

# Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



## Original Cover Boosts Value of Most Stamps

Whoever finds what he thinks is a rare stamp on an envelope should never cut the stamp off until its value has been determined. For if the stamp has any appreciable value at all, its value will be greatly increased so long as it remains on the original envelope.

This is the case no matter whom the envelope was addressed. But, if it happens to have been addressed to a person of some historic importance, or even mailed on a historically important day, its value would be still further increased. Also, sometimes there may be an extra value in such a cover even if the person were not historically important, the reason being that either the sender or addressee may have descendants who would be interested in it.

An illustration lies in the story of a Puerto Rican stamp which a dealer purchased recently. It was a reddish brown stamp of a ten-centavo denomination. Across the top were the words P.T.O. RICO 1878. The denomination was given

### WALDEN WOODEN FURNITURE HIGHLY RATED

Any old, all wooden contraptions you come across that look as if they might be pieces of early Rube Goldberg furniture should be treated with respect, for quite possibly they may be legitimate pieces of furniture and with considerable value.

An example of a find that is not at all uncommon is that known as a screw candlestand. One that was found recently in an old barn stood on an over-all height of about four feet. It consisted of an inch-and-a-half thick piece of maple, evidently trimmed down from a sapling and turned over the greater part of its length. The bottom end was countersunk in a maple plate that was supported on a wooden tripod.

Near the upper end of the piece was a large, inch-thick maple plate, and above that was a cross arm that jutted out for nearly a foot and a half to either side of the pole. At each end of the crossarm was a hole containing a threaded pin whose upper end was bored out to a depth

### SERIES 1886 SILVER CERTIFICATES HIGHLY PRIZED

Among the more interesting U. S. silver certificates are those of the 1886 series, one of which I came across recently in the \$5 denomination.

There are several of that denomination in the series, and all of them have a premium value. However, the highest is probably that which has a small red seal on the back to the right of the oval portrait of President Grant, and to the left, the signature of W. S. Rosecrans, Register of the Treasury, and E. C. Weeber, Treasurer of the United States.

Where the series mark is found is also to the right of the portrait. It is given in very small type that reads "Department Series 1886." But that isn't sufficient identification. On the reverse side is a simple design consisting of five silver dollars, four of them only half shown, but the center one being shown in full. The date on the central dollar must be 1886. The premium value of the certificate, which states across the face that the Treasury will pay five silver dollars to the bearer on demand, is from \$30 to \$70, depending on condition.

But the value of the other certificates in the same series is not to be sneezed at. They carry a variety of signatures through having been issued over a period of years, but even the commonest of the lot is worth from \$20 up. At to where they may be found—anyone's guess will do. But one place that should not be overlooked is the seemingly unlikely one of old pocketbooks and purses. Probably millions of dollars, in the aggregate, have been lost by people who failed to look completely through an old purse before discarding it. The proof of it lies in the experience of salvage shops where each discarded purse is carefully gone through with a surprising amount of recovery in bills and coins each year. (Released by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

### Dr. Snow Named to Association Post

Eugene - Dr. Milton R. Snow of Medford has been named vice president of the Oregon Osteopathic association. He was elected at the Northwest convention of the association being held here.

Dr. Russell R. Sherwood of Gresham was named president-elect, to take office in summer of 1960. Dr. Elmer A. Flaming of Dallas will serve as president until then.

Others named were Dr. David E. Reid, Lebanon, secretary-treasurer, reelected; and two board members, Dr. Ralph M. Gordon, Salem, and Dr. J. L. Ingle, La Grande.

Dr. Paul T. Rutter of Medford was chosen as a delegate to the national convention of the American Osteopathic association to be held during July in Chicago.

Dr. A. A. Griffin of Jacksonville was named as an alternate delegate.

Nearly 300 species of scorpions are known to exist.

## JACKSONVILLE New Sexton Appointed

By BETTE HOSKINS  
Pass and live on Conklin st. Harris attend state police school and has been stationed in Grants Pass. Mrs. Harris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hackert, Jacksonville.

The new sexton is George W. Swinney of 1013 West 9th st., Medford. For information or work wanted one may be contacted at the cemetery or by calling SP 2-8421.

Swinney stated he plans to be at the cemetery between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weeks days. Swinney served for many years at the IOOF cemetery in Medford, and has done all types of cemetery work in this area.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Tuttle were Mrs. L. E. Stutzman and Mrs. Leona Gordon of Los Angeles.

Delbert Hackert of Ashland is a visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hackert, this week. He will leave next week for Corvallis, where he will attend Oregon State summer school for teachers for two months. This week he is putting a coat of white paint on his parent's home.

Mrs. Mike Bray and three sons, Denny, Timmy and Darrel of Fairbanks, Alaska, are here for a month's visit at the home of Mrs. Bray's parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe McIntyre.

Mrs. Eva Eldridge and daughters, Darcy and Billie Jean, of Hanford, Calif., former residents here, were visitors last week at the home of Mrs. Eldridge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Icemmer at 434 Wilson rd., Central Point, and were over-night visitors at the Vance Adams home last Thursday. They also visited other friends in the area.

Miss Joan Fretwell is home for the summer from Willamette university in Salem, where she is a student.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Purcell of Hillsboro, Ore., visited at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Ida Wright, last week end and also visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Purcell Sr. in Medford.

## Increase Noted in Bank's Resources Summer Recreation Plan Opens Monday

Resources of the Rogue Valley State Bank in Medford are now near the \$5 million mark, representing an increase of almost a \$1 million over the same time last year. Clarence Young, president of the bank, said Friday that the total resources now stand at \$4,825,894.30.

On June 23, 1958, total resources were \$3,867,112.73. Young said that effective July 1, the bank will raise the interest rate paid on savings accounts to 3 per cent. The interest rate is currently 2 1/2 per cent.

The officers and directors of the bank are pleased with the increase, Young said, and he believes that the valley's economy will be good for the rest of the year.

The bank's East Medford branch on Jackson st. is expected to open sometime in August, Young said.

Other figures for the bank show loans and discounts of \$1,778,252.95, an increase of almost one-half million dollars over last year, and U.S. bonds to the amount of \$1,759,613.46.

RESUMES INNOCUOUSLY  
London—(UPI)—Daily Mirror Columnist William Connor, convicted last week of libeling American piano played Liberace, opened his first "Cassandra" column following the court action this way: "Let us now proceed. And the subject is the innocuous one of cricket."

DIES AT 74  
Philadelphia—(UPI)—Charles M. B. Cadwalader, retired president of the Academy of Natural Sciences, died at 74 here Thursday.

## Summer Recreation Plan Opens Monday

Medford's summer recreation program for youngsters is slated to get under way tomorrow in Hawthorne park. Arts, crafts, small games, story-telling and other projects are planned on a daily basis from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Registration for each day's program is to take place at a spot just east of the swimming pool dressing room. There are no charges for participation, according to City Parks and Recreation Director Robert L. Haworth.

Mrs. Archer Watson, teacher at Jackson Elementary school, is in charge of the activities, which are intended primarily for children under 12.

Pre-School Children  
Children of pre-school age, Haworth stated, should be accompanied by a responsible person 12 or older who can remain on hand during the afternoon.

In connection with the arts and crafts projects, mothers are asked to save for their youngsters such "treasures" as beads, boxes, cans, spools and scraps of materials. "If it looks useful, save it," Mrs. Watson says.

Plastics, especially polyethylene, are not wanted, however. Children should also bring a T-shirt or blouse for protection against sunburn.

In the future, Haworth said Friday, family nights and other community programs are anticipated in Hawthorne park.

TRAIL A-WINDING  
Biddleford, Maine—(UPI)—Driver Willie Collard left a trail 2,000 feet long when he roared his engine out of the firehouse to fight an automobile fire. A bump caused 40 sections of hose to unravel along the road as Collard sped on.

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