

## News About Books From the Library

Perhaps you are one of the many book lovers who like to use their limited and precious reading time to make acquaintance with the best in literature.

To help you with introductions to the really great books, your Jackson County library has obtained a number of lists compiled by William H. F. Lamont of Rutgers university. Now posted at the Medford Public Library headquarters, and being mailed to all Jackson county library agencies, are lists of "Sixty Great Novels of All Time," "Sixty Great Novels of American Great," "Fifty Great Modern Biographical Writings, 1668-1655."

Others available upon request at the circulation desk are "Sixty Great Contemporary British Novels," "Sixty

Great Contemporary Foreign Novels," "Sixty Great Modern Foreign Novels, 1901-1925" and "Sixty Great Early Foreign Novels, 1015-1900."

For your further interest and convenience a display of the sixty great novels of all time has been arranged at the headquarters library; this includes Japanese, Spanish, French, Italian, German, Russian and Swedish writers, as well as British and American authors. The great majority of books included on the various lists are available in the Jackson County library and will be sent upon request to patrons of any of its agencies.

Early June additions to the library are the following:

**Religion:** Late Medieval Mysticism, Poetry; More Light on the Dead Sea Scrolls, Burrows; Christ and the Chris-

**Home Building:** The North-west Architecture of Pietro Belluschi, Stubblebine; House and Garden's Book of Building, Spring-Summer 1938, House and Garden; The Pahlmann Book of Interior Design, Pahlmann.

**Entertainment:** The Treasury of Games and Puzzles, Wallace; Party Book, Good Housekeeping; Story-Telling Home Movies, Salkin.

**Travel and Adventure:** All the Best in Japan, Clark; The Quest for Africa, Schiffer-Davringhausen; The Face of America, Saturday Evening Post.

**History:** From Ape to Angel, Hays; These Are Americans, Rademaker; Fire on the Beaches, Taylor; Spain, Madariaga; The New Japan, Velen.

**Social Problems:** Mental Health, Lang; Should the U.S. Change Its China Policy? Foreign Policy Association; The American Labor Movement, Daniels; How Life Insurance Can Serve You, Linton.

**Other Non-Fiction:** Coppercraft and Silver Made at Home, Kramer; Snakes in Fact and Fiction, Oliver; Timber Resources for America's Future, U. S. Agriculture Dept.; A Belgian Cookbook, Elkon.

**Fiction:** The Days Dividing, Selby; The Kingbreaker, Inington; Shadows on the Water, Cadell; Wind Rose, Hull; Seidman and Son, Moll; The Horsecatcher, Sandoz; In the Hunter's Eyes, Derby; Two Women, Pincherle; The Eighth Mrs. Bluebeard, Waugh; The Magic Barrel, Malamud; The Long Skeleton, Lockridge.

**YO-YO**  
Salt Lake City—(UPI)—To stem a popular wave of yo-yos in her fifth grade classroom, Mrs. Margaret Liston hustled the students into a project of building small garages, later told them they could park the yo-yos in individually marked stalls during class hours.

**GRANT HALF DOLLARS WITH STAR WORTH \$75**  
If you happen to have a 1922 Grant Memorial commemorative half dollar, take a good look at it because it may be worth much more than the \$5 at which it is usually valued.

The half dollar commemorates the 100th anniversary of the birth of President Ulysses S. Grant.

The face of the coin shows a bust of General Grant in uniform with the dates 1822-1922 below it and the words "United States of America" above.

On the reverse is shown a log cabin with a rail fence in front and overgrown by trees, in remembrance of his birthplace at Point Pleasant, Ohio.

The distinguishing mark to look for is a small star which may be found on the face of the coin in the "field" or background upon which the portrait bust sits.

According to figures supplied by the mint, 67,215 coins were issued without the star and 4,256 were minted with it.

Without it, the coin is valued as high as \$7 by some catalogues provided that it be in uncirculated condition. If the coin has the star, the catalogue value ranges to as high as \$75.

An acquaintance tells me he came across one of the starred commemoratives some years ago. The coin had been circulated extensively, though not enough to render any of its lettering or design illegible.

The dealers he showed it to made him a top offer of \$10, explaining that they wouldn't be able to get more than \$20 or \$25 for it in view of its condition.

He finally sold it to a collector for \$20.

**LONG RIFLE BARREL ACCURATE AFTER YEARS OF USE**  
The longest rifle I have ever heard of is a flintlock said to measure six feet nine inches from butt plate to the end of the barrel.

The longest I have ever seen is one that measured six feet two inches overall. It, too, was a flintlock, and since the lockplate was inscribed with words "Klausevic fecit," it was probably made by one Abner Klausevic of Ringtown, Pa.

The weapon fired a .42 calibre ball and, considering its rifling that had become rather worn, it was still surprisingly accurate. At 50 yards 10 shots fired from a rest made a group that measured only eight inches in its maximum diameter.

That it was accurate enough for that, despite its worn rifling, is probably due to the length of the barrel. The makers of the famous Kentucky and Pennsylvania rifles knew that the longer the barrel the greater the accuracy would be. And they undoubtedly also realized that as the rifling wore down and the weapon became more like a smoothbore, it would still have a greater degree of ac-

curacy because of its length. But though most of these early rifles have long barrels, not all of them do. Some were turned out with short barrels not over three feet long.

One that I saw with a 32-inch barrel almost certainly could not have been designed for a child's use. It was of '54 calibre, indicating that it was to be used for the biggest kind of game.

Very probably the man for whom it was made intended to use it in densely wooded country and wanted a weapon that could be handled as easily as one of our hard-hitting modern carbines.

There was nothing on that short flintlock rifle, by the way, to indicate the maker or place of manufacture. It had the Masonic symbol of the square and compass, done in brass and set in the stock, but that is common to many of the flintlocks turned out in the latter 1700s.

The piece sold for \$375, a fair price in the current market for such antique weapons. (Released by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

Syracuse, N. Y. — (UPI) — Policeman Robert Dixon brought a runaway 7-year-old boy back to his parents despite the lad's tearful plea that his parents had ordered him to stop watching television.

## Buried Treasure by Pinkney Gage

### Color Important Factor In Evaluation of Stamp

Ability to judge shades of color is often the decisive factor in determining the value of a stamp, especially the older ones.

A case in point is that of a friend who bought a series of French stamps including a 40-centime item that was issued in the early 1870s.

The design is a common one. Across the top are the words REPUB FRANC. The word POSTES is across the bottom, preceded and followed by the denomination. In the center, framed by a circle, is a female head symbolizing "La Belle France."

In buying it, he, as well as the seller, assumed that its color was an orange yellowish, a qualification that made it worth just about the \$5 that he paid for it.

However, as he was putting it in his album, his wife commented on the stamp's color, speaking of it as an unusual shade of scarlet yellowish.

The variation of the 40-centime stamp with a scarlet as against an orange shade had a catalogue value of \$50 in used condition, such as his was.

Had the stamp been uncanceled, its value would have been \$300.

Differences in value due to differences in shades of color are to be found in stamps of practically every country.

### Thornton Rules on Group's Authority

Salem—(UPI)—The Unemployment Compensation commission has the authority to enter into an agreement with the United States Secretary of Labor to pay additional benefits to persons who have exhausted their state unemployment benefits, Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton ruled Saturday.

The opinion was asked for by Commission Chairman Mrs. Cecelia P. Galey.

Mrs. Galey said she had been in doubt as to her authority to contract with the Secretary of Labor under the new bill signed by the President June 4.

Thornton said the agreement was based upon the appropriation of federal funds derived from a federal tax and that "no liability for the repayment of such funds to the United States is assumed by the state of Oregon."

Portland—(UPI)—Right-of-way purchases for the east bank freeway in Portland will begin within the next few weeks, Highway Engineer W. C. Williams told the state highway commission here Friday.

**TWO CARS**  
Syracuse, N. Y. — (UPI) — Two-car families do have their problems. Vincent Graham first told police someone had stolen \$1,500 from his parked car; later explained he had left the money in his other car.

**TV INFLUENCE**  
Salt Lake City—(UPI) — Kindergarten students at Lowell school recently received two turkeys for their science table, took time out from a study of Cinderella characters to name them Rodan and Zoro.

Confusion of red and green is the most common form of color blindness.

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