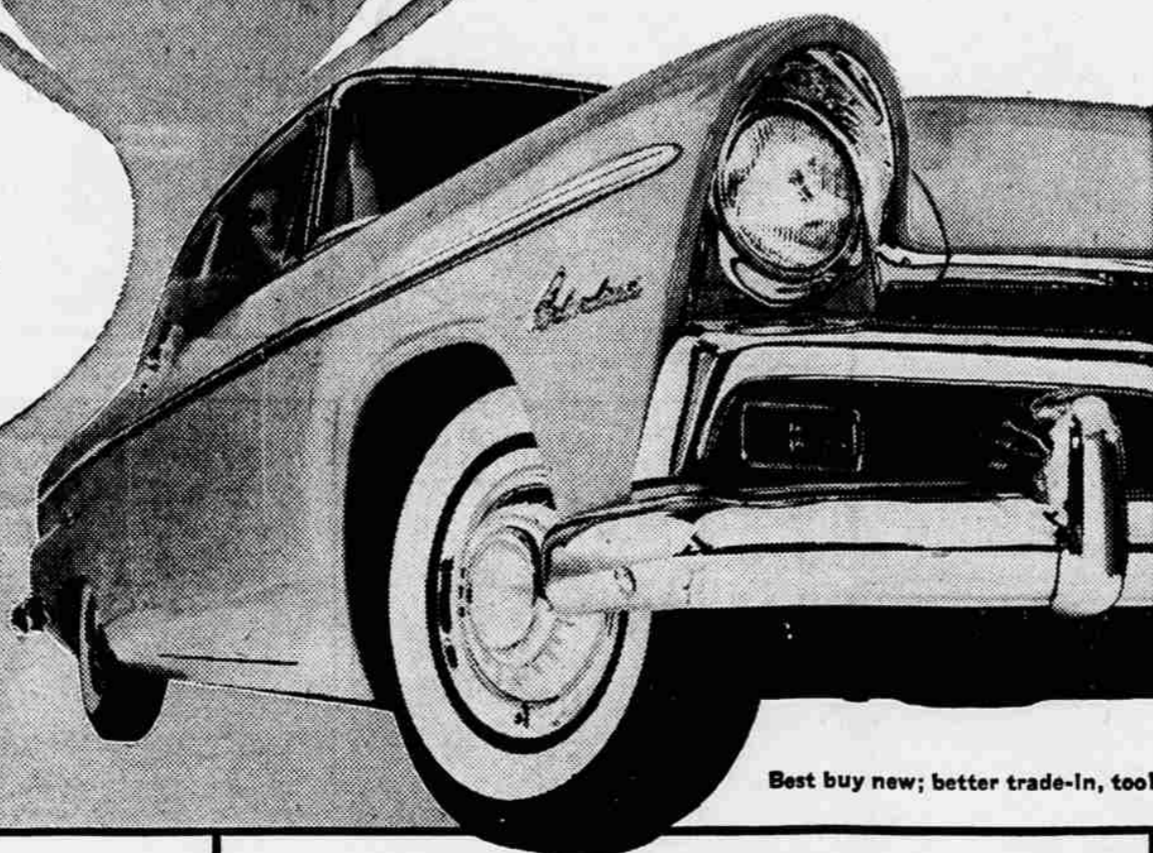
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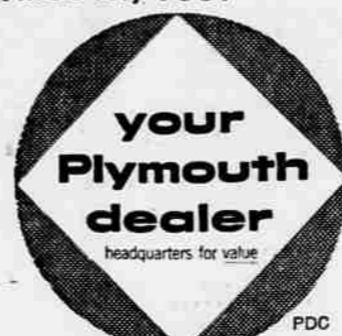
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Plymouth is better looking 62%	Plymouth is better looking 66%
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(22% liked "both about the same")	(17% liked "both about the same")

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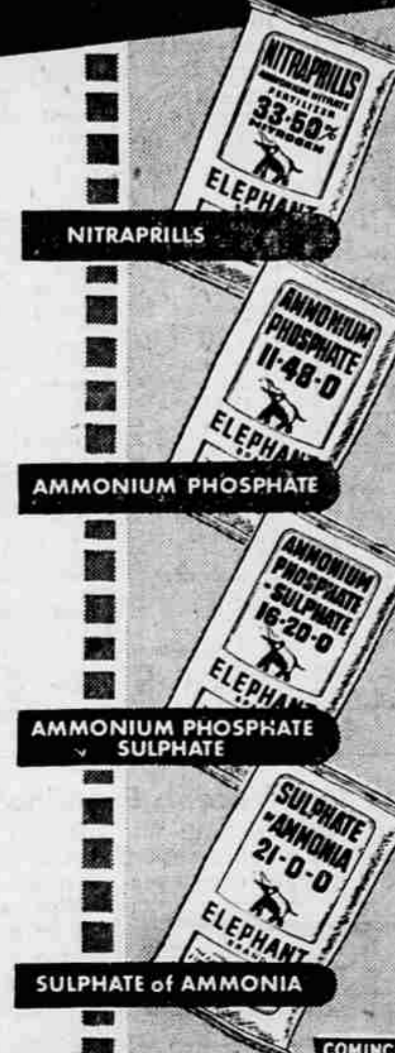
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