

# Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



## Old Cable Company Stamps Said Valuable

Most stamps that people collect are those put out by some government, but it is a safe bet that all stamps, whether put out by governments, business firms or private persons, have collectors and therefore some kind of value.

One of the commoner and more valuable of the non-governmental stamps are those that were issued for many years by American telegraph companies.

Their purpose was to stimulate the sale of telegrams by making it easy for people to buy them in advance, and in the days when the telegraph business was a highly competitive one, practically every firm issued them.

An acquaintance recently found two violet-colored stamps that had been issued by the Postal Telegraph-Cable

Across the face of the stamps was the statement that they were good for one telegram "until used otherwise." The statement was signed with the facsimile signature of Clarence H. Mackay whose firm was finally absorbed by Western Union in the 1940s.

The finder's first impulse was to throw the stamps away as worthless. He was sure they were since they weren't postage stamps. But luckily he decided to ask his 12-year-old son, an experienced collector, of two years standing.

The find was a worthwhile one. Though by no means the most valuable of those issued by the firm, they were sufficiently rare so that they brought the quick price of \$25 each.

### PLATTER FOR AMERICAN TRADE HAS HIGH PRICE

The platter had seen plenty of use. There was a small crack in the side nearest me and on the far edge I could see a nick.

But those imperfections didn't detract from its interest. If anything, they increased it. I was sure it was an heirloom. About its size were the names of 15 states, each one in a loop of ribbon and each loop separated from its neighbor by a five-pointed star.

The central design showed a country scene, a mansion with a lake and some swans. It was a piece of Staffordshire. On the back was the mark of a crown in a double circle also enclosing the words "Clews Warranted, Staffordshire." The mark is one used

by the firm of James and of a small pottery at Cobridge, England in the 1820s.

As for the type of ware, it was what is known as transfer printed. It was cheap in its day, and the firm produced considerable quantities of them, much of it for the American trade. In addition to the names of the states, there were two female figures on either side of the country scene. One was labeled "America" and the other "Independence."

The color of the design was a fairly vivid green. The most desirable is blue, but it is also found in sepia, brown, purple and pink.

As for its value — I have seen two others, also in green, sell at \$65 and \$100.

### PICTURE OF IRANIAN SHAH LINKED TO RARE COIN

I could feel the man opposite me reading my newspaper.

"If you'll wait a few minutes," I began, "I'll give you . . ."

"No," he said. "I just wanted to finish the caption on the Shah of Persia's picture," he said.

"It's the Shah of Iran," I said.

"Yeah. I know. But it's Persia as far as I'm concerned."

"I'm glad I saw the Shah's picture," he continued. "It reminds me I still got some Persian gold, and I might as well get rid of it."

"In case you don't believe it," he said, "I'll have it here tomorrow."

He was there the next morning, and he had the gold. It was a 10-toman piece of Persian and not Iranian gold.



**LEAVING THE COLD GRAY WALLS**—Former counter intelligence chief of West Germany, Otto John (left) leaves the penitentiary in Muenster, Germany, with his lawyer, Dr. Gerhard Kaemmerer. John was released after serving 19 months for conspiring with the Communists.

## Morse at Unique Roundup; Keeping Record of Absences

By A. ROBERT SMITH  
Mail Tribune Correspondent  
Washington — Sen. Wayne Morse, a life-long horseman, showed up at a unique roundup



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the other day where the "cow-boys" rode row boats instead of four-legged mounts.

This was no western roundup, but it held annually at Chincoteague, Va., which has become noted for its unique ponies.

The ponies run wild on Assateague Island all year until the Volunteer Firemen from nearby Chincoteague show up each summer to round them up for a sale. The firemen chase them into the water and force them to swim the quarter mile that separates the two places.

Morse went there with his family, getting permission from the Senate to do so, because he had long promised to buy a couple of these ponies for his nephews.

Legend has it that these ponies are descended from horses that swam ashore from a wrecked Spanish vessel centuries ago. They get a little larger than Shetland ponies, said Morse. After the foals are sold, the sires and dams are returned to Assateague to roam in freedom for another year.

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"I shall keep the record of my absences up to date, for the assistance of my opposition in 1962, so that they can at least be accurate next time in reporting to the people of Oregon my attendance record in the Senate," he declared.

Then he asked permission of the Senate to be excused for two days. He said:

"Let the record show that for nine months I have had a longstanding commitment to my family for a little sojourn we shall make. It might be called a sort of family reunion. I ask unanimous consent to be excused from attendance on sessions of the Senate for those two days, for that purpose."

No one objected.

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**PLEADS INNOCENT**—Minnie (Connie) Nicholas pleaded innocent at the preliminary hearing in Indianapolis at which she was charged with first degree murder in the slaying of executive Forrest Teel.

### Accordion Studio Takes Part in Festival

The Caesar Muzzoli Accordion studio of Medford is participating in the third annual Western States Accordion Festival in Long Beach, Calif., this week end.

More than 4,000 entries in bands, combos, duos and solos are entered in the festival, which is being sponsored by the Accordion Association of Southern California.

### Court Records

**DISTRICT COURT**  
James B. Watres, failure to make traffic stop, \$6.  
George Francis Bell, truck speeding, \$15.  
William H. Davis, violation of basic rule, \$15.  
Clifford Wesley Fields, over-width, \$15.

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
Lloyd R. Anderson vs. Alice Dunn Adams, divorce complaint.  
Margaret M. Stevens vs. Ruben R. Stevens, divorce complaint.  
Betty Lou Mann vs. Garbon Ray Mann, divorce complaint.

The Canadian or Horseshoe Falls at Niagara Falls are about 2,500 feet wide; the American Falls 1,000 feet.

## JACKSONVILLE Youth Hurt in Accident

By BETTE HOSKINS  
Jacksonville — David Rasmussen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Rasmussen, was injured in Bakersfield, Calif., last week. It was reported he was crossing at a cross walk and was struck by a car. He suffered two broken legs, a shattered bone in his hip and a head injury which required eight stitches, according to reports.

His parents, who are in Bakersfield with him, report that he will be in the hospital for at least the next five weeks. Friends here may address mail to Memorial Hospital, 420 34th st., Greater Bakersfield, Calif. He is a 1958 graduate of Jacksonville High school.

James Moore enlisted in the Army and left Monday Aug. 4. for Ft. Ord, Calif., for basic training. Having qualified in examinations, he will eventually go to Ft. Monmouth, N. J., for electronic schooling. He is a 1954 graduate from Jacksonville High school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Moore of South Third st.

Revival services with Evangelist Austin Shelton were held recently at the Jacksonville Assembly church. Highlights included inspirational singing. A missionary film of the West Indies, taken by Shelton during a tour last fall, was shown Wednesday.

Featured at the church last week was "The Gospel Story-Teller," Harry Leacock.

Sgt. and Mrs. Richard Roberts arrived home July 30 after spending 29 months in Augsburg, Germany, where Roberts was on duty as a paratrooper. After spending a week at the home of Mrs. Roberts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Berrimen, and visiting other relatives in the area, they moved to Klamath Falls where they will make their home.

Before leaving here Mrs. Robert's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Graham, honored the couple with a welcome home party at their home. Twenty-two family members attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Berrimen celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary Friday, Aug. 7.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Graham are Graham's sister, Mrs. Florence Craig, of Chicago, and his niece, Betty Linn Correy, of Cheyenne, Wyo.

Week end guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rawlin Ranney, are Mr. and Mrs. A. E. (Red) Ranney of Hoopa, Calif.

Mrs. Frank Apostalo, the former Mildred Milam, arrived home this week after spending nine days in Seattle with her husband and brother, Edward Milam, who are both stationed on the USS General A. E. Anderson. While in Seattle they attended the Sea Fair and visited Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Keen in Renton, Wash. Keen is a former resident here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Keen visited this week in Primeville at the home of Mrs. Keen's mother. Mrs. Keen will soon leave here to live in Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif., where Keen will be stationed with the Marines. Mrs. Keen is the former Kathy Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Henderson of Rogue River were guests last week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mansel Milam.

Jimmy Stevens, grandson of Mrs. Milam, fell on a barbwire fence last week and injured his arm.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens Jr., and children, Deborah Dianne and Glenn, of El Monte, Calif. While here, they all made a trip to Lake of the Woods to visit Stevens' brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Neely, and also visited Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Crenshaw, the Stevens' daughter and son-in-law in Lebanon, Ore.

Guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Long are Long's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Long, of Redland, Calif. The W. E. Longs and the Roy Longs were guests Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Caird. Other recent

guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Long were Eddie Bruner and Jimmy Moon, both of Portland.

Guests at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Babcock this week were her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kegley, and daughter, Debby, of College Place, Wash. The Kegley's were en route to Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. William Godfrey and sons returned recently from a trip to Lake Tahoe where they visited Mr. and Mrs. William Rickert at Ricks Lodge, and to San Bernardino, Calif., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Martin Howie and family, and Mr. and Mrs. William Rickert and family. Mrs. Rickert, Mrs. Howie and Mrs. Montgomery are all sisters of Godfrey.

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**5,747 Receive SS Benefits in 1957**

A total of 5,747 persons in Jackson county were receiving \$304,926 monthly in old-age, survivors, and disability payments under the Social Security program as of Dec. 31, 1957. W. V. Nusbbaum, district manager, has announced. The largest group in number of payees was made up of retired persons of whom there were 3,420 receiving \$210,624 each month, or an average of about \$62. This was slightly below the national average of about \$65 per month. Wives, children, widows and dependent parents accounted for the balance of the beneficiaries.

Sixty-five disabled persons were receiving an average payment of about \$55 per month under the disability insurance provision of the law, which became effective in July, 1957.

Total payments received showed an increase of \$62,000 per month over Dec. 31, 1956, and number of payees increased from 4,748.

**ADVICE FOR PARENTS**  
London —(UPI)—The Church of England newspaper urged its readers today to still "infantile squawks" during Sunday services by feeding their children hearty breakfasts before taking them to church. "A baby full of breakfast will most likely sleep through a hundred hymns," the church paper said. "If he does not, it is likely that he is teething, and should either be taken out of church or left at home for a Sunday or two."

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