

Few Pistols See Action In Three Major Wars

Very few pistols made in this country have seen service in three major wars, but some of those made in southern arms plants were used in the Revolution, the War of 1812 and in the Civil war as well.

Any pistol, stamped with the name of such a plant - the Rappahannock Forge is one - is worth upwards of \$1,000 if it is authentic, but because such weapons are among the most historic and valuable of American handguns, they have been counterfeited.

In general, they have an eight-or nine-inch, smoothbore barrel of .60 or more calibre, no sights, a wooden ramrod and a brass trigger guard. Occasionally, however, they are found with silver mountings, in which case they may be foreign-made guns that were stamped in American plants before being issued to the troops. They may or may not be dated.

As originally issued they were flintlocks, but most of those - and possibly all -

that were used by Confederate troops were converted to percussion fire. Normally the conversion of a flintlock to percussion reduces the value, but in this case it increases the probability that it was a genuine Confederate weapon, and, in view of its earlier history, actually raises it.

Because many of the regiments in American armies through the Civil war were raised by individuals, some of whom even equipped the men at their own expense or through popular subscription, early weapons are sometimes found stamped with the regimental insignia.

One pistol that I saw two years ago was stamped P.L.H. The initials stood for Peterson's Light Horse, a New York unit raised during the Revolution. The pistol was not marked with the name of the forge, but since it tallied with the description of Rappahannock Forge weapons in other respects, and was supported by the proper documents, it sold for \$600.

CONFEDERATE STAMP HONORS ANDY JACKSON

By a strange quirk of fate the last stamp issued by the Confederacy for general postal purposes carried the portrait of the man who condemned secession as "an impractical absurdity."

The man was President Andrew Jackson who 32 years earlier had sent federal troops into South Carolina to compel the collection of federal tariffs which that state had disallowed in its borders.

The stamp is a two-cent, brownish red item that was engraved and printed by a firm in Richmond, Va. It is a poorly executed piece of work, reflecting the tremendous strain which the war had imposed on the South's resources. It was the first issued on May 8, 1863, some months after the blockade of southern ports had tightened enough so that blockade runners no longer attempted to carry such comparative luxuries as postage stamps printed in Britain on order of the Confederacy.

The stamp is generally found unused, in which case

it brings only \$2 or a little more. If canceled, its value ranges from \$25 to \$35, depending on the condition of the stamp and the type of cancellation.

If the stamps were on the original envelope, its value would be much greater, regardless of the names of the addressee or sender. That, however, is a point that many persons still fail to realize even though it is true of all canceled stamps without exception.

A pair of these two-cent, Confederate Andrew Jackson stamps were offered to a friend of mine recently, and he bought them for \$70 - the value of the individual item rises if it is part of a pair or greater number. But he noticed from a stain on the paper margin of the envelope about the stamps that it might have been freshly cut.

It had been. The owner thought that was the way to do since stamp albums have places for stamps but not for envelopes. The assumption cost him not less than \$25.

BELLOWS ONE OF MOST PROLIFIC PAINTERS

George Wesley Bellows, who painted the famous picture of Firpo knocking Dempsey through the ropes, could and did paint landscapes, portraits and religious scenes with equal ease.

He had the faculty of going to the heart of the subject that caught his attention and transferring it to canvas with an eye to detail that makes his work essentially realistic. In short, he was an abstractionist in that he caught the essence of what he saw and put it down so everyone else could see it.

He was something of an artist in words, too. During World War I, he painted a picture of Edith Cavell on her way to execution as a spy. When someone criticized it as the work of a slacker because he hadn't been on hand at the execution, he replied that Leonardo da Vinci, who painted The Last Supper, hadn't been on hand to attend that either.

Though Bellows died in 1924 at 42, he had been one of the most prolific artists in the country from the time he

got out of Ohio State university where he made an enviable record as an athlete. An indication is a two week's vacation he and Eugene O'Neill, the playwright, spent at Zion, N.J. Bellows returned from it with 24 canvases. Because of his great production much of his work is in private hands, and inevitably a percentage of it shows up in auction rooms and secondhand establishments.

Not all of his work is top flight, but it is safe to say that any of it one finds is sure to have a considerable value, even if it is one of his earliest pieces.

An acquaintance of mine felt himself lucky to buy a small street scene, in oil that Bellows did in 1907. He was lucky because the price was only \$300. How lucky is indicated by the auction sale of a painting of a newsboy. It is an oil, about 30 inches high and signed at the bottom with the signature Geo. Bellows. When sold six years ago it brought \$1,000.

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Weather Patterns Forecast in Advance

Washington (Science Service) - A way to predict weather patterns several weeks in advance has been discovered. An electronic computer and newly solved basic equations of atmospheric motion are the essential ingredients.

When fully worked out, the method will give a much more detailed description of long-range weather than now possible. Such a forecast would read: "West Coast residents can expect generally clear skies and colder than normal days during the period from Feb. 1 to 4." However, it will not predict the weather for a specific city on a specific day 30 days in the future.

Nevertheless, the method will yield considerably more specific forecasts than the present 30-day ones. These predict only whether temperatures and precipitation for differing regions will average above or below or normal for the period involved. Even such limited forecasts have been invaluable aids to the Government, business and the public, and saved unknown millions of dollars yearly.

A new dump truck, said to be the world's largest, has 18 wheels and two engines of 300 horsepower each. It weighs 79 tons empty and 200 tons when loaded.

POPULARITY CONTEST

Little Rock, Ark. (UPI) - Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark.) tells this story about a novice politician and a veteran judge.

"Tell me, Judge," asked the politician, "who do you think will win, me or my opponent?"

"Well," replied the judge, "it depends on which one of you sees the most people. If you see the most, he'll win. If he sees the most, you'll win."

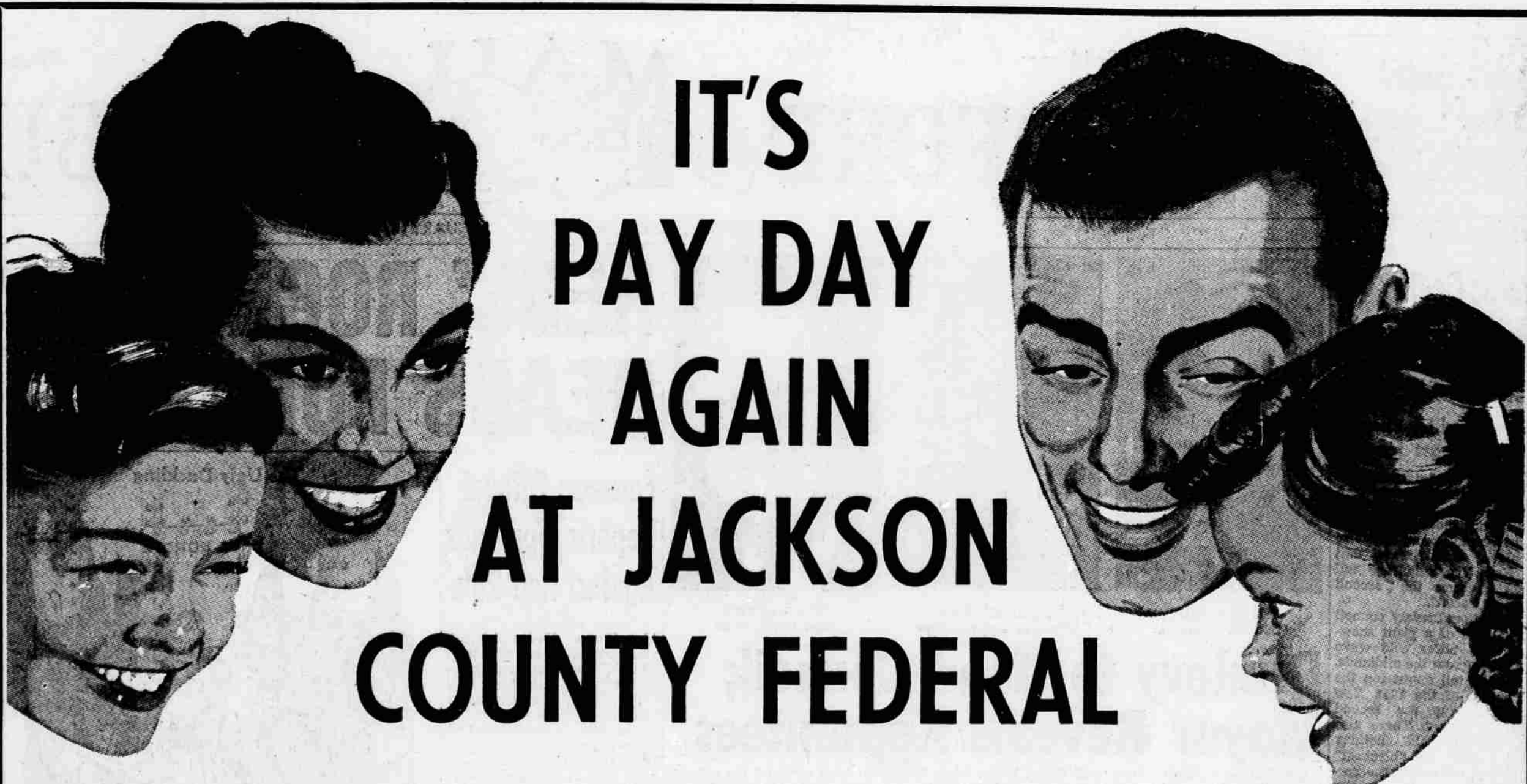
Burglaries Reported To Sheriff's Office

Approximately 14 bottles of soft drink were stolen Thursday night by vandals who entered the Talent Union Service station on Highway 99, according to sheriff's deputies.

Burglars broke windows of the station and damaged a power mower, which was removed from the building and burned in a nearby field.

Deputies also received a report of the illegal entry of a cabin owned by Charles Chester Richmond, route 4, Rogue River.

Edmond G. Bailes, 391 Bridge st., Ashland, reported the theft of a metallic tool box containing tools valued at approximately \$250. Bailes said they were taken some time last week from Bailes panel truck.



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This Semi-Annual Dividend of \$238,281.03 Makes a Total of \$455,331.06 in Dividends Received By Jackson County Federal Investors During 1958

Semi-Annual FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 1958

ASSETS

First Mortgage Loans	\$11,474,091.11
Loans on Savings Accounts	102,265.72
Other Loans	8,499.11
Properties Sold on Contract	20,034.36
Real Estate Owned and in Judgment	12,423.58
Investments and Securities	199,600.00
United States Government Bonds	1,811,586.13
Cash on Hand and in Banks	1,093,000.09
Office Building and Equipment	55,316.97
Deferred Charges and Other Assets	88,372.31
	\$14,865,189.38

LIABILITIES

Savings Accounts	\$12,974,541.42
Loans in Process	436,074.65
Other Liabilities	41,704.18
Specific Reserves	14,606.58
General Reserves	1,165,935.58
Undivided Profits	232,326.97
	\$14,865,189.38

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