

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage

Custom-Made Rifles, Rare, Still Available

Custom-made rifles are rare, but there are enough of them around so that one should never be surprised on running into one.

Nevertheless, I was surprised when a friend showed me a double-barrel weapon he had acquired a few weeks before in Mexico City.

My first impression, of course, was that it was a shotgun, but the hammers were so like those on rifles of the 1890s and early 1900s that I automatically glanced at the barrel mouths to spot the rifling.

It was a 45-70 caliber with 30-inch barrels of browned steel. The stock was of a beautifully grained walnut with a checkered pistol grip and a red rubber butt plate. The balance of the weapon was superb, better even, it seemed to me, than that of a double barrel Colt rifle that I tried once.

I flipped the lever that opened the top-break action of the piece and peered down the barrels. They were as clean as if they had just come from the factory.

There was a gold bead front

sight and a three-leaf rear sight with a graduated range scale. Along the rib between the barrels was the inscription "S&W Wks., 45-70."

In the frame, just forward of the trigger guard, was a small gold plate into which was cut a crest consisting of what would probably be termed a moor's head. There were no other identification marks whatever.

Usually custom-made rifles are signed by the maker. That this one wasn't, and that it had what could be the initials of the famous Smith & Wesson firm, indicates the strong possibility that the rifle is one turned out by one of that company's craftsmen who was doing a bit of private enterprise on his own. If so, it wouldn't be the first time such things have happened.

In any case, my friend paid that of a double barrel Colt rifle that I tried once.

"The Colt double rifle is worth \$700 to \$800," he said, "and less than 50 of them were made. This is fully as good and I'm practically positive there is only one of these."

BUYER OUTSMARTED TRYING TO OUTSMART DEALER

Centered under the transparent plastic cover of Frank's Honduran album was a ten-centavo stamp surcharged in red with the words Aero Correo.

"Why the place of honor?" I asked. "Is it very valuable?"

"It's not so rare," Frank said. "I have it there as a reminder to check before buying."

"A counterfeit?" I asked, peering at it closely. "I know that some of the Honduran surcharged air mail stamps are very valuable."

"It's no counterfeit," Frank replied. "I bought it when I was down there a couple of years ago. The owner said he had to sell it in a hurry, that it was listed in Scott's at \$1,000, and that I could have it for \$200. He even invited me to check it in my catalogue."

"Why didn't you?" I asked. Frank shrugged. "Greed, I guess. I figured since he asked me to check it, it would check. And also I was afraid

QUALITIES, NOT MAKER, GIVE GLASS BELLS VALUE

One of the more insignificant items on the auction list was a box of about 40 bells. I wouldn't have noticed except that before the start of the bidding I saw an interior decorator pick up one of the bells and ring it.

It was a glass bell with rather a sweet note, but it didn't seem to impress him very much because, after giving it a couple of rings, he put it back and walked away.

I thought no more of it until after the auction was over. In fact, even when the bells came up for bid I was conscious of what the lot went to someone for \$5.

But that someone was the interior decorator, as I quickly saw when the auction was over. Though he had purchased several things—some of them after rather spirited bidding—the one item that he hurried forward to take home with him was the box of bells.

"Was it the glass one?" I asked, as he waited for a clerk to wrap up the box.

"It certainly was," he said, holding it up to let the clapper

Speedy Method Given For Clearing Lawns

Union, Utah—Amateur inventor Andrew L. Phillips developed a speedy method for clearing lawns of fall leaves, and he passes it on to anyone else who, like himself, has no next door neighbor.

Phillips mounted two 20-inch electric fans on a rolling base and attached a lawnmower-like handle. He just pushes the device into a socket and wheels it around his yard, blowing leaves into fields surrounding his home or into flower beds where they can be spaded under as fertilizer.

DIME A FOOT

Providence, R. I. — Richard J. Ricci told Judge Ludgi DePasquale in district court that he had "only one 50 feet from his backyard when police stopped him for having no plates on the car. "Ten cents a foot," the court said, "for a total fine of \$5."

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New Science Adviser Sought by Department

Washington — The State Department hopes to hire a new science adviser soon to help cope with problems of space-age diplomacy.

Shortly thereafter the department plans to recruit scientists for assignment to five foreign capitals to work on scientific matters. It has \$200,000 earmarked to finance the program during the current fiscal year.

ROUGH ROAD

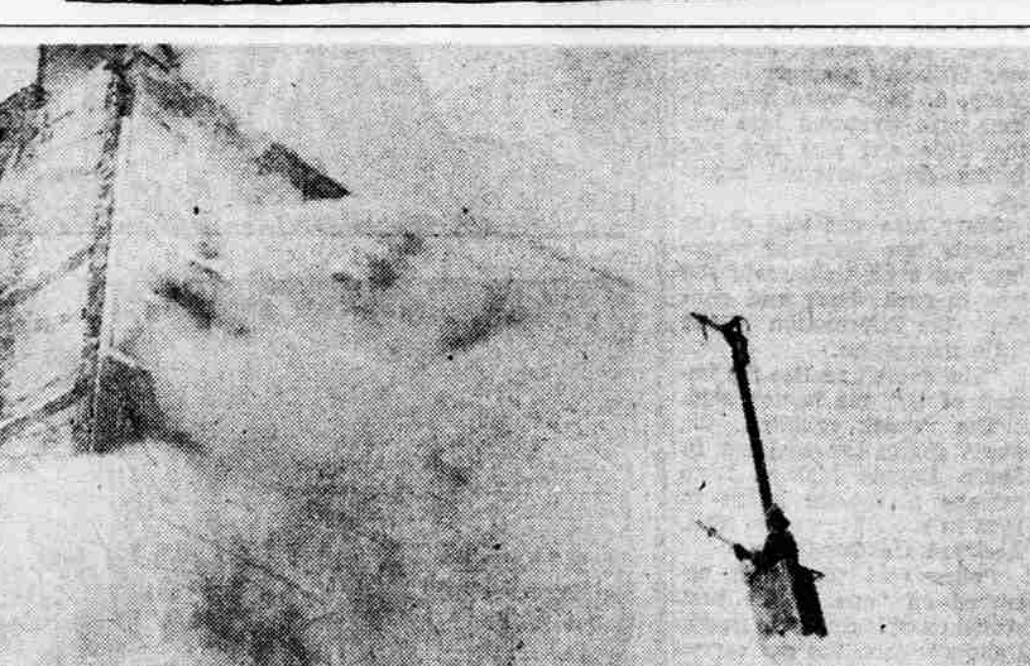
Canandaigua, N. Y. — Arthur Mackie told police he thought "the road was a little too rough" after his car suffered \$200 damage when it knocked over a \$165 railroad switch rail. Officers said Mackie, evidently blinded by oncoming car's headlights, drove onto New York Central Railroad tracks.

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FLOATING ON A CLOUD—Fireman in "crow's nest" of water tower appears to be floating on a cloud as he directs water at burning abandoned cold storage warehouse in Chicago. Firemen, hampered by low temperatures and cork insulation in building's walls, battled the blaze more than 15 hours.

TABLE ROCK Salesman's Business Good

By R. E. NEALON
Table Rock — The Fuller Brush man brushed in the other day full and overflowing with optimism, claiming his business is good and getting better. He says it may seem cockeyed, but the present economic slow-down keeps more people at home and give them more time to study his catalogue. They order from him to save on expensive trip to town.

The Christmas festivities

held Saturday night at the school house were well attended and the program of instrumental music, songs, readings and the singing of Christmas carols was well received.

The arrival of old Santa

from the far north, where the blubber crop must have been good this year, caused quite a commotion among the small fry, some of them trying to laugh and cry at the same time.

Before distributing any

presents Santa asked each one about their behavior and to his surprise found they had all been good.

Among visitors present

were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Schulz of Sams Valley. Dale was home on leave from the army camp at Ft. Ord, Calif., and on his return will go to a camp in Louisiana for his next hitch.

Following the lesson

gave the local Sunday school a program of songs and readings and the story of the Christ child in the form of slides and vocal descriptions at the session, Dec. 22. The Rev. Allen Hill, missionary of the American Sunday School Union, was present and assisted with the program. Presents and treats were distributed to all attending.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Robinson

were holiday visitors with their son Doug, and family, at Vallejo, Calif., and their son, Elgin, who came from the Marine camp at Camp Pendleton to spend Christmas with his parents and his brother's family.

The Christmas dinner

and get-together meeting of the Bigham clan was held this year at the Everett Brown home with nearly all of the many members present, including Mr. and Mrs. David Bigham, recently married, and Larry Bigham from an Air Force base in Greenville, Miss.

Among those from other

places who were dinner guests or visitors were relatives and friends here during the holidays were Mrs. Hildreth Wheeler and son, Russel, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Harding and son, Jon, Mr. and Mrs. C. Taber and daughter Jean, all of Medford, and

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

Although the U.S. represents but 6.5 per cent of the world's population and 3.8 per cent of its land area, consider some of these astonishing production figures. For example, in the following, the U. S. was the No. 1 producer:

- Coal—416,300,000 tons, or 25.2 per cent of the world total.
- Iron ore—44,000,000 tons, or 38.4 per cent of the world total.
- Steel—88,300,000 tons, or 36.2 per cent of the world total.
- Copper—836,000 tons, or 30.9 per cent of the world total.
- Oil—158,000,000 tons, or 72.4 per cent of the world total production.

In agricultural products,

- the U. S. was the No. 1 producer in the following:
- Corn—83,100,000 tons or 55 per cent of the world total.
- Wheat—29,100,000 tons or 17.5 per cent of the world total.
- Oats—23,900,000 tons, or 44 per cent of the world total.
- In farm products, the U.S. was the first in the following:
- Meat—12,600,000 tons. And, curiously, France is second largest meat producer in the world with 2,600,000 tons.
- Milk—818,000,000 tons, or 25 per cent of the world total.
- Beer—2,860,000 gallons, or 37.8 per cent of the world total.
- Tobacco—1,110,000 tons, 29 per cent of the world's total.

Company Appointed Engine Dealer Here

The appointment of Deaver Tractor and Implement company, local Ford tractor dealer, as dealer for Ford industrial engines was announced this week.

The modern designed line offers an engine or complete power unit for every job. The short stroke engines are available in 4, 6 or V-8 design for stationary or mobile equipment.

The Deaver firm, 634

North Central ave., is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. John Deaver has been a continuous Ford tractor dealer since 1941.

ASSAM GOVERNOR DIES

Edinburg, Scotland — Sir Andrew Gourlay Clow, 67, governor of Assam from 1942 to 1947, died here Tuesday. Sir Andrew entered the Indian civil service in 1914. He was an authority on labor conditions in India and represented the nation at many international labor conferences.

out resigning, and a few days

later the piano stool sitter was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon.

"I do" on that memorable

wedding night, has kept the pledge, fighting by our side and sustaining us when the going was tough, and rejoicing with us when fortune smiled. And together, as we go into another year, we wish for the friendly people of our community, who it has been a pleasure to live among, the very best of health, happiness and contentment. To those who have sent us news items from time to time, and to those whom we hope will in the future, we say "thank you."

The morning of Jan. 1, '58,

we were invited by J. S. Richardson, who is our father-in-law, and also our brother-in-law, to his home to watch the (television) Pasadena parade and to partake of a roast beef dinner in celebration of our 25th wedding anniversary, which we hadn't forgotten. If a person is married on the Fourth of July, Christmas, or New Year's, he is pretty sure of not getting in the doghouse by forgetting the anniversary.

There are many reasons

besides the date of the event to make us remember, for a day or two after our wedding we were sworn in as county commissioner, and the county, like the country, was in a terrible mess. The county, more so, for besides the depression with hungry people marching on the court house, we had some unscrupulous shysters who were trying to take over and throw out law and order, and were aided by a newspaper published by a crack pot editor.

No one could have possibly

picked a worse time for a honeymoon. A few days after we took office, several of the opposition came to our house one night and demanded our resignation. One member, sitting on the revolving piano stool, where he could see in all directions. Finally we got them out of the house with

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