



# Buried Treasure by Pinkney Gage

## Confederate Arms Marks Are Easy to Counterfeit

Collectors of Confederate arms know that nothing is easier to fake than the marks of the Confederacy.

The range of weapons used by the South extended from pikes and arrows to the very latest quick-firing guns. As a result, the task of establishing a given weapon as authentic or a fake is doubly difficult.

Some of the weapons were marked one way, some another, and some not at all. As for the records of the Confederacy, they are so incomplete that little help can be got from there.

I was reminded of this recently when a friend showed me a rifle he had just acquired. He had bought it while on a trip through Louisiana, and though he was pretty sure it was authentic, he wanted to be positive.

It looked as if it were. It was a 57 calibre piece with a 32-inch barrel, equipped for carrying a sabre bayonet. It had brass mountings, and what seemed to be the original springs were still

holding the hands that bound the barrel to the stock. It was clean and the rifling was good. Almost too good, in fact, because it made my friend suspicious.

"Anyone," he said, "could have put that CS on the barrel. And as for the CS on the lockplate, and the rest of the legend, that would be no trick at all."

He was quite right. Anyone with patience, a model and the proper tools could inscribe the three lines on the lockplate that read "Texas Rifle, Tyler, Cal. 57." It would take only a little longer to make the CS for Confederate States.

And yet the piece looked authentic to me, and felt so, too. It was positive it was when I heard that he had paid only \$15 for it.

An admitted fake in as good condition as his rifle would be worth much more, and the owner would have known that to be so.

Obviously my friend's Texas rifle was genuine. Its value, as we soon established, was from \$80 to \$120.

### SILVER PORRINGER MAKES AN EXPENSIVE ASH TRAY

It was the second time in my life I had been handed a porringer to use as an ash tray.

It was polished silver, so obviously well kept and so early American, if not Colonial in appearance, that I flicked the ash into the immaculate fireplace rather than use it.

"Go right ahead and use it, Pinkney. That's what I keep it for and you can't hurt the metal," my hostess assured me.

"But this looked like one of the finer pieces," I said, turning it over to look for the maker's mark.

"Do you happen to know who the maker was?" I persisted. "His mark certainly looks like

an old one." The mark, on the side of the bowl beneath the pierced handle, consisted of a small heart shape pinched into the metal. Within the heart were the initials S.V. Between them and a little below was a tiny cross with horizontal arms upturned at the ends.

"Certainly I know who did Pinkney," she snapped. "It's one of Samuel Vernon's pieces, a Newport, Rhode Island, silversmith who died in 1737. I think he's the finest of all the Vernons and he surely was one of the earliest."

With as much dignity as possible I stubbed out my cigarette in the porringer.

### GLIO GLASSWARE FOUND IN VARIETY OF COLORS

The table was so pretty that it seemed unfortunate to disturb any part of its setting—especially the bowls.

They were of a design quite new to me, and that, with their almost sky blue color, gave them such distinction that it almost seemed a shame to put food into them.

They were about eight inches in diameter at the lip, and the base had a collar about it, a collar about half an inch wide and studded with teardrop sets at equal intervals.

That in itself was enough to set the bowls off from any others in my memory. But equally important as I looked at them was the fact that sides were divided into segments by smooth, tapering, wedge-shaped pieces of glass. Their unadorned surface contrasted brilliantly to the

groups of star shapes.

I told our hostess it was a pattern I had never seen before that it must be very rare.

"Not so much so," she said. "Lots of it was made by a Tarentum, Pennsylvania, firm back in the 1870s and a little later. It's called Clio. I don't know why, and it's found in various colors, including yellow and amber. I even saw some red once."

"But even though it isn't so rare, prices are going up . . . I broke one not long ago, and when I finally succeeded in finding a replacement, it cost me \$15."

That was better than I have been able to do in attempts to get a few pieces of Clio. So far I have acquired two at a combined cost of \$37.

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## CENTRAL POINT Team Plays First Game

By DORIS HUGHES

Central Point—The summer recreation program for Central Point youngsters is now well under way. The first baseball game was played Tuesday with the Central Point team beating the Medford Wildcats, 2-0.

Pitcher Louie Alvarez, of Central Point, struck out 11 men and Billy Kropp leads in home runs.

Teams that have been organized are the Dodgers, Pirates, Cubs, Yankees, Indians and Tigers. Every boy is given a schedule for the week on Thursdays, and Richard Traylor asks the cooperation of each boy's mother in getting her boy to the park on time for practice.

Parents are welcome to sit in the grandstands at any time and watch the games or practice. James Glenn will keep a record of the teams in the window of the Crater Department store.

Tuesday evening the Seven Busy Bees had a wiener roast at the home of their 4-H leader, Mrs. Donald Burelson. The girls prepared all their food on the charcoal burner. They played ping pong and other games. On the food committee were Patty Collendar and Terry St. Germain. Other girls at the meeting were Terry King, Tari Martin, Susan Monsey, Nancy Cavin, and Sherri Burelson. The next regular meeting of the Seven Busy Bees will be July 9 at Mrs. Burelson's. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Burelson of Crescent City were here a few days last week visiting at the homes of Mr. Donald Burelson and R. J. Martin of Central Point. H. J. Burelson is a brother of Mrs. Martin and Don Burelson.

Visitors at the H. P. Jewett home are Mrs. Jewett's five sisters, Mrs. Flora L. Mendell, from Stockton, Calif., Mrs. Ethel L. McCoy, from Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Clark, from Salem, Mrs. Vida Dunlap, from Caldwell, Idaho, and Mrs. Marie Putman from Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Ekdahl, and Sharon and Kerry, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dewey and Leslie and Louella had a picnic Wednesday evening at TouVelle park.

Visiting at the Harry Elden home is Mrs. Alma Holden of Oakland, Calif. She is here for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Edith Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, who lives with the Eldens, June 26 was Mrs. Johnson's 84th birthday. In observance of her birthday Mrs. Elden had a dinner on the patio, which was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hamilton and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hamilton and daughter, Carolee, Mrs. Alma Holden, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elden and daughter, Sally, and Mrs. Edith Johnson. Carolee Hamilton is Mrs. Johnson's great granddaughter. One of the highlights of the day for Mrs. Johnson was a birthday wire from her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Burr Johnson, who are in Chile, South America.

Wednesday Mrs. Lawrence Leonard and children, Daniel and Carolyn, spent the day in Brownsboro visiting Mrs. Leonard's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. George Hansen.

The Central Point Lions will have their annual picnic at Jackson Hot Springs July 2 at 7:30 p.m. All members and families are urged to attend and bring a visitor. Each family is asked to bring a "potluck" dish and their own table service. Ice cream, pop, and coffee will be furnished.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Panter and Mr. and Mrs. George Atkins went to the Lake of the Woods Sunday, where they picnicked and fished.

The Central Point Lions, with the help of the city fire department, burned the waste material

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**Holmes to Name New Insurance Commissioner**  
Salem—Gov. Robert D. Holmes said Friday that he would announce a new insurance commissioner next Monday to replace Robert Taylor who he said is expected to return to private business.

## Grange Notes

**EAGLE POINT GRANGE**  
At the June 18 meeting of the Eagle Point Grange the ladies entertained the men in honor of Father's Day. Mrs. Lester Wertz was in charge of the program, which included two songs pertaining to father, a skit by Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jones, a reading by Mrs. Paul Olsen, piano selections by John Clarke and Miles Williams, a mixer and awards for man with the balddest head, the fattest man, and the handsomest. Also, as a special guest, Aunt Gemima gave a short talk and sang a song. Refreshments were served.

During the meeting conducted by Master Cliff Moore, agricultural reports given by C. C. Hoover was highlighted by a discussion on rattle snake control and sulphur was the best method he knew used so far, although some contended the old hoe was still the main one used locally.

The Ways and Means committee held a white elephant auction during a recess to help raise money for the Grange.

Clarence Davies, delegate to the State Grange convention, explained the Grange stand on consolidation of schools and also gave a report of the convention.

HEC Chairman Mrs. Paul Force announced the next HEC meeting would be at the home of Mrs. Ray Ragsdale with Mrs. Tom Vestal as cohostess, it would be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 26.

Grant Hubbard, insurance agent, reported that after attending the insurance conference at the state convention, figures showed that the Grange Insurance

win and Terry Simmons, of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Johnson and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Huges and children, of Central Point, and Mrs. Jessie Hooker, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Hooker, of Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cavin and children, Linda and Jeff, flew up from Los Angeles this week with Cavin's two brothers and their families, the Eddie Cavins on Alder st. and the Earl Cavins on Freeman road.

The next meeting of the club will be at the Pythian hall, Thursday, July 11, when the installation of officers will take place. All newcomers to Medford and vicinity are invited to attend. Bridge, pinocle and canasta are played.

Painting of the interior is now going on at the city hall and a concrete slab is being put in in front of the city fire hall, which will be used to park the trucks on while they are being washed down and polished.

A picnic and wiener roast was held at TouVelle Park Wednesday evening, honoring Mrs. A. C. Hooker of Medford on her birthday. Those attending the event were, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Simmons, Teddy Stamper, El-

## Marvin Zirkle Opens Insurance Agency

Marvin D. Zirkle, Arnold lane, Medford, has announced plans to open an insurance agency, bookkeeping and tax service at 1508 North Riverside ave., Monday, July 1.

The insurance agency will be known as "Zirkle Insurance Agency" and the other business will be known as "Modern Bookkeeping and Tax Service." Both businesses will be operated solely by Zirkle in a single office. The office is located in the former Berrydale Grocery building.

Zirkle, who has been a bookkeeper for about nine years, is currently office manager at Burrill Lumber company, White City. He is former credit manager of Community hospital, now known as Rogue Valley Memorial hospital.

The forest area of Canada is approximately 1,220,405 square miles.

The reception committee introduced one guest, Mrs. Hazel Atkins, who is a member of the Central Point Grange.

Chaplain Augusta Perry reported Mrs. Devorse was ill and announced that Church Sunday would be June 23 with a basket lunch to follow in the Grange park.

A gift was presented Mr. and Mrs. Paul Olsen as a remembrance from the Grange. Mr. and Mrs. Olsen have sold their place on the Crater Lake highway and are moving to California.

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