

### Wool Growers Should Mail Applications

Wool growers have been reminded to get applications for payment under the wool program in the mail before May 1 if they want to receive incentive payment this year.

According to Charles E. White, chairman of the Jackson county A.C.P. committee, wool sales made after March 31, 1955, and before April 1, 1956, are eligible for payment provided the application for payment with the necessary supporting information is in the mail before May 1.

White urged wool growers to be careful about providing the required sales record when submitting applications. The sales record for shorn wool must show name and address of buyer, date of sale, name and address of producer, net weight of wool sold, and net proceeds to producer after normal deductions.

Those who market lambs and yearlings for slaughter must provide bill of sale with name and address of slaughterer; date of sale; name and address of seller; and number, description, and net live weight of animals sold. They also must certify that the

## ★ STAR GAZER ★

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Monday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

<b>ARIES</b> MAR 21 1-3-14-21 23-42-48	<b>TAURUS</b> APR 21 1-3-14-21 23-42-48	<b>GEMINI</b> MAY 21 1-3-14-21 23-42-48	<b>CANCER</b> JUNE 21 1-3-14-21 23-42-48	<b>LEO</b> JULY 21 1-3-14-21 23-42-48	<b>VIRGO</b> AUG 21 1-3-14-21 23-42-48	<b>LIBRA</b> SEPT 21 1-3-14-21 23-42-48	<b>SCORPIO</b> OCT 21 1-3-14-21 23-42-48	<b>SAGITTARIUS</b> NOV 21 1-3-14-21 23-42-48	<b>CAPRICORN</b> DEC 21 1-3-14-21 23-42-48	<b>AQUARIUS</b> JAN 21 1-3-14-21 23-42-48	<b>PISCES</b> FEB 21 1-3-14-21 23-42-48
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animals were purchased for slaughter, and that they had or had not been shorn at the time of sale. Thirty-day owner-

ship is required to be eligible for payment.

### Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



### Many Type-Set Seals So Rare They Are Unlisted

There was nothing I had seen in the bundle of old envelopes to justify Jack's \$10 bid. The value of the stamps wouldn't total much more than that, and the addresses, so far as I knew, were not people of consequence.

"What's the pitch," I demanded when he finally won the packet for \$17.50.

"It's this," he replied, riffling through the covers and pulling one out. "That's the item I wanted."

The letter was addressed to someone in Petaluma, Calif. The stamp was a 10-cent, yellow, brown and black item of the Pan-American exposition series put out in 1901. It had a catalogue value of \$3. The date on the cancellation mark—it had been mailed in Buffalo, N.Y.—was not quite clear.

"Turn it over," said Jack. "What I particularly wanted is on the other side."

I turned the envelope over. On the back across the flap was a blue, oblong stamp with black

printing on it. The printing read "U.S. Postoffice, Petaluma, Calif. Officially Sealed. Opened by Mistake."

At the bottom of the stamp was a line for a signature. The name scrawled across it was indecipherable to me.

"Is it worth it?" I asked. "I never heard of anyone collecting these things."

"You should know by this time there's probably nothing someone doesn't collect," Jack said.

"As for type-set seals like this," he went on. "They are pretty rare. Scott's specialized and prices only two. The others are so rare the editors just can't tell what the price should be."

"And how does this one rate," I asked.

"There's no price listed for it," Jack said. "But you know me catalogue lists only 21 of them well enough to know I'm not going to lose any dough."

He didn't. Within the next two weeks he sold it for \$85.

### ZODIACAL SIGNS ON OBJECT ASSURE SUCCESSFUL SALE

"Within certain limits," said one of the most successful dealers in the unusual I have ever met, "the presence of a sign of the zodiac on something assures its success."

It was a cardinal rule of his, with all the authority of an axiom, but one that I had half for often.

My niece Judith and I were scanning the hodge-podge of objects in the window of a small antique shop when suddenly she started for the door.

"I must find out about that lamp, Uncle Pinkney. I think it's darling."

There was only one lamp in the window, and while it was interesting in a way, it didn't seem to be anything really extraordinary. Nonetheless, I went inside for a closer look.

The lamp had obviously been one of a pair, doubtless of the kind to illuminate a dining-room table during the heyday of the Victorian era. It was just under 30 inches high. Its base, of Sheffield, was not more than six inches in diameter. From it rose a silver-sheathed column about an

inch wide, terminating in the lamp and shade. The latter, of glass, was graceful, a vase-like shape some five inches high. From the bottom edge hung a circle of 12 cut glass prisms.

At first glance, the prisms looked like any others, and then I noticed that each one had a zodiacal sign cut on one of its faces.

"It's yours for \$50, dearie," said the owner in answer to my niece's question. And without further discussion the money and lamp changed hands.

"Why," I said when we had got outside again, "there aren't eight ounces of silver in the piece."

"It's because of the zodiac, silly, and a woman I know who's nuts about astrology," replied my niece. "She'll be happy to get it."

And she was, to the extent of shelling out \$165. I accused my niece of driving a hard bargain. She denied it.

"Why, the new owner wants me to find the companion piece," she said. "She's even willing to pay \$250 for it."

### HISTORY REVEALS ERIE CANAL TOKEN NO PHONY

"It looks authentic, but unquestionably it's a phony," the expert said, handing back the token.

"I can say so because the piece says 'New York Grand Canal Opened in 1823,' while anyone ought to know that the Grand, or Erie, Canal didn't open until 1825."

I took the brass token reluctantly. It was one of my first purchases, and I felt the \$2 invested ought to bring me maybe 100 times as much.

I studied the piece angrily. If it was a fake, someone had gone to an awful lot of trouble. On one side, the token showed a bust of Washington in an oval. To its left were the words "C. Wolfe, Spies & Clark, New York." On the right was the statement "hardware and military store."

I turned the token over and looked again at the date 1823 just below the word "opened."

Maybe the expert was wrong, I thought, going to the encyclopedia to check up. He wasn't

though. The Britannica reported that the Erie canal was begun in 1817 and completed in 1825. It was over 350 miles long and carried boats over a vertical distance from Lake Erie to the Hudson river of 534 feet.

But something about the report urged me to read more, and I got a history of the canal.

It was good that I did so. The story told how the canal was progressively opened to traffic as rapidly as a new section was completed. The occasion for an important celebration, it said, was when "on Oct. 8, 1823, the first boats passed from the west and north through the junction canal into the tidewater of the Hudson at Albany."

The news was most welcome. I took the book to the expert.

"Okay, so I was wrong," he said. "Well, now you know."

I certainly did, and with a clear conscience I disposed of the brass token for \$50 which seemed profit enough under the circumstances.

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### Ladino Growers to Vote on Commission

Times and places for a growers' referendum to determine whether to form an Oregon ladino clover commission will be announced soon by the state department of agriculture.

The announcement followed a report by J. F. Short, director of the department, stating that such a commission is desirable according to the results of recent hearings held in major growing areas.

Short said the hearings showed that ladino growers need a commission because funds are needed for organized advertising and promotion; research and organized efforts are needed to solve industry problems such as blight and insect control, seed improvement and increased yields; and studies are needed concerning federal and state legislation, tariffs, duties and other trade problems.

Most of the present ladino clover acreage in Oregon is in Jefferson county, with smaller acreage in Josephine and Jackson counties and the Willamette valley. Hearings were held in Madras and Medford in February.

McMinnville — (U.P.) — Dick Domes of McCoy, Ore., has been elected president of the Pacific Coast Turkey Growers Association.

Portland — (U.P.) — N. B. Guistina of Eugene has been re-elected president of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association.

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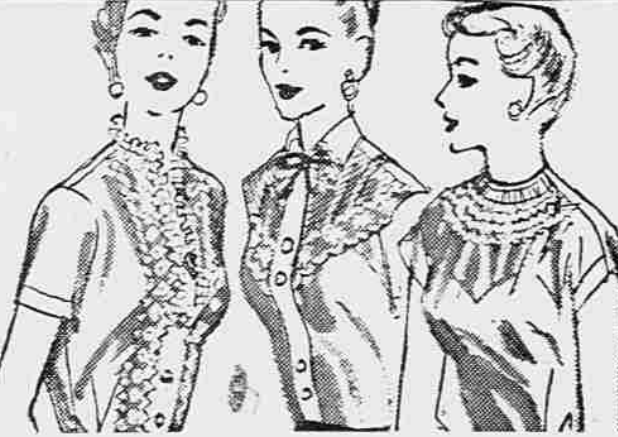
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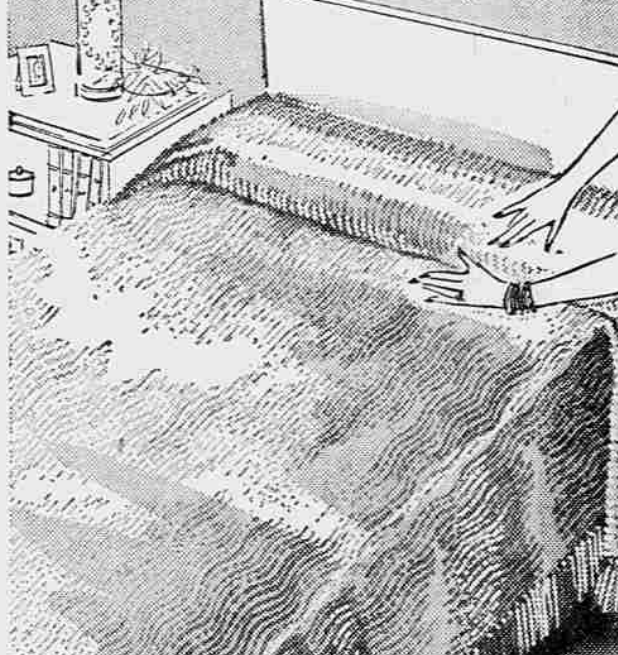


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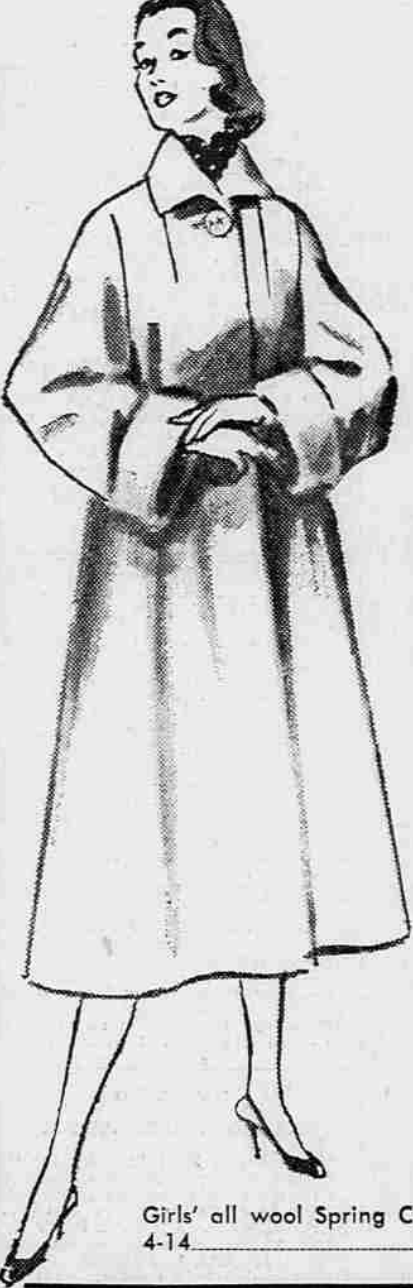
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