

# Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



## Valuable Carrier-Ives Print Discovered in Shack

We lit the kerosene lamp and looked around the beach cottage. There was a print on the wall. "Why it's a Carrier and Ives, Pink," Jack said excitedly.

It was the genuine article all right, and particularly appropriate for a beach hunter's shack. The caption was "Beach Snipe Shooting." It was a color print, dated 1869, and it showed a gunner of the 1860s sitting in a beach blind about to sight in on a flight of snipe, zigzagging along just above the water line. Beside him were three birds he had already killed.

We studied the picture carefully for a few minutes. The artist had caught the essence of the beach hunter's life. The curve of the breakers in the picture's middle distance was so realistic that one had to remind himself that it was real breakers one was hearing from about 100 yards down the beach.

When we left next day, Jack took the print off the wall and put it in the car.

"I'm going to take it back to town," he said firmly. "Larry should know better than to leave a thing like this in a beach cabin."

I agreed with him, but Larry was not impressed.

"That old thing," he said. "Nobody would steal that."

But he sang a different tune when we showed him that the going price for such a print was \$225.



NASHUA BRINGS RECORD PRICE—Breeder Leslie Combs II, new owner of Nashua, stands before a mantle portrait of his famous stallion, Alibhai, at his home in Lexington, Ky. after the purchase was announced in New York. Combs, owner of Spendthrift Farms, a large bluegrass horse breeding establishment, paid a record \$1,251,000 for Nashua, the three-year-old "Horse of the Year."

## LINCOLN STAMP ON ENVELOPE SAID TO BE WORTH \$600

If you come across some old stamps which you feel may have a premium value, don't hesitate to get professional opinion on them. That advice cannot be overemphasized. Unfortunately, there are too many people who hesitate to ask advice, since "good luck can't happen to me."

But it can, and it often happens unexpectedly.

Recently the client of a dealer friend of mine sent him a bundle of about 50 stamped envelopes with a request that he examine them. The owner said he had been given them some 30 years before when he was collecting stamps as a youngster, but he had been told at the time that none of them was of outstanding value.

Most of them weren't out of the ordinary, but the one that

was probably could not have been detected, but the dealer had the large stamp pictures before him that are in the Scott's Catalogue Specialized.

Thanks to possession of that book, which most collectors don't own — unfortunately for them—the dealer quickly recognized the valuable stamp for what it was.

The item was a 4-cent brown of the 1899 issue, carrying a bust of Lincoln. Stamps of that color and denomination have been made from three different dies. The one made from a die showing the bust "broad and draped" is the most valuable one.

Just the stamp unused, itself is worth \$225. For an entire issue, however, the stamped envelope, unused, such as that of my friend's client, the value was \$600.

## ANTIQUE BRASS PULLS SOLD FOR GOOD PRICE

It was a good enough chest of drawers to be serviceable, but it certainly wasn't worth \$35—not to my niece Judith who was buying it.

I was confident the piece was not an antique, and I quickly made sure. It was not more than six or seven years old, a point established when I tipped the piece up and found a label on the bottom. The label was that of a firm which had set up in business in 1948 and which had made quite a good thing out of selling unpainted furniture.

"Okay," I said as she completed directions to the clerk for delivering the piece, "now that you've bought it, maybe you won't mind telling me precisely why."

My niece asked if I hadn't noticed the pulls on the drawers. I bent forward to survey them carefully. They were of brass and highly polished, which partly explains why I hadn't looked at them carefully earlier. If they

had registered at all, I had merely assumed they were an imitation of 18th century brass-work.

But they weren't imitation. One could see that by the way in which the brass had been worn where the arms joined the plate. No foundry could duplicate it. Furthermore, the design was one that modern manufacturers wouldn't be likely to make. It consisted of a beehive in an oval with flowers and bees around it, and below, the colonial motto, "Nothing Without Labor."

"That brass is right out of the 18th century," my niece said, "I've seen it on a piece of Hepplewhite. The former owner has just transferred it to this thing for some reason or other."

Value of the eight pulls, she said, would be around \$80, but she did better than that. A dealer paid \$120 for them.

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## Ashland Rejects Fire Truck Bids

Ashland—The Ashland city council Tuesday rejected two bids submitted for a new fire engine and voted to re-advertise for new bids.

The move evolved out of a discussion of the two bids submitted and a reminder by Councilman Harry Morris that fire departments in the San Francisco area purchased engines \$2,000 to \$3,000 cheaper than Ashland would have to pay.

Bids submitted were for \$24,562.31 and \$21,275. Fire Chief Harry McNair was in favor of the higher bid because he believed the vehicle was superior in quality.

California leads all states in auto registrations with 4,879,210 in 1954.

## Garden Notes

By C. B. CORDY  
County Extension Agent for Horticulture

One of the less obvious injuries resulting from high water will be root damage to our trees and shrubs. The presence of air is essential for the health of plant roots. The period of time that roots can remain submerged varies a great deal with the type of plant and with the season of year.

Submersion in winter is less damaging than in summer but even in winter, if the soil remains saturated for a prolonged period, roots will be killed. If this wet spell is followed by dry weather so the soil can drain, there will be little damage, but under normal winter conditions where light rains appear frequently the soil may remain wet enough to drown many roots.

**Damage Apparent Later**

This root injury will not become apparent until after the trees leaf out in the spring. Then when warm weather hits some plants, such as lilacs, which seem quite susceptible will wilt suddenly during the first hot spell. Other trees such as pears will tolerate considerable water will decline slowly over a period of years.

This condition can be helped by maintaining good surface drainage. Whenever plants have water standing around them the surface should be drained if possible. In the case of orchards this would require considerable hand work with a shovel but this would well repay the effort involved. Drainage would be much simpler in the home garden and the elimination of standing water now might prevent the loss of numerous plants.

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## Court Records

**POLICE COURT**

Lawrence Kenneth Ryden, reckless driving, \$25.  
John Melvin Root, failure to yield right of way, \$10.  
Benjamin Virgil Shearer, no tail light, \$5.  
Edwin LeRoy Neily, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
James Arthur Luman, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Ralph Peter Rogers III, reckless driving, \$25.  
Barbara Anne Morehouse, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Richard Dionne, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Leonard Malcolm Settell, violation of basic rule, \$15.  
Charles William Myers, reckless driving, \$25.  
Ralph Richard McCartney Jr., violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Leonard Roy Bailey, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Victor William Milnes, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Ruth Beverly Fisher, failure to yield right of way, \$10.  
Eleanor D. Davis, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Grace G. Thompson, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Alvin D. Greb, failure to yield right of way to pedestrian, \$10.  
Joseph S. Fees, failure to display rear license plate, \$5.  
James Henry Shilings, failure to yield right of way to oncoming traffic, \$10.  
Patsia Jane Hanson, expired vehicle license, \$5.

**CIRCUIT COURT**

Jacqueline Taylor vs. Alvin Taylor, divorce complaint.  
Lucille M. Hinkle, also known as Lucille M. Ober, annulment complaint.  
Robert E. Brown vs. Ruth Brown, divorce decree.  
Madeline Ward vs. Russell Ward, divorce decree.  
Sandra Lee Stanfield vs. Edward Daniel Stanfield, divorce decree.  
Ella Louise Crouse vs. Harry Dale Crouse, divorce decree.  
Helen R. McKee vs. Roy N. McKee, divorce decree.  
Barbara Jean Shinn vs. Beryl Fay Shinn, divorce decree.  
Virginia M. Mang vs. Donald F. Mang, divorce decree.  
Jane B. Woodard vs. Clarence J. Woodard, divorce decree.  
Lester De Shayer vs. Lita De Shayer, divorce complaint.  
Robert Jean Watkins vs. Percy B. Watkins, divorce decree.  
Charleen Gwendolyn Hewitt vs. Ronald Champlain Hewitt, annulment complaint.  
Rachel Esther Peterson vs. Arthur Henry Peterson, divorce complaint.

**DISTRICT COURT**

Donald C. Miller, overwidth, \$10.  
Lester L. Brewer, overheight, \$10.  
Donald P. Parker, Jack A. Martin and Kenneth L. Martin, illegal possession of liquor, \$15 each.  
Carl R. Spencer, failure to operate on right side of highway, \$10.  
Bert Smith, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.  
Walter R. Speare Jr., no clearance lights, \$10.  
Lloyd M. Hanks, no operator's license, \$5.  
Walter K. Snook, no motor vehicle license, \$5.  
Robert W. Kimbrell, no PUC permit, \$15.  
James L. Goldenpenny, failure to use right of way, \$10.  
Henry A. Wilson, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.  
Robert C. Rasmussen, violation of basic rule, \$12.50.  
Harold L. Goutermont, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
Bruce A. Friend, violation of basic rule, \$15.  
Phillip E. Ashton, no operator's license, \$5.  
Quentin R. Matthews, drunk in public place, \$15.  
Robert G. Harlan, void foreign license, \$5.

**CIRCUIT COURT**

John W. Bradshaw vs. Hallie J. Bradshaw, divorce decree.  
Grace Ione Donnelly vs. William P. Donnelly, separation complaint.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

Roger Edward Kornstad, 1624 Thomas rd., and Arlene Louise Rasmussen, 1918 Stewart ave.  
Lawrence Lester Sanderson and Charlotte Jeanette Walls, Prospect.  
Dwight Lloyd Hammack, route 1, Gold Hill, and Nina Imogene Pulcher, Gold Hill.  
Donald Gordon McKay, 1010 Sunset ave., and Cynthia Lee Hunt, 602 Crater Lake ave.  
Carl Russell Larsen, 1234 North Riverside ave., and Shirley Jean Harmon, 509 West Jackson st.  
Richard Lee Modin and Delia Claire Good, 211 West 10th st.  
Loren Lee Fleming, Gold Hill, and Barbara Jean Thomason, Central Point.  
Don V. Hanning and Rosemary Haak, 330 North Holly st.

## Revise Seed Law Used in New York

Geneva, N.Y. —(U.P.)—A completely rewritten and modernized state seed law, designed to protect the suburban population and insure a supply of good seed for lawns and gardens, will go into effect in New York soon.

Many of the changes were prompted by findings at the experiment station here. These advances included development of chemical seed treatments, better methods for controlling weeds, development of hybrid varieties of crop and ornamental plants, new seed certification procedures and better seed production and processing techniques.

A committee representing 14 different state associations and agencies concerned with distribution and use of seeds drew up the revised law. Under its terms, treated seed must be labeled with the kind or purpose of the treatment. The seed must also carry adequate warning if a harmful material is used for treatment.

The list of noxious weeds has been devised and provision is made for the commissioners of agriculture, after a public hearing, to add to or delete from the list as the best interests of the agriculture of the state dictate.

The sale of seed stocks on the farm also is clarified, among other provisions.

## Food Packaging To Be Expanded

Chicago—(U.P.)—The impact of packaging on the variety and merchandising of food has given the American people food that is better and cheaper, and its effects are due to spread.

Carl W. Shaver, director of sales for a New Jersey firm, told a recent annual meeting of the National Association of Food Chains that these benefits to consumers were about to be extended also to the field of perishable foods.

"Meat, produce and dairy products, which together account for 50 per cent of our total business, are in for decided changes which will shift store-level processing and packaging to a centrally-located operation, to the factory or the packing plant," Shaver said.

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## Native Japanese Relishes Painting

San Jose, Calif.—(U.P.)—Seven decades of a hard life don't necessarily deaden the creative urge in man.

Shuho Kawashima, 70, recently took brush and palette in hand on a whim and soon found he had to "force himself to stop painting."

The talented elder does most of his work in watercolors, employing the traditional stylings of his native Japan. He enjoys simple subjects such as birds and bamboo shoots.

Shuho, who first arrived in this country in 1905, has spent most of his stateside time as a gardener both in the Midwest and here. He returned to Japan on a short visit in 1949, and there is where he first became aware of artists and their works.

He bought a lot of watercolors to keep a few of his poverty-stricken painter friends from starving and brought the prints to the United States on the return trip.

**No More Gardening**

"After awhile," he said, "I got tired of looking at them and decided to try painting one myself."

The result was that friends and neighbors lined up at his small house to buy the experimental pictures, and a local art dealer said Shuho showed "a very good talent, one with excellent promise."

Kakashima has since shelved the hoe and trowel he worked with for so many years to give all his time to painting.

"I don't know where it comes from," the elderly Oriental said happily, "but sometimes I get the urge to paint so bad I can't sleep at night. So I get up and paint until morning."

Friends from all over the area come daily to encourage Shuho. One such benefactor talked him into joining a major art society where he will be able to discuss his work with other artists.

"I'm so happy to be doing this," he said, "that I have to force myself to stop painting. I feel like I'm dreaming all the time."

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## California Mission Rising Under Restoration Efforts

Monterey, Calif. —(U.P.)—A Franciscan monk gathers up his brown robes, climbs a ladder and fixes into its place on the old mission wall a new piece of colored tile.

He steps down to view his handiwork and realizes that a long and expensive project is nearly finished.

This skull-capped brother is part of the 10-man religious team that runs the 184-year-old Mission San Juan de Padua in the Santa Lucia Mountains near here. In recent years, he has seen his beloved mission, one of Father Junipero Serra's early California foundations, rise from a battered ruin to a once-more attractive structure.

The holy place's inhabitants and admirers have worked hard to make this amazing state of restoration possible. When the brother's work started, only the church's four walls, 12 arches and two wine vats were whole and standing. Now even the most critical observers agree that the original buildings couldn't have looked better.

The first Catholic workers to use Mission San Juan moved in about 1771, and were given the task of spreading Christianity to the California Indians. By 1805, they had taken in over 1,300 native conversions, a feat made possible only through patience and understanding on the brothers' parts.

An old Indian legend did help the Franciscans of Father Serra in spreading their gospel. Neophyte warriors told the padres that many years before they had established San Juan, a man had come from over the hills to teach them the ways of the church. The Indian elders so admired this first missionary that the new generation came forward to hear more.

The fathers didn't believe this at first, for there were no available records of such a lone journey into the California wilderness. But their charges were so adamant in accepting the tale that they soon took it to heart.

Through the years, Mission San Juan de Padua saw much

## Railroads Suggest Freight Rate Boost

Washington—(U.P.)—The Interior Commerce Commission said Friday that the nation's railroads have suggested that they be allowed to put a 7 per cent freight rate increase into effect Feb. 9.

The railroads recently announced they would seek such a boost, amounting to more than \$500,000,000 a year, to offset new wage increases for rail employees and higher costs of materials.

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