

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Judge



Franklin Carrier Stamp Valuable When Cancelled

If you ever come across a stamp with an oval portrait of Franklin on it, with the words CARRIERS above and STAMP below, you are lucky. Especially if it is cancelled.

A friend of mine found one some months ago on an envelope mailed at some outlying station in New York City back in 1851.

In addition to the carrier's stamp was a three-cent, orange brown Washington item. That was the one that paid for sending the letter from one city to the other.

But while it cost three times as much as the other and did a far more valuable job at the time, its value today is only a small fraction of the Franklin item.

The carrier stamp was generally used to pay postage on a letter to a post office when the same letter was to be sent on to another post office. In the case of my friend's find, it paid for delivery of the letter from the outlying station to the New York post office.

The Franklin carrier stamp is one of the few issued by the United States without a denomination. The only suggestion on it that it sold for one cent is that the words CARRIERS and STAMP are set off on either side by a star in parenthesis.

Color of the stamp is blue on rose, usually a dull blue.

Unused, its value is only \$100 as against \$250, according to Scott's Specialized Catalogue.

But if it happens to be on an envelope that has been cancelled, itself, so that the two are "tied" together, that is another matter.

In my friend's case the value was \$754 of which \$4 was for the three-cent stamp and the balance for the "tied in" one-cent carrier.

YOUR OLD DECANTER MAY HAVE VALUE TO SOMEONE

It gave me a strange feeling to look up and see a decanter sitting on a joist in the barn. Judging from the cobwebs on it, no one had touched it for at least ten years.

"I put that there myself some 25 years ago. Used to keep harness oil in it."

"Well, it's a nice old decanter," said Charles. "Doubtless you'll want to take it with you."

"No thanks," he said. "We have no further use for it. We no longer have horses. And we're not drinking people."

OLD BOOKS FROM WESTERN STATES HAVE GOOD VALUE

Jack handed me a slender volume bound in faded brown wrappers that might have been new anywhere from 60 to 100 years ago.

"Does that title mean anything to you?" he asked.

The title was "Hickendorn and Wilson/Miners and Business Mens' Directory for the year..." I opened the volume. It was dated Jan. 1, 1856. It was published at Columbia, Calif., and there was a full page woodcut giving a view of the old mining town.

"All I know," I said, "is that any book printed in California that long ago—or any other western state—for that matter—and in such good condition ought to have a definite premium value."

"That's what I thought, too," Jack replied, "and so I felt kind of guilty in getting it for \$2."

"It even has the correct number of pages," he said, "exactly 204. Well, after getting it I

had to go down to Los Angeles, and while I was there I took it into a bookstore to see what kind of an offer I'd get.

"The buyer looked through it carefully, his face becoming more impassive by the minute. Presently he announced he could let me have \$10 for it. He was sorry he couldn't give me more, but there was so little demand for it.

"That was indication enough for me. Without further delay I hurried to the public library where I looked it up in their rare book section.

"It was quite understandable that there should be little demand for the book. Only seven copies of it were known at the time.

"As for its value, the latest sales price I could find for it was \$300. But even that's no indication, because since word has got around that I have a copy, I've been offered \$400 for it."

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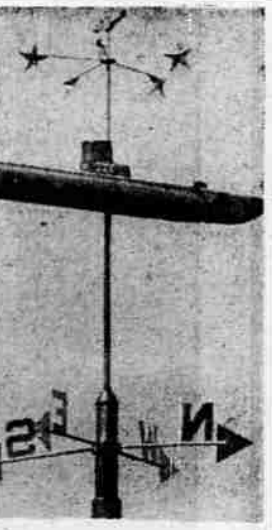
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By Jimmy Hatlo



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Guard Planes Turn Back After Trouble

Fort Lewis, Wash. — (U.P.) — Two National Guard planes developed engine trouble over the Cascades and turned back to Gray field here Thursday. Two top officers of the 41st infantry divisions were aboard one of the planes.

Both aircraft apparently developed carburetor icing while climbing over the Cascades near Mt. Rainier.

Aboard one of the planes were Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Wiegand of Beaverton, Ore., assistant commander of the division Lt. Col. Joe P. Price, Fortland, division operations officer, and 1st Lt. William P. Wells, Portland, general's aid. The pilot was Capt. Eldon Baller, Portland.

Aboard the other plane were Capt. Robert McGandy, Chehalis, Wash., pilot; 2nd Lt. Glenn Gillespie, division public information officer, Portland; Philip Carrell, Portland, photographer, and Capt. John Brown, Ontario, commander of a heavy weapons company.

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Hall Claims Health Issue Ineffective

Washington — (U.P.) — Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall said Friday the health issue will be ineffective if the Democrats try to exploit it against President Eisenhower in the 1956 campaign.

Hall met with newsmen during a break in an all-day meeting of the GOP Arrangements Committee to complete plans for the Republican National Convention beginning Aug. 20 in San Francisco.

He said it is "not news" that the Democrats are trying to emphasize Mr. Eisenhower's heart attack and recent operation as a campaign issue.

"It's apparent," he said, "they have been trying to find an issue for the past two years and haven't found one."

Lower Oregon Polio Toll Seen for 1956

Portland — (U.P.) — It was predicted by two leading health authorities Friday that Oregon's 1956 polio toll may be cut about 50 per cent below the average of the past several years if Salk vaccinations continue at present high levels.

Dr. S. G. Babson, chairman of the state polio vaccine advisory committee, and Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, made the prediction in a letter to Oregon physicians.

If the prediction is correct, Oregon can expect about 140 cases of paralytic polio this year compared to an average of 280

Washington — (U.P.) — Edwin F. Forbes, president of the Western States Meat Packers Association, urged Congress Friday to prohibit other products and bar chain grocery stores from operating packing plants.

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