

# Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



## Quality of Paper May Determine Stamp's Value

The phrase "not worth the paper it's printed on" is often an apt expression of worthlessness, for the reason that paper is usually so cheap as to have an insignificant value—especially in postage stamp size.

However, there are some cases where the type of paper used is the all-important factor in determining value of such tiny bits of printing as postage stamps.

An example is the one-real stamp put out by the Dominican Republic back in the late 1860s and early 1870s. If one of these stamps is unwatermarked—that can generally be told by holding it up to the light and looking for a faint design in but not on the paper—and if it is printed in a pale green, then it is worth either around \$20 or \$75.

Which value it will have is determined by the kind of paper on which the stamp was printed. If printed on laid paper, it commands the higher price. The other type of paper used is wove.

### NOVELTY GLASS RECALLS GAUDINESS

Much of the novelty glass turned out by 19th Century American glassmakers is highly colored, garish, and of, at best, most uncertain taste. However, no one should ever let the fact warp his judgment regarding values—at least in the sense of what people will pay for such work.

A case in point is a birthday gift a friend recently received. It was a glass sampan, or Chinese fishing smack, about seven inches long. The sole occupant of the tiny boat was a coolie-type figure under a conical-shaped hat done in yellow glass to suggest straw. He held the tiller in one hand and a fish pole in the other.

From the end of the rod ran a line in clear glass to curve around the bowsprit of the vessel. On the end of the line dangled a big fish, nearly three-quarters of an inch long and with fins of blue and green and eyes of an angry red.

The fisherman evidently had yanked on his rod so hard that he had wound the fish around the bowsprit. If that was the artist's idea, it was certainly true to life, for many a fisherman has done just that sort of thing.

### ODD SUPERSTITION HAD PEOPLE MUTILATING BILLS

If anything good can be said for inflation, it is that it has destroyed the basis of one of the silliest superstitions to which Americans ever subjected themselves.

The superstition was that you should tear the corner off any \$2 bill that came into your hands.

The basis of it was that to get a \$2 bill meant that you would soon fall ill and have to pay it to a doctor, whose traditional fee for years was \$2. By tearing the corner off you destroyed the bad luck.

I was reminded of this recently when a friend showed me a \$2 silver certificate he had just acquired. It was one of the so-called educational series of notes put out by the government in 1896. On the face of the bill was an allegorical design showing some women and children representing such subjects as steam, electricity and other signs of progress. There were also a small red seal and the signatures of Blance K. Bruce, Registrar of the Treasury, and Ellis H. Roberts, Secretary of the Treasury.

On the reverse were the oval portraits of the scientific giants Robert Fulton and Samuel Morse.

Any of the bills in the educational series is a worthwhile collector's item, but the \$2 bill is one of the better ones. In good condition, its value ranges from \$70 to \$150.

The one my friend had acquired was so crisp it obviously had not gone through very many hands. However, two of its former owners had evidently been men who weren't taking any chances on the superstition.

The lower corners of the bill had been torn off. Not much of the paper was gone, only about a quarter of an inch in each case. But that was enough both to break the bad luck and the value of the bill from a collector's standpoint.

He had paid \$50 for it, he said, and in my opinion it wasn't worth a cent more.

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## 4-H Club News

### Gold Hill 4-H Club

The Gold Hill 4-H club held a meeting recently. Charlotte Vollmert called the meeting to order, and Nancy Meister read the minutes of the last meeting and roll call.

The members decided to start their garment projects next week. Refreshments will be cookies and punch at the next meeting.

Betty Lou Brown, Reporter.

### Trail Blazers

The Trail Blazers 4-H Horse club held its monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Tom Whittle, April 18. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Olson, and Gary Whittle led the flag salute.

## Editorial Comment

### MEN WITH A STATEWIDE OUTLOOK

Until recently, membership on the state highway commission was not well distributed geographically. All three commissioners lived figuratively within a stone's throw of the Columbia river. This has been changed with the resignation of Robert Chessman of Astoria. (Other members are Milo Melver, Portland, and Kenneth Fridley, Wasco.)

Prior to the appointment as Chessman's successor of Glenn Jackson, Medford, the Eugene Register-Guard urged selection of a Lane county man because it thought the state's second most populous center ought to be represented and that such an appointment would make sense from the standpoint of geographical considerations.

Jackson, an able and public-spirited citizen, undoubtedly will be satisfactory to the people in the Eugene area, where he is well known and something can be said for better geographical distribution.

However, it is worth repeating that traditionally no member of the commission has been a special pleader for his part of Oregon. All three have looked at highway needs from the standpoint of the best interests of the state as a whole. Just recently we heard a representative of the mid-Columbia area say, good-naturedly that his people had been able to get nowhere with Commissioner Fridley on projects in which they were particularly interested. At the same time he said people of the area have respect and affection for Fridley. That is the ideal situation.

Early in the legislative session a senate bill was introduced to enlarge the highway commission from 3 to 5, with the provision that each be appointed from a specified area of the state. The Journal and others opposed this on the grounds that it would tend to make each member a competitor for funds for his part of the state and lead to a kind of politicking of which the commission in the past has been notably free.

We have been glad to see the bill apparently isn't going anywhere. The concept that all three members represent the state as a whole is a good one and worth keeping. — Oregon Journal.

The Trail Blazers adopted the 4-H constitution and Barbara Beck was elected reporter. She gave a special report on the Norris Quarter Horse ranch that the club visited in February.

Vicki Caldwell, Karen Holley, Bob Olson, Gail Stone, Jo Weed and Gary Whittle passed their 4-H rider test at our March meeting and a ride was held afterward.

Mrs. Whittle, our leader, discussed parts of the horse and presented the members with a horse book that we will study. Jim and Steve Cotton furnished the refreshments.

April 22 a Hawaiian night party was held at the Whittle home. Twenty-five attended and Glenn Klein gave a talk about 4-H work. Karen Holley and Jim Cotton were presented leis that they won in a game at the club meeting.

Colored movies were shown of the Hawaiian islands by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Whittle and Hawaiian refreshments were served.

Barbara Beck, Reporter.

### Reese Creek Renegades

A meeting of the Reese Creek Renegades was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Moore. Mr. Scorie and Mr. Hollister, the coleaders, were there.

The club members and parents held a contest to see which could get the best judging score. The parents won, so the members have to prepare a picnic dinner at a practice fair to be held May 9, at Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Calloway's.

David Calloway, Reporter.

### Sams Valley Livestock Club

The Sams Valley Livestock club met April 21 in the Sams Valley schoolhouse.

It was reported that the flags and album we ordered some time ago had arrived. The flags are of two different types, one is a United States flag, and the other is a 4-H club flag.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served afterward by Alice DePew, Connie McDonough, Reporter.

### Rogue River Dairy Club

The Rogue River Dairy club held its meeting April 18 at the home of the leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons.

We discussed giving a model meeting at the Grange. Marilyn Deckleman and Lanny Parsons volunteered to give a demonstration at the Spring Dair show May 16.

Allen Jones gave a report on the proper feeding of dairy animals.

Following the business meeting, we practiced showmanship. Mrs. Parsons served refreshments.

Lanny Parsons, Reporter.

### South West Medford Livestock

The South West Medford Livestock and cooking clubs had a barbecue at the home of Mrs. Rode April 18. At the barbecue, Heather Rode and Carole Leon gave a demonstration on showmanship of rabbits. We then went swimming at Twin Plunges in Ashland.

Carole Leon, Reporter.



SECRETARY — Janet Meyer, a freshman at Southern Oregon college majoring in elementary education, has been elected secretary of the Associated Student Body at the college. Her home is in Klamath Falls.

## Man Pleads Guilty In District Court

Charles William Murray, 34, of 445 South Front st., pleaded guilty in circuit court Thursday to district attorney's information on a charge of uttering and publishing a false check.

Murray was arrested by Medford city police April 21. Sentencing was continued by Judge James M. Main pending the receipt of a FBI report.

## Conducted Tour of Forest Area Planned

All interested persons are invited to join a conducted tour of a portion of the Butte Falls district, Rogue River National forest, Saturday, May 9, according to Forest Supervisor C. E. Brown.

Arrangements for the tour have been made as a part of the observance of Conservation Week in Oregon at the request of John Gribble, county chairman for Conservation Week observance.

The period May 3-10 is designated as Conservation Week by Gov. Mark Hatfield.

The tour will start at the U.S. Forest Ranger station in Butte Falls at 10 a.m. Forest Ranger Ralph Wiese said a forest service vehicle will lead the caravan over forest roads suitable for any ordinary passenger car. As many carloads as care to may join the tour.

Stops will be made at points of interest and explanations of the forest management will be given by one of the federal foresters. The tour will be planned to return to Butte Falls between 3 and 4 p.m., but anyone crowded for time could leave the party earlier if they wished. People going on the tour should take their lunch.

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## Moonlighting Held Illegal

Portland—UP—The district attorney's office advised Sheriff Francis Lambert Friday that moonlighting—the practice of county employees holding two jobs—is illegal.

The opinion was delivered by Willis A. West, chief civil deputy in the district attorney's office.

It was asked by Lambert, who wanted to know if his deputies could engage in part-time employment while off duty.

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## AUTHOR DIES

Philadelphia—UP—Mrs. Elizabeth Miffilin Boyd, 88, author of children's books, died Wednesday.

## MAIL TRIBUNE, Medford, Or. Sunday, May 3, 1959

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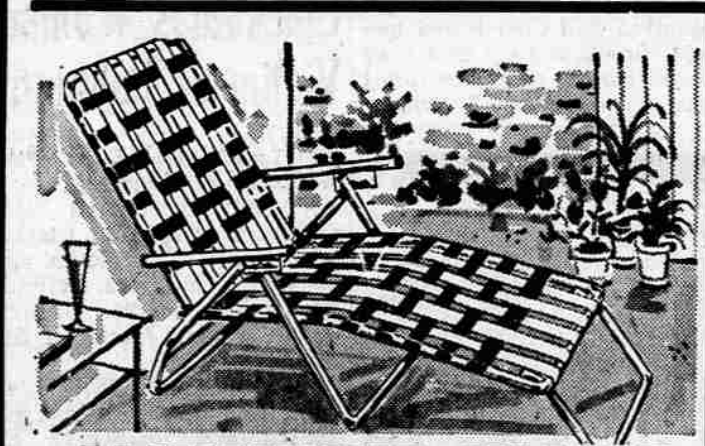
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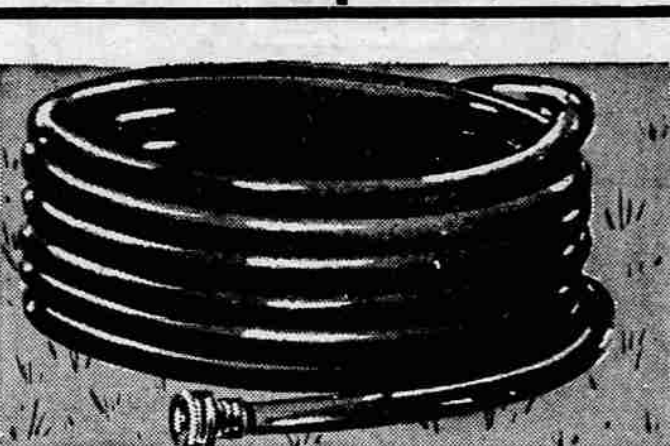
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