

Is That So?

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Ever had the chance to hold a "frog," "simoleon," "buck," or "greenback" — meaning a dollar bill—long enough to study its many symbols — eagle, shield, ring or light, truncated pyramid with a single eye floating above it, and those Latin phrases? Or studied the number of 13's in various forms—stripes, arrows, stars, olive leaves?

And if you want to win yourself a batch of dollar bills, you might make a bet to see who can count in 30 seconds the number of "one's" or "1's" (not counting those in serial numbers) on the two sides of the dollar bill.

Let's start with the circle on the right hand side of the bill.

Eagle: This of course is our national bird, the bald eagle, common throughout the U. S. It is a

plete the pyramid. In this Franklin, who lost out on the turkey as our national bird, succeeded. He first suggested the "Eye of Providence in a radiant triangle" to emphasize that our material strength must always be under the watchful eye of Providence.

MDCCCLXXVI: At the base of the pyramid are those Roman numerals which add up—M for 1,000; D for 500, CC for 200, L for 50, XX for 20, and VI for 6, the sum being 1776—the year of our nation's birth as an independent country.

Annus Eoipit: These two Latin words circling the top of the seal translate: "He (God) has favored our undertakings." Again implying our country's basic dependence on Providence.

Novus Ordo Seclorum: These three Latin words directly under the pyramid mean, "A new order of Ages," signifying that our new republic had introduced a new age into the world—an age in which people would be able to exercise their God-given rights of self-government.

As for the portrait on the face of the bill, that appropriately is for the father of our country, George Washington, dressed in the fashion of the day. The rigid set of his jaw, his biographer states, is due mostly to an ill-fitting set of carved false teeth.

And now as for the frequency count, my family makes it 25 "one's" and "1's" but I have no way of rechecking — the bills have all disappeared.

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symbol of strength and victory. "Bald" is a misnomer: the bird is not bald but white-headed, the white feathers growing in after the bird is three or four years old. It became our national bird in 1782 and was, then incorporated into the Great Seal. At the time, Benjamin Franklin argued stoutly that our all-American wild turkey would make a much more appropriate symbol despite its "imported" name.

Shield: the shield on the bird's breast signifies self-reliance and the ability to fend for one's self. The 13 stripes stand for the 13 colonies who became the 13 original states of the union. The stripes on the shield are a reminder that each state shares equally in the responsibility of protecting the freedom of all the others.

The bars across the top of the shield stand for congress—the great unifying and holding-together force among the states.

Talons: in the eagle's tightly clenched talon is an olive branch with 13 leaves. In the right one, a bundle of arrows, again 13. The arrows standing for war, the olive branch for peace—reminding the individual states of their obligation to strive for peace and surrounds 13 stars. The stars represent a new light in the heavens—a new state taking its place and rank among the sovereign powers of the world.

Now for the circle on the left side.

Pyramid: This age-old symbol like the pyramids of Egypt stands for "strength and duration" according to one of the men who helped formulate the design, William Barton.

Eye: The eye directly above the pyramid is the "Eye of Providence" — God, and although the eye is separate, it does com-

12 Influenza Cases Reported Last Week

Influenza appeared to be the most prevalent of communicable diseases in Jackson county during the week ending Nov. 23, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

Ashland had six cases of influenza, Talent had three and Medford had three.

Other diseases reported during the week were impetigo, Gold Hill 2 and Prospect 1; pneumonia, Jacksonville 1 and Shady Cove 1; infectious mononucleosis, Medford 1; chicken pox, Medford 3; mumps, Ashland 3 and Butte Falls 3; and measles, Medford 1.

Registrations Show Decline in November

Oregon's selective service headquarters has been advised by the Medford board that only seven men have registered under the Universal Military Training and Service act of 1951 during November of this year.

The figure is one-third the number who registered a year ago, it was pointed out.

Guy Applewhite, chairman of the Medford board, stated that 15 men registered late in October and were in technical violation of the law. Every male resident of the United States must register on his 18th birthday or within five days thereafter, Applewhite said.

Failure to comply with this provision of law can result either in criminal prosecution or immediate induction into the Armed Forces as a delinquent, he added.

Young men who are required to register may do so at the local board offices, Sixth st. and Riverside ave., in Medford. Other places of registration are at the city recorder's office in Jacksonville, Butte Falls, Central Point and Rogue River. Residents of Prospect may register at the post office and those of Eagle Point may do so at the irrigation district office or the high school.

Gold Hill residents may be registered at 874 Second ave., and Ashland residents should report at 112 Nob Hill st. All registrations must be done in person.

Pets Welcome Christmas Gift

A pet is a Christmas gift that can be presented to almost anyone — provided the one who receives it has a place to care for it.

A few leading questions at list-making time will reveal exactly the kind of pet most wanted.

Children invariably want a puppy, and it matters little whether it is destined to be a large or small dog, or one with short hair or long. However, it is wise to select a pedigreed dog from a reliable breeder, if possible, because then you are assured of a healthy pet.

Kittens also make favorite gifts, and your pet shop is sure to be able to find the kind you want—from a fluffy Persian to a sleek Siamese.

Other pets that would be welcomed as gifts include: tropical fish, hamsters, parakeets, canaries and a variety of tropical birds which either sing or can be taught to talk.

Pet accessories would be appreciated by those who already have a pet in their home. For dogs you could choose a collar or harness, leash, basket, blanket, grooming equipment, or whistle. Cats love toys such as a catnip mouse, rubber ball, scratching post and many other gift ideas you'll find on a trip to your pet shop.

Pacific Ships Warned Of Underwater Volcano

Sydney, Australia—(U.P.)—An underwater volcano off Manus island shot jets of steam 2,000 feet into the air Tuesday and government officials warned ships to stay away from the area.

Officials also warned residents of islands in the vicinity to be ready to move if the volcano shows signs of erupting. The volcano, known as Tuluman, appears and disappears periodically.

PROSPECT Church Dinner Scheduled

By GENILLE SPRUHL
The Church of the Good Shepherd will hold its annual budget dinner, Nov. 29 at the Community hall. Those attending are asked to bring a hot dish and a salad for two more beside their own group. They are also asked to bring milk for their own children and their own table service. Bishop Dagwell will address the group.

Mr. and Mrs. B. McCracken and children, Mr. and Mrs. B. Denney and family and Mr. and Mrs. B. Betts and family, had Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Helm of Los Angeles, Calif., spent the holidays with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Spencer and son, Carl Jr. made the return trip to California with his aunt and uncle. Elk hunters who bagged their game were Bill McCracken and Ralph Lacy.

John Spence, of Ashland, was a week end guest of his sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Briscoe dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Slack and family Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Draper and children spent Thanksgiving

Dorsey's Note To Wife Said Faked By Business Aide

Greenwich, Conn.—(U.P.)—Police studied today a "highly personal" note written by bandleader Tommy Dorsey to his estranged wife shortly before he choked to death in his sleep.

Police Chief Davis Robbins said Tuesday night that Dorsey's business manager had faked a note supposedly written by the 51-year-old musician before he died.

Contents of the note Dorsey actually wrote are still secret. "The note we found was highly personal in nature," Robbins said. "We can't disclose its contents. It is important to our case."

Note Made Up
Robbins said Tino Bazzi, Dorsey's manager, had "made up" the note Bazzi read to reporters after Dorsey's body was found fully clothed in the locked master bedroom of his \$130,000 mansion.

The police chief said Bazzi had admitted faking the bandleader's final note "to help take some of the pressure off Mrs. Dorsey."

The note Bazzi read to newsmen said: "Dear Janie, "Thanks very much for the dinner. It was wonderful and be sure to thank your Mom. I am leaving early in the morning. Kiss Susie (his 7-year-old daughter) before she leaves for school."

Robbins refused to assess the possible significance of the true note, but he did say it gave no indication that Dorsey contemplated suicide.

Red Cross Seeking Household Items

The local Red Cross office is soliciting furniture and household items for two families in Jackson county, it was announced today.

The home of one family and all their possessions were destroyed in a Thanksgiving day fire and the Red Cross is seeking all types of household equipment for that family.

Bunk beds and an electric stove are particularly needed for another destitute family, officials said. It was explained that this family has several small children and small living quarters so bunk beds would be the most suitable type.

Residents having articles to donate to these families may call the Red Cross office in the courthouse, 2-4405. The Red Cross will provide pick-up and delivery service.

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