

## Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



### Old Family Photo Sheds Light on Bicycle Rifle

In looking through a family album recently a friend came across a picture of his father as a member of the Dehesa Cycle and Chowder Club.

It was the usual picture of the 1900 period. The old boy stood by his machine, one foot on a pedal, staring into the camera from under the visor of an ivy league-type cap and over an enormous handle-bar moustache.

There was one big difference, though. He and every member of the organization had a rifle across the handlebars. Furthermore, the handle of one of the handlebars pass through the butt of the rifle.

On the back of the photograph was an inscription to the effect that the club was about to start out on its annual fall rabbit hunt.

Naturally, when I saw the picture, I wanted to know what kind of rifles the club members used.

"Bicycle rifles, of course," my friend said. "And I still have the very one father used."

The weapon was a single-shot, .25 caliber pistol with an 18-inch barrel and a device in the butt whereby a steel skeleton rifle stock could be attached to turn the piece into a shoulder weapon.

The gun, made by the J. Stevens & Co., of Chicopee Falls, Mass., had a spur trigger, and when I pointed out that one of the other weapons in the picture had the more conventional type of trigger with a trigger guard, my friend became curious.

It didn't take long to discover that the rifles were of the same make and calibre. The one with the trigger guard was merely a variation.

As for this value, we found that the Stevens bicycle rifles of .25 calibre and in good condition are worth about \$40 to \$50 today. They are still an extremely handy dual use gun.



**KILLED HIS CHILDREN**—Orlando McMillan, 43, an unemployed factory worker who shot four of his five children to death in Sparta, Mich., lies waiting for medical treatment of an arm injury he sustained while breaking into his estranged wife's home. McMillan had had a heated quarrel with his wife over her filing for divorce, and he wound up by slaying the children. The fifth child, Orlando Jr., 8, escaped death by playing possum after McMillan slugged him with a shotgun.

### Doctor Gray Takes Dim View of Hoops

Bridgeport, Conn.—(UPI)—Over 16? Then avoid hula hoops. Dr. John S. Gray, president of the Connecticut Chiropractic association warned yesterday that grown-ups who take a whirl at the latest craze risk "spinal disadjustments and variety of backaches."

"The hoops are natural for the kids with their supple bodies but for the average adult they're an extreme experience," he said.

Gray speaks from experience. He tried the hoop himself at the behest of his two children and was "through in a few minutes," he said.

### ELVIS GERMANY-BOUND

Bremerhaven, Germany — (UPI)—The U.S. Army is taking "all necessary measures" to keep crowds away from one of its newer soldiers. Elvis Presley arrives here Wednesday.

### BRITISH POSTAGE STAMPS ISSUED IN HIGH AMOUNTS

It would be interesting to know what the top amount of postage is that has ever been paid to mail something.

The highest sum I have ever heard of is four pounds, or about \$20 in terms of the pound's value in 1925 when the piece was mailed.

How big the package was I have no idea. All I have seen is the stamp which was a four-pound, rose and lilac item cancelled at Nairobi, in Kenya, East Africa.

The stamp is a horizontal oblong having an oval profile portrait of King George V as its central ornament. Beneath the portrait are the words "Kenya and Uganda." The denomination appears in

each corner and also about the portrait itself.

Scott's Catalogue lists seven denominations in this series, ranging upwards from a five-pound stamp to the top of 100-pounds. It states that these high-value stamps are theoretically available for postage but seldom, if ever used.

Though nothing is said to indicate that the stamps may have been used for revenue purposes other than postal, that seems likely as having been the intent in having them made.

But there again, if so, there should be a record of them as used for tax purposes, and so far I have been able to find none.

### THREE-CENT NICKELS USED DURING CIVIL WAR

"It's worth no more than a good three-cent nickel," the man said as I approached the counter.

The comparison was new to me. I had heard of a "plugged nickel" as a measure of worthlessness, but not of a three-cent nickel. Could this be a new example of the evils of inflation? I decided to keep quiet and listen.

But what they were talking about were genuine three-cent pieces, made of nickel instead of silver, and which were part of the coinage of this country back in the decades after the Civil War.

The particular issue they were talking about was a proof three-center of 1879. It was a typical proof, shiny, polished, uncirculated. The dealer wanted \$5 for it, but the customer maintained it wasn't worth more than \$4 at the outside.

His argument was that most of the 3,200 proofs originally issued that year were still in collectors' hands, and

that consequently there were more proof coins of that denomination than there were of the non-proof kind that actually circulated. As a result, a good non-proof 1879 three-cent nickel was rarer than the proof and should be worth more.

The dealer agreed but pointed out that most customers didn't think that way, so there would be no change in price.

The 1879 three-cent nickel is far less valuable than those issued the two years before.

In 1879 only 2,350 of these coins were struck, the average being worth today about \$20.

Those issued in 1877 are the most valuable of the series. The only ones issued were those in proof sets which were struck off as gifts to visiting dignitaries and other celebrities. Three-centers of that date are worth from \$70 to \$90.

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### Schumacher Named To Timber Group

County Assessor Ray Schumacher has been appointed to the timber committee of the Association of Oregon County Assessors, according to a letter from the association president.

This is Schumacher's second term on the committee. "This is an important committee as there will be numerous bills introduced in the next session of the state legislature to reflect the various viewpoints of segments of timber owners," according to Morris C. Bowker, assessors' association president.

Duties of the committee are to consider bills, legislation and proposals concerning taxation of timber and administrative application of the existing law; to keep the legislative committee informed of all decisions concerning timber legislation; and to report to the 1959 convention and membership on committee activities.

Hollywood — (UPI) — Musclem Mickey Hargitay, husband of actress Jayne Mansfield, has been ordered to pay \$300 a month to support a 9-year-old daughter by his first wife.

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30 Pair	Cafe Curtains. Plain Indian Head, 30" and 36" Length. Take 'Em Away	pr. 1.00
13 Only	Much Better Bedspreads. Embossed Cottons, Full or Twin. Cut to the Bone.	1.00
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80 Yds.	Better Yardage Regulated Cotton Prints. 36" Wide. Be an Early Bird!	yd. 38c
29 Pair	Cotton/Nylon Stretch Gloves. Blue, Pink Only	pair 18c
38 Pair	Men's Better Slacks. All Wool. Flannels, Worsteds, Gabs. All Yours!	7.77
124 Pair	Men's Dress Slacks. Wash 'N' Wear. We Can't Go Lower!	5.00
38 Only	Men's Wool Suits. Tweeds, Flannels. Shorts, Reg., Longs. Last Reduction!	25.00
17 Only	Men's Fur Felt Hats. Tops in Quality. We Don't Want These!	5.00
96 Only	Men's Polo Shirts. Nautical Stripes. We Don't Want These Either!	77c
25 Only	Zipper Traveling Bags. Rayon Duck Rubberized Back. Stock Up at Savings!	1.00
140 Only	Men's Much Better Sport Shirts. Short Sleeves. S-M-L. We Are Tired of These!	99c
4 Only	Electric Blankets. 2 Year Guarantee. You're Seeing Right!	7.88
10 Only	Girls' Better Dresses. Wash 'N' Wear Cottons. Broken Sizes. Need We Say More!	99c
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36 Pair	Girls' Saddle Oxfords. Black & White, Cushion Crepe Sole. Size 9-2. Take 'Em Away!	3.33
140 Pair	Much Better School Shoes. Girls' Straps. Boys' Oxfords. Out They Go!	2.66
100 Pair	Child's High Shoes. White or Brown, Moc Toe. Sizes 3 1/2 to 8. Save! Save!!	2.33
30 Pair	Women's Better Flats, Block Smooth or Suede. Sizes 4 1/2 to 10. Broken. Cut to Bone	2.66
108 Pair	Men's T Shirts and Briefs. All Sizes. We Can't Go Lower!	50c
1 Only	Men's Better Sport Coats, Tropical Weight. No, We Haven't Made a Mistake!	3.00
48 Only	Men's Much Better Sport Shirts. Long Sleeves, Stripes, Checks. We are Tired of These!	1.88
15 Only	Plaid Clothing Bag. Heavy Vinyl Plastic. Be an Early Bird!	1.00
2 Only	Boys' Wool Sport Coat. Size 4. Our Loss Your Gain!	1.00
60 Only	Boys' Flannel Pajamas. Sanforized. Sizes 6-16. Stock Up at Savings!	1.77
48 Only	Boys' Flannel Shirts. Sizes 4-18. Woven Flannel. We Don't Want These!	1.00
9 Only	Heavy Bath Towels, 20x40. Pink Only. We Don't Want These Either!	25c
96 Pair	Women's Nylon Hose. Double Loop. Sizes 9 1/2 and 10. All Yours!	50c
6 Only	Hardwood High Chairs. Excellent Finish, Beautiful Decals. Need We Say More!	5.00
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