Buried Treasure
by Pinkney Gage

Value of Revolving Rifle Not Hurt by Small Demand

Why is it that, though the automatic pistol never came anywhere near replacing the revolver, the revolving rifle has long since been made into a curiosity by the automatic, pump and lever action long arms?

This question was put to me the other day when I had the unusual pleasure of firing a revolving percussion rifle.

It was a five-shot .31 caliber James Warner, and despite its being about a century old, it flipped lead quite satisfactorily.

Frank, to whom the gun belongs, has no answer as to why the demand for revolving rifles dried up. On the contrary, he has found the revolver principle so satisfactory that he has put the action of a .38 revolver into a .35 rifle, and so far as I can see, the resulting weapon is a thoroughly sound one.

But to revert to the James Warner. It has a 23-inch barrel, round part of the way and octagonal the rest. In over-all length it is 42 inches. Its weight is about seven and a quarter pounds.

Along the barrel is the legend "James Warner Springfield, Mass." The name of the maker also appears on the frame where it is etched in the metal. The stock is of a dark hardwood unknown to me except to the extent that it is not walnut.

Frank told me that he bought the weapon some 20 years ago, paying $50 for it.

"The price was considered high then," he said, "but today, in view of its excellent condition, I would have no difficulty in getting $200 for it."

EARLY BELGIAN STAMP HAS MORE VALUE WHEN UNUSED

Miss Beatrice was quite excited.

I understood for I was excited, too. As who wouldn't be at seeing half an envelope with the stamp intact, a fragment that had been found rolled up in some Belgian lace she had come across in an old hat box.

"What do you think it's worth?" Miss Beatrice asked.

I took a little while to answer. After all, I wasn't familiar with Belgian stamps, and I couldn't be sure from the cancellation marks whether the letter had been mailed in 1851 or not, though we later found that it had. There was no doubt, however, that it had been cancelled in Brussels, and at a time well back in the last century.

I said as much, finally venturing the opinion that it ought to be worth a fair sum at least.

Miss Beatrice was delighted, but insisted that I check right away. From my catalogue I learned to my dismay that the stamp, cancelled, was worth only $4.

That's it. Though it was a 20-centime stamp, put out in 1849-50 and so among the earliest in the world, it was so common, used, as to be worth only that. If it had been unused, however, it would have been worth $150.

I pointed out that if the envelope had been whole, the value would probably have been trebled, but not much more.

BULLION BROKER WISELY SAVED FINE GOLD COIN

There were several unusual things about Mr. Simms not least of which was the fact that he wore a watchfob, even though he wore a wristwatch, too.

"I'm a two-watch man myself," he said in answer to my question, "and part of the reason is that I like to carry a watchfob, the one that has caught your eye."

The end of the fob was what attracted me. It consisted of a half gold eagle, the first $5 gold piece our country ever minted.

The piece was in excellent condition, held freely in a ring of gold that prevented the coin from being lost but did not damage it.

Though the obverse side has one of the most frumpish Liberty heads, this does not detract greatly from the general beauty of the piece. Immediately below the head is the date, 1795. To its left are 10 stars and to its right are five, one for every state then in the Union.

On the reverse is an eagle with outspread wings standing on a palm branch and holding a wreath in his beak. Around the edge is the legend UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. That is all. No denomination is given.

I asked Mr. Simms how he had got it. He had been a bullion broker back in the early 1930s, he said, and had bought several gold coins in the course of his activities. This one had cost him $20.

"There's a much rarer one of 1795," he went on. "It's the one in which the eagle has the shield on is breast. I had one of them, too, but sold it last year for $400."

I was curious as to why he had let the rarer one go. It wasn't a question of need for money.

"Because this one, though worth only about $125, is far lovelier," he replied, "and why have two?"

He hesitated for a moment and went on. "It ought to be worth more, much more than it is. Just think, only 8,707 of both kinds were coined back in 1795, and thousands of them have been lost or melted down. . . . In any event, I'm keeping mine."

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BUTTE FALLS
Garden Club To Hold Sale

By MARY JO HARRIS

Butte Falls—The Butte Falls Garden club will present their annual Christmas sale Wednesday, Dec. 12 at the city hall from noon until 9 p.m.

Among the items for sale by the Garden club will be hand made wreaths, swags, various flower arrangements, and candles. Mrs. Elfa Abbott is chairman in charge of this affair.

The Grange also plans to hold a sale in conjunction with the Garden club Christmas sale which will include aprons, pillow cases and other items.

Butte Falls schools were closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 6 and 7 due to icy road conditions. The roads were reported too slick to safely run school buses.

A non-league basketball game will be played here Tuesday, Dec. 11 in the high school gym between Butte Falls and Prospect. There will be two games, varsity and junior varsity, with the first game starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Butte Falls High school varsity team will play the Butte Falls town team Friday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 in the gym.

L. O. Machlan, superintendent of schools, reported that actual conference games will begin Jan. 4.

Recent overnight guests in the Page Stauffer home were Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell of Medford.

Recent visitors from Redding, Calif., were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jolliffe. The Jolliffes were overnight guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Jolliffe and son, Greg. Don is a son of the Jolliffes. While here the Jolliffes visited with another son, Mr and Mrs. Lee Jollife and son, Chipper, and friends. The Jollifes are former residents of the Butte Falls area.

A bridal shower was given this past week for Miss Shirley Irwin by Mrs. Charles Ferguson and Mrs. Lee Jolliffe. Miss Irwin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Irwin. Miss Irwin's fiancee is A. Nixon of Medford. The wedding date has been set for Dec. 17.

Guests attending the shower were Mrs. Ed Irwin, Misses Shirley, Pat and Joyce Irwin, Mrs. W. D. Jolliffe, Miss Juanita Sheppard, Miss Kay Brown, Mrs. Pharoah Dyer, Mrs. Ted Fredenburg, Mrs. Leonard Richmond, Mrs. Alva Webster, Mrs. Don Jolliffe, and Mrs. Alva Webster.

Those sending gifts but unable to attend were Mrs. R. W. Harris, Mrs. Eugene Irwin and Mrs. Eva Irwin.

Sympathy is extended to the Bill Edmondson and Elga Abbott families upon the passing of Mrs. Elizabeth Edmondson of Medford. Bill Edmondson and Mrs. Elga Abbott were a son and daughter of Mrs. Edmondson. Mrs. Edmondson had been seriously ill for a long time.

Four year old Stevie Malloy son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Malloy, recently underwent surgery at the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital. Stevie is home again and is reported to be much improved.

Charles Campbell and friends were recent visitors in the Glenn Cathey home. Campbell is from Buffalo, Minn., and is now living in Ashland. Mrs. Glenn Cathey is a daughter of Campbell.

Mrs. Cecil Taunton was surprised to see Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Edwards on a national TV program Thursday evening. The Edwards were sponsoring a young Christian girl from Africa. The Edwards are old friends of Mrs. Taunton and originally lived in Muncie, Ind. They are now missionaries with the Seventh Day Adventist church and Mrs. Taunton hasn't seen them in 20 years although other members of her family have seen them more recently.

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Miss Marjorie Hattan, county 4-H agent, and Miss Mary Pat Lucy, newly appointed home economics agent, will attend a meeting on Monday for all county agents in the state who have been hired since January.

General meetings for all extension agents and experiment station personnel will be held Tuesday through Thursday. Special sessions will include a meeting Thursday night of the Epsilon Sigma Phi honorary organization for 10-year county agents. Local agents attending this meeting will be W. B. (Ben) Tucker, Earle Jossy and C. B. Cordy.

Attend Convention

Cordy and Don Berry, horticulture agents, attended a general session of the state horticulture society at Corvallis last week.

Experiment station personnel from here who will be attending the meetings next week are John Yungan, agronomist, Harold White, station superintendent, and L. G. Gentner, entomologist.

Following the meeting in Corvallis, Miss Hatten will go to Idaho for a four-week vacation, and Glenn Klein, also a 4-H agent, will spend a few days vacationing. The other county agents will return to their offices Friday, Dec. 14.

Phoenix To Have Traveling Library

Phoenix — A traveling high school science library will be brought to Phoenix High school for the remainder of the school year, according to E. R. James, superintendent of Phoenix schools.

The science teaching improvement program of the University of Oregon notified James recently that Phoenix High was among four schools in Oregon to which the library would be sent. The university program is a project of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The library consists of 200 reference books in science and mathematics. The loan program will send the books in groups of 50. Each group will remain at the school five weeks.

HORNBROOK
Attend Wedding in Chico

Hornbrook—Among the social events involving Hornbrook residents recently was the wedding Saturday, Dec. 1 at Chico, Calif., of Miss Sally Jeter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jeter, and Richard Campbell of Martinez, Calif.

Driving down from Hornbrook, besides Mr. and Mrs. Jeter, were Mrs. Ardon Burns and daughter Jo Anne, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chapman.

After the reception, the Chapmans drove to Roseville, Calif., where they spent the rest of the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark. Mrs. Clark, a former Hornbrook girl, is a half-sister of Mrs. Everett Elmore.

A daughter, Lori Kay, was born at 7:30 a.m. at the Alta Bates hospital in Berkeley, Calif., to Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Clyburn. The baby weighed slightly over six pounds. Her father, who had been sent to southern California to assist in fighting the forest fire near San Bernardino, was flown north and was on hand to greet his new daughter. The baby's sister, Ardyce Lee, will be four years old Dec. 27. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Karl Rupp, formerly of Yreka, now living in Oakland, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. James Clyburn of Camp Lowe.

Another new-comer was a son, their first child, born at 9 a.m. at Peninsula Memorial hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Burns of San Mateo, Calif. His weight was seven pounds one ounce.

The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burns and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Bud) Martinson of Auburn, Calif.

Eddie Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mason Sr., and a Seaman Apprentice in the U.S. Navy, is spending a two-weeks' leave at the home of his parents.

He has been stationed at San Diego, Calif., but is scheduled to report Dec. 17 at Newport, Rhode Island for his next assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wyatt and two children of Central Point, Ore., and Mrs. Marge Snyder and two children, of Medford, spent the weekend at the home of Mrs. Minnie Bloomingcamp, mother of Mrs. Wyatt and Mrs. Snyder.

Mrs. Ernest Pickard Sr. returned Sunday afternoon from San Francisco where she had gone last week with her husband who underwent further chest surgery. She reports he is in very critical condition, and she is returning shortly to be with him. He is in Mt. Zion hospital.

Mrs. Mollie Cole, Hornbrook Justice of the Peace, returned last Wednesday from San Carlos, Calif., where she had spent several weeks visiting her daughters, Mrs. Helen Clark, and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Seagrave, and daughter, Elaine. Elaine, who is a senior at Belmont High school in San Carlos, spent three months during the summer as an exchange student, living with an English family near London, England. On her return trip, Mrs. Cole also spent some time in Oakland with her sister, Miss Margaret O'Neil.

Steve Bear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bear, and an employee of the United Air Lines at the Medford airport, has made several trips through here lately, driving would-be airline passengers from fog-found Medford to the airport at Montague.

Miss Barbara Burns, daughter of Mr. an Mrs. Ardon Burns, was selected by her classmates as the Junior class candidate for queen of the basketball jamboree at Yreka High school.

Appointment Being Accepted by Army

The Army is now accepting applications for appointments as commissioned officers in the regular Army under the Armed Forces Regular Office augmentation act, it was reported Saturday.

The act, approved by the 84th congress, provides for the addition of about 7,000 regular officers by the end of the next 18 months. Officers will be integrated in the grades of colonel, lieutenant colonel, major, captain and lieutenant. Permanent grades will be commensurate with age and service of the applicant while temporary grade will in most cases be the highest in which the applicant has served.

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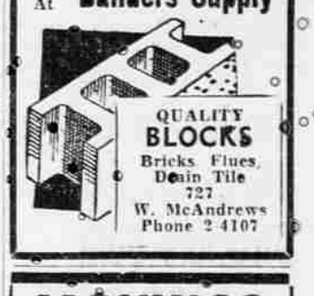
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