

## Home Sewing Cabinet Designed by College

Corvallis—Plans for building a space-saving home sewing cabinet are included in a new Oregon State college bulletin.

Arranged in a U-shape, the cabinet combines storage, sewing, cutting and pressing center. The 37-inch-high cabinet top opens to make a cutting table 48 by 67 inches. When closed, the cabinet can be rolled against a wall or into a corner for compact storage.

The bulletin, "A Labor-Saving Sewing Cabinet," was prepared by Miss Emma Fischer, Marion county extension agent. Copies are available at county extension offices and from the OSC bulletin clerk.

Designer Oleg Cassini's new summer silhouette is skinnier than ever. It's the "sultan's favorite" look—slender, clinging lines with snug waistline and bodice. Fabrics move with the figure instead of against it.

## Master Point Play Announced for Club

The monthly master point play of Riverside Bridge club will be held Wednesday, June 5.

Thirty-two members of the club attended the weekly play last Wednesday. High scores in the north-south position were Mrs. Al Gilhouse and Mrs. Paul Hutton, with Mrs. Frank Baker and Mrs. Paul McDuffee first in the east-west position.

Others in the north-south position were Roy Pruitt and William Isaac, second; Mrs. W. W. Stevenson and Dr. George Dean, third; and Mrs. Van Gilbert and Paul Hutton, fourth. In the east-west position were Miss Isabel Stuart and Berg Marten, second; Mrs. Clifford Howard and Mrs. John Beaman, third; and Mrs. Robert Elliott and Mrs. Bernard Hughes, fourth.

## Schedule for Summer To Be Voted by Club

All Townsend club and auxiliary members are invited to attend the weekly meeting Wednesday, June 5, to vote on summer meeting plans.

Thirty-two members and six visitors were present at last week's social meeting. Canasta and dancing furnished the entertainment.

The two clubs hold alternate meetings on Wednesdays. A potluck luncheon at 12:30 p.m. precedes each business session.

Coming important Townsend plan event will be the 17th National convention, June 24 to 27, at Denver, Colo.

## Gardeners To Hold Annual Ceremony

Installation of officers will be held at a meeting of Medford Garden club Thursday, June 6, at the court house auditorium. Main street and Oakdale avenue. The social hour will begin at 1 p.m., followed by the installation ceremony. A program on the do's and don'ts of corsage making will also be a feature of the afternoon.

As this is the last meeting of the group until fall, all members are especially invited to attend by Mrs. L. R. Thomas, retiring president.

## Committee Announced For Pythian Sisters

Pythian Sisters will meet Tuesday, June 4, at 8 p.m. at the Pythian building on Fifth and Grape streets. The committee in charge will be Mrs. Mildred Tolle, Mrs. Myrtle Mayberry and Mrs. Mildred Blanchley.

Past Chiefs club will meet Wednesday, June 5, for a covered dish luncheon with Mrs. Max Hawks at her home in Shady Cove.

Pythian club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Carl Richter. Following the meeting, cards were played. Mrs. Ed Boetwick was co-hostess.

## Revenue Stamp Collector Is Group's National Head

Frank L. Applegate, 615 South Oakdale ave., is currently serving as president of an exclusive United States association of revenue stamp collectors.

The group has more than 350 members throughout the country. Mr. Applegate's description of the development of revenue stamps, which resulted in the formation of the American Revenue association follows:

From all the publicity available, the casual observer is apt to assume that all stamp collectors are postage stamp collectors.



Frank L. Applegate belongs to an exclusive group—one which collects revenue stamps as a hobby—and is now national president of the American Revenue association.

This is not necessarily so, as there are also revenue stamp collectors, and this branch of philately has many dedicated followers in many countries through the world.

Many Kinds

Revenue stamps are of many kinds. Most popular no doubt are the documentary revenue stamps. In 1862 to help pay the enormous cost of the Civil War, Congress passed an act requiring stamp taxes on all kinds of documents, and nicely engraved stamps were issued in many denominations all featuring the Stuart portrait of the "Father of his Country."

The nature of the document taxed was stated on all the values up to \$25; hence stamps of the same denomination might be designated for bank checks, agreements, bills of lading, etc. But before long the different designations were found to be unnecessary and stamps were allowed to be used indiscriminately on any document as long as the designated tax for that document was met.

Hence the photograph tax which was levied some two years later than the original act may and often is to be found bearing stamps on their back designated as bank checks, proprietary, telegraph, etc., as no stamps were designated specifically for photographs.

People run on to these even today, and naturally wonder if the stamps are valuable. They may be, up to 35 cents, but hardly more except in very unusual cases.

Among the series of 1862, in every way identical with the stamps for documents, were stamps designated "proprietary." These were not documentaries, inasmuch as they were for use on "patent" or proprietary articles, mostly medicines, perfumery and matches.

After the first issue, stamp taxes were differentiated into two classes: documentary and proprietary. Proprietary firms were authorized to furnish their own designs for government supplied tax stamps for their products. This tax, and the resulting stamps, were in use for several years after the war resulting in many odd and unusual stamps.

Stamp Taxes

In 1898, soon after the sinking of the Maine in Havana Harbor, Congress again enacted a War Revenue Act and appropriate stamps were put in use covering specifically documentary and proprietary stamp taxes.

All the low values featured a battleship, and the lowest value proprietary really was low—namely 1/8 cent. The high value documentary was \$1,000. The

proprietary taxes still carrying a "private proprietary" clause was only in effect for about three years, but was again enacted in new form, without the private dies, in 1914 when war again threatened.

We had another proprietary stamp tax in 1919, but this was soon repealed, and we have been free of proprietary taxes since that time. The documentary stamps in many denominations are with us yet. In 1914 also was issued the first wine stamps bearing a face value. Since then, and up until a couple of years ago, many wine stamps have been put to use, some 200 in all and some very weird denominations ranging from 1/5 cent to \$4,000. The wine stamps have now been discontinued.

So have the beer stamps, which were first introduced in 1866. Up to two years ago we had many fine stamps mostly in large size at least three inches square. The first issue was circular with fancy scalloped border.

But the record for high values lies with the distilled spirits stamps now in use. Before 1950 liquor was taxed when removed for sale from the government bonded warehouses. In that year Congress saw fit to tax all liquor even before withdrawal from the warehouse. Thus a lot of tax money was collected, and still is all by use of stamps. The all time high value is \$50,000.

Many articles have borne stamp taxes. We all, I suppose, remember the "motor vehicle use stamps" required to be applied to your windshield for a short period beginning in 1942. The tax was \$5 per year, or 1/12 of \$5 per month rated on the number of months from the time you took over the ownership of your car until the next first of January; hence some pretty intriguing values.

Issued By Cities

Besides all these mentioned, and other federal stamps taxes, all the states, as well as some cities, have had their own stamps. California was the first authority to issue documentary tax stamps in the western hemisphere. This started in 1857, and ran to a great many varieties. They were in use for some 70 years. Needless to say many of them are very scarce and valuable.

Postage stamps first saw the light of day in England in 1840, in the U.S. in 1847. But revenue stamps are much older. We remember the Stamp Acts imposed by Great Britain on the Colonies before the Revolution. These stamps, some of which are in existence still, are impressed without color, similar to the well known notarial seal. Few have seen them.

All these classes of revenue stamps are avidly sought by the revenue stamp collector. Many do not stop with the U.S., either, as all countries have their own revenue stamps.

At the start of the depression, I borrowed money from a stamp dealer in San Francisco and put up my entire revenue stamp collection as security. The dealer died some time later, and the state took over his estate and had to sell my collection to satisfy my loan. The heirs put it in the hands of another dealer, who sold the collection to a Berkeley, Calif., collector for \$1,000.

When the collector died last year in his 90th year, another San Francisco dealer handled his estate for the heirs, and a prominent revenue stamp collector in New York City asked me to go to San Francisco and examine the collection, paying my expenses to do so.

I appraised the collection and made a report to the New York collector, with the result that he bought it.

The combination of lettuce, bacon, tomato and avocado is perfect for salads and sandwiches. For salads use crisp romaine lettuce with crumbled cooked bacon, chunks of avocado and sliced tomatoes. Toss with French dressing. Arrange ingredients in layers for sandwiches using mayonnaise to hold them together.

Add a few grains of salt to speed up beating egg whites and whipping cream.

Sunday, June 2, 1957

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

## Insurance Women At Charter Event

Six Medford members of the Insurance Women of Jackson county attended the Roseburg Insurance Women's association charter night last month.

Attending from Medford were Mrs. Irene Ostrander, president of the local group; Mrs. Anne Davis, vice-president; Mrs. Roberta Daniel, past president; Mrs. Helen Ivie, Mrs. Carolyn Bagley, and Mrs. Donna Cline.

Mrs. Eva Brower, officer of the national Insurance Women association, of Portland, conferred the charter on the Roseburg chapter.

A luncheon meeting of the Medford group will be held Tuesday, June 4 at 12 noon at the Jackson hotel.

When making gelatin salads, rub a little salad oil in the molds. The oil makes removal of the salad easier.

To make an elegant dessert from a package of pudding mix, stir half a teaspoon vanilla and a few drops almond extract into cooked vanilla pudding. Chill, and serve topped with drizzle of chocolate sauce and plenty of crisp roasted almonds.

Peas are extra tasty heated with 2 tablespoons of minced onion cooked in a tablespoon of butter, plus 1/4 teaspoon of nutmeg.

Light objects reflect heat; dark ones absorb it. This applies in baking, with cookie trays and cake pans of shiny metal preferable for light and even browning. Baked goods will come out darker, and may burn, in dark metal pans.

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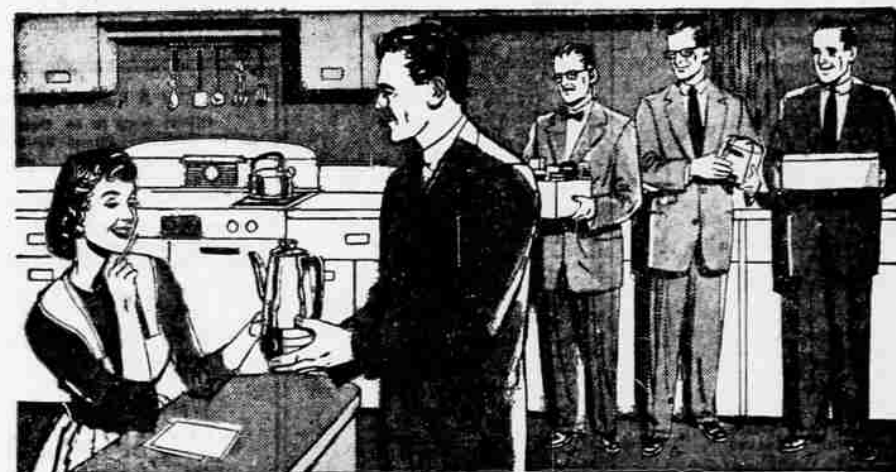
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