

# Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



## Stamp Collecting Can Be Profitable Adult Pastime

"Stamp collecting," said George. "That's strictly kid stuff. I gave it up years ago."

I wasn't going to argue with him, and I didn't. I merely listened politely while he went on to tell how back in 1936 he had sold his collection when he left home to go to college.

I pointed out that whatever he got was probably a savings since most youngsters put money into things that have little or no resale value.

He agreed. "There's just one thing I didn't sell, and unfortunately it was among the newest items in the collection. A sheet of the Washington bicentennial stamps."

"Do you still have it?" I asked.

George nodded, and said it had been misplaced somehow, and his mother had found it later and kept it for him.

The sheet consisted of 100

stamps of the 10 cent orange yellow issue bearing the portrait of Washington which Stuart painted when the President was 63.

"Have you bothered to check what these are worth today?" I asked.

George shook his head. They couldn't be worth much. When they were printed back in 1932, I remember that the issue totaled well over 100,000,000."

I said that it was nearer half as much again, and suggested that I call a friend and ask him to look the matter up. George assented.

When he learned that the catalogue value of the sheet he had paid \$10 for back in 1932 was now \$165, he was rather depressed.

"Why?" he answered in reply to my obvious question. "Why? Because I'm thinking of what I might get for all the other things I sold back in 1932, if I only had them now."

## PIGGY BANK YIELDS FINE PENNY ITEMS

Jim's wife had been crying when I called, but it was from laughter.

"He's in the living room," she said, "and he's really quite rational, even though he doesn't look it."

I was glad for the warning. To come unexpectedly on a grown man, a well-to-do member of the community, seated on the floor surrounded by nearly 4,000 pennies and the empty piggy banks of his five children, could be quite disconcerting.

Jim handed me a small envelope. "I ought to get something of a premium on these, enough to make a worth-while difference when the kids and I haul this load to the bank."

There were eight or nine pennies in the envelope, and two of

them were definitely unusual premium value.

One was a 1914 Lincoln head with a D for the Denver mint mark just below the date.

The other was a 1921 Lincoln head with an S, the San Francisco mint mark, in the same place.

Both coins were in very good condition.

I asked Jim how much he expected to get for them.

"The 1914 item catalogues at \$45, uncirculated," he said, "and the 1921 at \$23.50. But I imagine we'll get about one-third of that's all right, though. Look, I've still got another thousand pennies to go."

He did a little better than expected. His day's work resulted in getting a little over \$35 more than the face value of the coins would have brought.

## FIRST ISSUE ADDS TO FIRST EDITION VALUE

The book on the night table at the head of my bed was Jerome K. Jerome's "Three Men in a Boat."

My host informed me that it happened to be a first edition of this work.

"A first edition," I said. "That's nice, but I'm afraid it doesn't mean much in this case, unless you happen to have the first issue."

"That's what this is," he answered. "Do you know how to tell?"

I had to admit that I didn't.

He opened the book to the title page.

"The principal point is this," he said, placing a finger on the bottom of the page. "If the last six lines go like this—Bristol J. W. Arrowsmith, Quay Street, London Simpkin, Marshall & Co., 4 Stationers Hall Court, 1889. All rights reserved—if that's the way they go, then you have the first issue."

"All other issues of the first edition read '11 Quay Street.'"

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### Student Talent Show Set

By MRS. C. S. HOSKINS  
Jacksonville — The Teen's Against Polio group in Jacksonville school will hold a student talent show on Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. in the high school gym. Admission will be a donation to the March of Dimes. An audition was held at the school Thursday afternoon.

Students on the program include Miss Pat Moore, who will sing a solo. Lynn Offord with his six piece band. Miss Martha Wyatt doing a Cuban dance and a piano number by Miss Nancy Neidermeyer. These numbers as well as many others will be presented in two-hour-long show.

Another March of Dimes event in Jacksonville will be the Royal Neighbor Coffee Klatch held at the Jacksonville Community hall last Tuesday.

The Jacksonville Royal Neighbors will also make the Mothers March on Jan. 31, between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m. A light on the porch will be an invitation to pick up your donation.

Jacksonville Garden club held their January meeting at the Community hall on Thursday Jan. 24. One guest, Mrs. Clarence Davies of Eagle Point, and thirteen members were present.

Hostess was Mrs. Ray Coleman and co-hostesses Mrs. Gertrude Winhigam and Mrs. Harold Reed. Committee reports were made and a business meeting held. Entertainment included a talk on conservation concerning wise use of our state's natural resources. A horticulture lesson was given by Mrs. James Noble on care and preservation of gift plants.

Bouquets of early spring flowers decorated the room and a centerpiece of pine cones and birthdays decorated the table. Birthdays cakes were served honoring three members and gifts were presented to them.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rathke of Covelo, Calif., and formerly of Jacksonville and Medford have reported to friends here that a new son was born to them last week. He has been named Fred Franklin, Mrs. Elsie Elrod, Mrs. Rathke's mother, of Medford, is visiting at their home and helping care for the new baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Garrett of Glendale, Ore., spent last weekend with the Warren Hazens.

Mrs. Barbara Hunsley and children visited the children's grandmother Mrs. Esther Hunsley in Ashland one day this week.

Mrs. Marie (Mills) Osborn, formerly of Jacksonville and the Dalles, is now living in Berkeley, Calif. Her son Bruce is with her.

Jacksonville Ruth Rebekah lodge at their regular meeting last Monday evening gave a baby shower honoring a member, Mrs. Douglas Davis of Medford.

The committee in charge was Mrs. Jack McDaniels and Mrs. P. E. Mathney. There were 20 present at the shower. A guest was Mrs. Ted Greene of Blue Lake, Calif., a former Jacksonville resident.

Guest speaker at the Jacksonville Presbyterian church this Sunday will be the Rev. John Reynolds, who is assistant at the First Presbyterian church in Medford. The Chancel choir of the Medford church will also be present at the Jacksonville church this Sunday.

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## MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THIRTEEN

### Five Planets Visible Last Of Month, February First

By FAY BENTLEY  
During the last week of January and the first few days of February all five of the so-called "naked-eye" planets will be visible.

Anyone courageous enough to endure the chill of dawn temperatures will be rewarded with the sight of Venus, Saturn, and Mercury in the southeastern sky and Jupiter high in the southwest. Mars becomes visible in the west as soon as darkness falls, and sets before morning.

Venus, second in brilliance to the moon, is shining very low on the southeastern horizon. It is now approaching the sun and will soon be difficult to observe.

**Straight Line**  
The orbits of Mercury and Venus lie between the orbit of the earth and the sun. So, to earth-dwellers, these two planets appear to move back and forth in a straight line from one side of the sun to the other instead of in the nearly circular path that we know they travel.

When on the eastern side of the sun as viewed from our planet, Venus and Mercury appear in the west at sunset and are visible for a few hours. When on the western side of the sun they rise in the eastern heavens shortly before dawn. Neither of these two celestial bodies is ever visible all during the night.

Venus will be invisible throughout March, April, and the first part of May, but will appear as an evening star the last of that month, though still too near the sun for easy observation. In June, "the goddess of love and beauty" will adorn the western horizon, shining brilliantly for an hour or more after sunset.

**"Ringed-Planets"**  
Saturn, the "ringed-planet" rises in the southeast two hours before the sun. It is about six degrees north of the red, twinkling star, Antares. Estimating the distance between the Pointers in the Big Dipper to be five degrees will help in locating Saturn.

The marked contrast between scintillating, red Antares and the pale steady glow of the brighter planet also helps to identify Saturn.

Tiny Mercury, rising 1 1/2 hours before the sun, will be visible low in the southeastern sky, not far from the much-brighter Venus, during the last week of January and the first three or four days in February.

### Timberline Lodge Improvement Sought

Portland — (U.P.) — Oregon's congressional delegation was asked yesterday to lend its support to a drive by the Portland Chamber of Commerce to secure a federal appropriation of \$2 million to expand and improve facilities at Timberline lodge.

George M. Henderson, chairman of the chamber's subcommittee, said Sen. Richard Neuberger already had shown interest in introducing a bill to improve the winter resort. He said complete information on the project was mailed yesterday to the rest of the state's congressional delegation.

Mars, so brilliant during the weeks of late summer and early autumn has diminished greatly in magnitude. As darkness approaches it may be seen about half way up in the western sky and around midnight disappears beneath the western horizon.

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The Homestead, Fla., Air Force Base reported a second raft was also spotted by search craft but it was not determined immediately if any survivors were aboard it.

Six men were aboard the two planes, three in each.

Maj. R. W. Bryant, public information officer at the air base south of Miami, said the three survivors "seemed to be in good condition" according to reports he received from the Coast Guard. He said they were being taken to a hospital for routine checkups, but he did not know where.

The planes, based at Homestead Air Force Base, collided in the air south of the Isle of Pines below Cuba.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

### MaClaren Expansion Discouraged by Chief

Salem — (U.P.) — The State Board of Control yesterday heard a suggestion that it consider establishment of a new state training school for boys rather than plan too much expansion for MaClaren school.

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