

Printing Names of Juveniles May Help Curb Delinquency

Publishing the names of juvenile offenders will help curb delinquency, according to the results of a readers' poll conducted by Family Weekly, the Mail Tribune's national newspaper magazine supplement.

Results of the poll are being published in the Oct. 19 issue of Family Weekly. The poll consisted of three questions and was based on the magazine's recent article, "Does Publicity Curb Delinquency?" Sixty-nine per cent of the ballots said "yes" to the question: Should newspapers print the names of all youngsters under 18 who run afoul of the law?

Smaller Majority

A smaller majority, 53 per cent, felt that newspapers should print only the names of repeaters and serious law violators under 18.

Only 20 per cent felt that juvenile court judges should decide which names of youthful offenders should be published. This was the third question.

Ballots were received from every state. In addition, hundreds of Family Weekly readers wrote letters to express their opinions in detail. As one writer put it, "There is a need to elaborate on this important subject; a ballot hardly does the job." The letters indicated deep concern about the growing problem of juvenile delinquency.

The large majority favoring publication of the names of all offenders was made up of teachers, social workers, law-enforcement officials, businessmen, and people from many other walks of life. Their comments ranged from vehement demands that public whipping be revived to agreement with FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover's position that the names of all young offenders be published, regardless of age.

Teen-age Letters

Letters from teen-agers, most of whom commented on the second question, stressed that the publication of names, far from being a deterrent to crime, often makes heroes of

young offenders and gives vicarious pleasure to their friends.

Many readers also suggested that parents' names and addresses should be published along with those of offending youngsters. They cited lack of discipline and selfish neglect of children as the chief causes of delinquency.

A number of participants in the poll complimented their local newspaper editors. They said that editors, serving as the community's conscience, do a good job in deciding when to publish the names of juvenile offenders.

Progress of New Service Discussed

Progress of the recently formed Family Counseling Service was discussed at a meeting of the Southern Oregon Child Guidance Clinic association last week.

The board agreed with a recommendation of the volunteer counselors that only self-referrals would be acceptable. The referrals should be made by contacting the Child Guidance Clinic office in the Leverette building, officials noted.

The Rev. Richard Jones, association president, conducted the meeting, and problem case was presented by Tom Goff, psychiatric social worker.

The association board of directors and the technical advisory committee approved formation of a case committee to be made up of chairmen of all committees. The case committee, with the help of the clinic's professional staff, will gather basic information and study in detail the operating service program.

Findings and recommendations of the committee will then serve as a basis for the deliberations and action of the board.

In manufacturing industries the British worker puts in a longer week than the Canadian, American or West German.

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



Indian Spearhead Reward Of Rockhound's Quest

There must be at least a million rockhounds in the country - people who go through the countryside looking for unusual stones, preferably of the semiprecious variety.

Naturally, such a hobby inevitably brings them across an occasional Indian relic. Generally it is an arrowhead. Usually it is broken. But arrowheads, though the commonest, were only one of the many stone articles the Indians made, and so once in a while the rockhound turns up something else.

One of them, while examining the stones in a newly cut road excavation in Comanche County, Texas, recently came across a long, tapering piece of tan colored flint. That kind of stone isn't desirable to a rockhound, but the shape of the piece and its position, about a foot down from the grass line at the top of the excavation, made him feel it might be worth saving.

The piece was. When he had washed off the clay with which it was encrusted, he had a spearhead. It was nearly three inches wide at the shoulder and a trifle over three-quarters of an inch thick. The point was almost needlelike. The century or more it had lain there since some brave had lost it in either a hunt or a battle had done it no harm whatever.

It is good to know the origin of any relic, Indian or otherwise. When the origin is provable it may add much to the value. In the case of this spearhead, however, all that could be known is that it was used by some Indian of the plains, quite possibly by a Comanche.

As for its value, spearheads like that generally bring \$25 to \$40 from collectors of Indian weapons. This rockhound, however, did better.

He had the idea of selling it as a paperweight, and one of the customers in his gun shop paid him \$60 for it.

ALASKA'S STATUS INCREASES VALUE OF OLD ITEMS

The mere fact that Alaska has now attained statehood shouldn't have any effect on the value of Alaskan philatelic items. At least that is the way some people think.

But it is having an effect. Already it is increasing the value of pre-statehood envelopes with Alaskan cancellations on them and stamps that have been issued with an Alaskan territorial connection.

The reason is psychological mainly. The fact of statehood marks the end of one era and the beginning of another. Suddenly there is a new surge of interest in the semipolar land that has become the 49th state, and since there will be a rush of collectors to get new items with an Alaskan link, there will be an even bigger one for the steadily shrinking supply of old ones.

An example lies in the reaction of the stamp-collecting public to the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition stamp.

That stamp is a two-cent, carmine colored item, put out

to commemorate the exposition held at Seattle from June to October, 1909. The central feature of its design is a profile portrait of William H. Seward, Secretary of State, who engineered the purchase of the territory from Russia in 1867.

The stamp was issued both with and without perforated edges. The one without the perforated edges is about five times as valuable as the other, and if it has the cancellation mark of the Exposition, its value is currently listed in most catalogues as around \$25.

The catalogue value, of course, is only an approximation. Stamps in good condition sell for both more and less than the catalogue price. Usually, however, the price they bring is lower.

Since statehood, though, the trend is markedly the other way for the two-cent exposition item. In two cases I know of the price has been upped to \$30 for one and \$28 for the other.

PRIVATELY MINTED GOLD COINS USED IN 1860'S

Some of the private gold coins produced by western firms a century ago look so much like those put out by the government that it is necessary to look closely to tell the difference.

The point is important for two reasons. The first is that private gold coins are generally worth far more than those of government issue. The second is that there is still a large amount of gold coin in private hands, amounting to untold millions of dollars in face value alone.

Probably the private coin that might most easily pass for one of government issue is the \$10 gold piece put out by the Denver firm of Clark, Gruber and company, back in 1861.

The face of the coin is almost identical with that of the government for the same year. Each have a Liberty head over the date with 13 stars around the edge. The

difference is in the wording on the band around the head. On the government's there is the word "Liberty." On the other are the words "Pike's Peak."

The reverse side is also deceptive. There is the same eagle, as the chief feature of the design, standing above the phrase "Ten D." And though the private coin has the name of the firm around the edge instead of "United States of America," one might not notice it, particularly if the coin were somewhat worn, as many of them are.

It can cost plenty for anyone who doesn't notice it. The 1861 government coin is worth about \$35 to \$40 in good condition. The coin put out by the Denver firm, however, would bring three times as much.

Most valuable of that firm's coins, by the way, is the 1860 \$20 gold piece with a representation of Pike's Peak on the obverse side. In good condition it brings well over \$1,200.

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Stars Said Behind In Tax Payments

Los Angeles - (UPI) - Movie stars Van Johnson and Gordon MacRae, TV actress Nanette Fabray and New York Yankee co-owner Del Webb are among 75 persons expected to appear in federal court Monday to answer the government's charge that they are behind on income tax payments.

Melvin Sears, chief regional counsel for the Bureau of Internal Revenue, said Thursday Federal Judge Bruce M. Forrester will hear cases involving more than 100-million dollars in disputed tax money. The government contends that MacRae owes it \$139,939 in taxes for the years 1952 through 1954.

Miss Fabray, who formerly played opposite TV comedian Sid Caesar, was said to owe \$12,009 for 1952, and Van Johnson, the government claims, is behind \$117,497 for 1953-54.

Webb, who owns a contracting business as well as a piece of the world champion ball club, allegedly owes \$15,260 for 1952.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Favored Treatment Seen by Holmes

Portland - (UPI) - Gov. Robert D. Holmes said Thursday night that election of his Republican opponent, Mark Hatfield, would mean a return to favored treatment of special interests.

Hatfield, who also appeared at the Jewish Community Center before about 125 persons, charged there was too close an alliance between

Holmes and organized labor. Holmes charged that his opponent "has carefully not committed himself to anything."

Hatfield said in his talk that "I have decried administrations in the past that have been too closely allied with business. I think the present administration has gone too far in allying itself with la-

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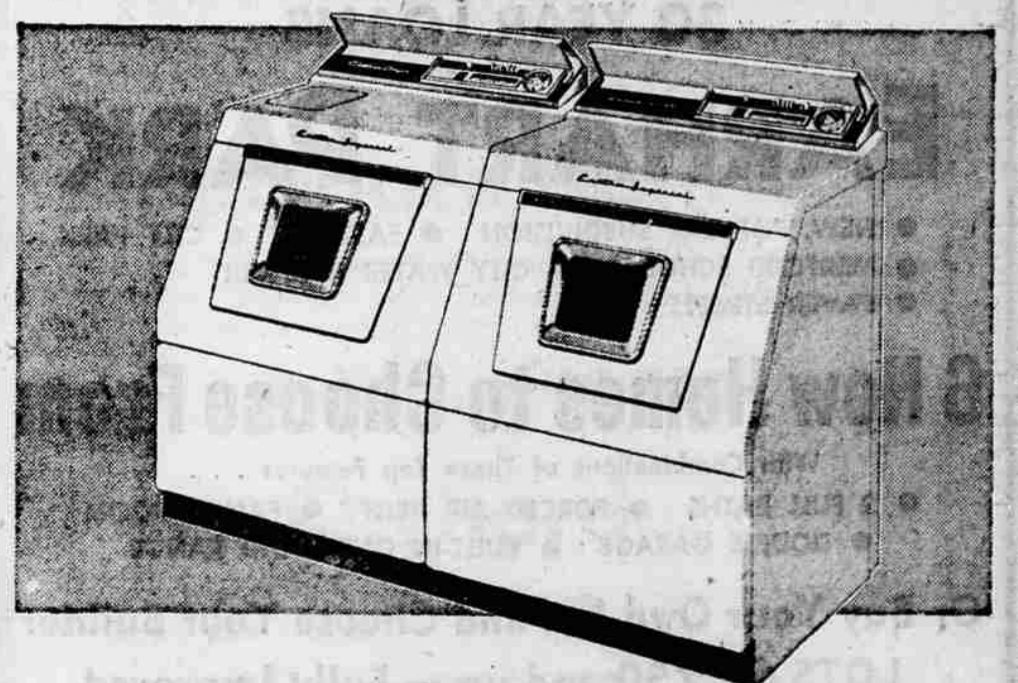
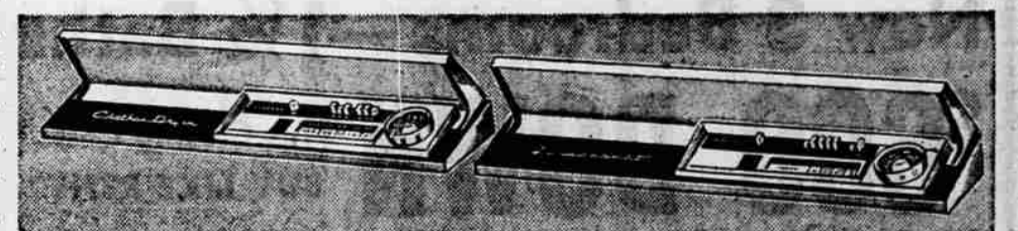
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