

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



Other Than Famous Make Guns Have Fine Values

A revolver doesn't have to be one of the famous makes or have something exceptional about it, such as gold or ivory work, for it to have an exceptional value.

And the assumption that it does may well prove surprising, as it did for one man to whom Jack, a friend of mine, was showing his arms collections.

Among Jack's revolvers is what is known as a Forehand & Wadsworth old model army type. It is a .44 calibre, six-shooter, single action weapon with a six-inch barrel. The ejector device is the kind that has to be pulled

and turned forward before it can be used.

I asked him what trouble he had taken to find out the real worth of the Forehand & Wadsworth. His answer was that he had taken it to two secondhand arms dealers and they just were not interested.

"Naturally," Jack said, "when the fellow found out what I had paid for my Forehand & Wadsworth, he was somewhat surprised."

And he would have been even more surprised had he known the price such a weapon brings today in top condition.

It is worth from \$45 to \$75 of anybody's money.

TOBACCO JAR MISSED THROUGH HESITATION

A tobacco jar was something I had been intending to get for quite a while, and now that I was suddenly confronted with a multiple choice—and at reasonable prices—I couldn't make up my mind.

There were five or six in all. One was shaped like an apple. Another was in the form of a Negro's head, and the rest were of the more traditional types.

As for the prices, they were all \$3 each, since this was a bazaar to benefit some project, and the officials hoped to move things rapidly.

In studying the group, my preference inclined more and more to the Negro head. It was a finely made piece of opaque

white glass artistically painted to give it a very lifelike look. The lid was a kind of sailor hat in an apple green, an interesting contrast to the general darkness of the piece. The dimensions were quite suitable. The head was about five inches across at its maximum, and, counting the neck, had about the same depth. I don't know the exact dimensions, because, just as I was about to pick it up, a woman snatched it right out from under me.

Right on the spot I decided to find out what I could about Negro jars of that description.

It wasn't too difficult. They are quite rare and are worth from \$25 to \$65.

LITTLE KNOWLEDGE HARMFUL IN BOOK DEALS

Ever read Thomas DeQuincey's "Confession of an Opium Eater and Suspiria de Profundis"?

Well, I haven't either, but I will as soon as I recover from having sold a sound copy of the first edition without even realizing it.

It happened this way. I had just paid \$3 for the book when in came an acquaintance of mine.

He hurried over to the section where I had just picked out the volume and came back, wanting to know what had happened to the copy of "Confessions of an Opium Eater and Suspiria de Profundis." He gave its full title. The clerk said that I had just bought it.

Well, the book had been printed in Boston in 1850, as the date clearly showed, and the first edition of the Confessions had been published in London, in 1822, and the first American the next year in Philadelphia. So why not

let him have it, and that's what I did.

He was grateful enough, thanking me effusively, in fact. But somehow or other there was a touch of the supercilious about him as if he had some secret cause to laugh. It irritated me. The more I thought about it, the surer I was of it. That night I looked the matter up.

My smooth friend had given me the business. The book I had given him, published by the New England firm of Ticknor, Reed and Fields, in brown cloth and with four-page insert of advertisements in the front—which mine had had—was the first edition in book form of the entire collection. There wasn't to be one in England for years after 1850.

As for its value, as I subsequently learned, one collector of De Quincey felt he had done quite well to get a good copy in as fine condition for \$40.

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NEWS NOTES from Medford High School

Edited by Jacques Colton and Bob Bright.

The Craters arrived Thursday morning the word got around somehow, and the members of the Crater staff leaped out of their respective classes to unload the long awaited annuals. The carefully guarded theme and color of the yearbook was discovered with apparent pleasure as the students expressed approval of the seafoam green and gold cover. The theme of the book, "This Is The Year," was carried through the book until the final page ended with, "This Was The Year."

Next week marks the most hectic days of school for the graduating seniors. Wedged in among their final tests are practices for graduation and baccalaureate. The dates for the big events are fast approaching. Baccalaureate will be held June 2, at 8 p.m. at Hedrick Junior High. Commencement exercises will also be held at Hedrick at 8 p.m. June 6.

The annual band-orchestra award banquet culminated a busy year for the instrumental groups of the music department. The event took place Tuesday evening in the Medford High cafeteria.

Addressing the musicians and several distinguished guests, I. A. Mirick (affectionately nicknamed "Sam" by band members), head of the department, acted as master of ceremonies. Following the dinner, Bob Bright and Jay Mullen, orchestra and band presidents, respectively, gave short speeches. Several songs by the sophomore trio, Rosemary Doolen, Sue Hall and Colleen Barr completed the entertainment.

Musical talent of the students was then tested when the three classes competed in a mystery tune contest. Guessing the tune,

the juniors were victorious, but the seniors stole the show with a rendition of their own words and tune which sounded a little like "On Medford."

The banquet ended with presentation of music letters, ranging from second year letters for 2,000 merits to master musician keys, given to those who had earned over 7,000 merits.

Band members Scott Phillips, Carol Hussong, Jim Pletch, Dave Frohnmayer, Susan Martin, and orchestra members, Bob Bright, Ruth Phillips, Betty Herschiser and Doris Ryn were recipients of keys.

Annual awards for the outstanding musicians of the school were presented to Betty Herschiser, orchestra, Carol Hussong, band, and Sue Donna Doolen, choir.

Many achievements were noted at the Journalism award dinner, which was held Friday evening in the cafeteria. Members of the Crater and Hi-Times staffs and senior journalism students attended the annual dinner. Outstanding awards were editor's keys, received by Kathryn Stewart, Hi-Times; and Judy Lobdell, John Reeder and Nancy Eck, Crater. Hi-Times Third year awards were given to Denise Bruning, Carol Dyke, Harold O'Connors, Margaret Selby and Lois Kelly. These awards and

Modern Management Of Ranges Is Being Applied in County

(Editor's note: May 26 to 26 is Oregon Conservation Week, proclaimed by the governor to draw attention to the state's wealth of natural resources, and the importance of conserving them for future generations. To mark the occasion, the Mail Tribune is printing a series of six articles, prepared by experts in various fields of conservation.)

RANGE MANAGEMENT

By S. T. Moore, Forester, Rogue River National Forest

During pioneer days in Jackson county a thriving livestock industry grew up. It was based primarily on free use of the open range.

Today raising cattle and sheep continues to be an important industry in the county. Although use of improved pasture land is playing an increasingly important role, much of the industry is still dependent on unimproved range land and the native forage growing upon it.

In the early days of grazing in southwest Oregon there was little control of use and overgrazing and deterioration of the range land resulted. The effects of the overgrazing may be seen on some ranges to this day in soil erosion and depleted grass.

Modern Methods

Modern range management methods are being applied to an increasing percentage of Jackson county range land. Proper numbers of grazing animals is a basic requirement for sound range management. Of equal importance is proper season of use. Conservative range management requires that these two factors be controlled so the range may produce the maximum utilizable forage each year indefinitely.

Correct distribution of cattle on the range prevents overgrazing of choice easily accessible meadows and forces full utilization of forage in isolated and remote portions. Correct distribution of cattle is reached through salting, well planned water developments, drift and division fences, and by riding and herding.

Full and proper use of the range through distribution seeks to utilize the knowledge of the grazing habits of domestic animals. Use based on ignoring these habits is due for failure. As an old cattleman once said, "You can't argue with a cow."

Importance Illustrated

The following figures illustrate the importance of the livestock industry in Jackson county. There are a total of 39,000 head of beef cattle and 7,000 sheep within the county. Grazing for these animals is furnished by 13,000 acres of improved pasture and by approximately 300,000 acres of private unimproved range land. In addition an important source of forage is the publicly owned ranges which total 645,000 acres and furnish the bulk of the summer range.

Ashland Student Is Named to Federal Job

Ashland—Arthur N. Ostrander of Ashland, senior at the University of Oregon school of business administration, has been appointed a student trainee this summer in the Portland branch of the U.S. general accounting office.

Ostrander, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Ostrander of Ashland, was appointed by Joseph Campbell, U.S. comptroller general. He will complete his work for his bachelor's degree in business administration at the end of the fall quarter.

The many others were presented by Vern Wolthoff, Hi-Times adviser, and Mrs. Elizabeth Settle, Crater adviser.

Next year's Latin club officers were elected Monday. New officers are Robert Allen, first counsel (president); Pam Stacey, second counsel; Mary Beth Ramsey, praetor (vice president); and Suzie Moore, scriptor-quaestor (secretary-treasurer).

Mrs. Edna Stewart, adviser, complimented the retiring officers and the '56-'57 members for their successful year.



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Grange News

Enterprise Grange members held a regular meeting Tuesday evening.

Reports were heard from standing committees. James Martin, agriculture chairman, reported on a statement released by the State Fish and Game Commission, asking that all dogs that are known to chase deer be tied, as they eventually become wild, crossing with coyotes. Hunters find them difficult to trap or hunt.

Martin also reported on weed control advising careful mixing of solution as often too much weed control doesn't always do the job recommended.

HEC Chairman Lottie Martin reported on "progress by design". Mrs. Martin stated that even though our Grange had not entered any of the contests offered there were many available and required very little effort and that much can be done to help beautify our community such as eliminating litter bugs, putting name plates on

mail boxes and cleaning road-sides.

Lecturer Dave Blair discussed bills in the state Legislature and asked that members write and protest the appointment of Rollin Bowles to the Water Resources board. Master Gladys Baulter asked Secretary Enid Stone to write a letter representing Enterprise Grange.

Hosts for the evening were Mrs. Tex Stothard and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Nelson.

Gladys Baulter, Master

Shady Cove Grange

The regular monthly potluck supper of the Shady Cove Grange was held in the Shady Cove school cafeteria Wednesday evening.

Sergeant E. H. Crats and Sergeant Thomas R. Eaton of the Oregon State Highway commission showed a moving picture on highway safety entitled "The Case of Officer Halibrand."

Sgt. Eaton spoke on "highway safety" and Sgt. Crats spoke on

STILL IN USE

Casco, Me.—Mrs. Jennie B. Scribner, 90, is still using a sewing machine she bought for \$42 nearly 75 years ago.

"selective enforcement" after that the state officers answered questions asked by the listeners. Della A. Littlefield

SERVICE

Fort Kent, Me.—Rene Paradis couldn't wait for the fire department so he drove the fire to the station. The fire was on his truck which was carrying six tons of hay. The firemen put out the blaze in front of the firehouse.



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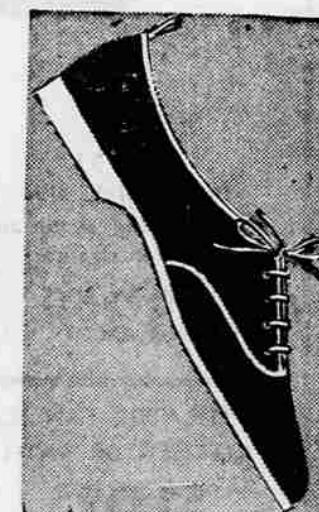
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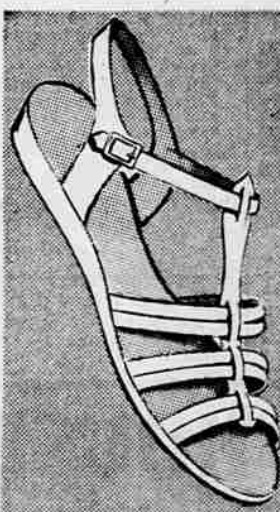
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