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BOOKPLATE — This bookplate design, one of the collection described in the accompanying column, was used by Brother Hildebrand Brandenburg, circa 1480.

LET'S TRADE BOOKPLATES  
Collectors of bookplates know no international boundaries. Their collections grow by exchange with fellow enthusiasts in various parts of the world, and they learn of other collectors through societies in the U.S., Britain, Australia, New Zealand and in Europe.

The American Society of Bookplate Collectors and Designers, 3333 McKinley St., N. W., Washington 15, D.C., publishes exchange lists for its members and also year books, which are collectors items in themselves.

The bookplates of Robert Hitchman, 611 Thirteenth Ave., East, Seattle 2, Wash., will be exhibited during the month of August at the Washington State Historical Society art gallery, Tacoma. In his

collection are those of Herbert Hoover, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Jack London, Oliver Wendell Holmes and Sir Winston Churchill.

Mr. Hitchman writes: "Anyone interested in exchanging bookplates? If so, I'd be pleased to hear from them, for I'm always ready to trade."

"Those who have not yet been bitten by the bookplate collecting bug may well turn for background information to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. There they'll learn that bookplates are labels, usually pictorial or ornamental, placed in books to indicate ownership. They have been in use since about 1480."

"How does one begin collecting? First, have one of your own as trading stock. Persuade friends who use them or institutions with which you have an affiliation to donate a number of copies of theirs to your supply of trade goods. Then find a collector, and you're on your way. He or she will exchange with you and probably can supply names of other collectors. Before you know what's happened, letters will be going to and from all parts of the globe and bookplates with them."

"I have just received a list of members of Asociacion de Ex Libristas Barcelona; 81 of them, living in Spain, Portugal, The Netherlands, Brazil and France — all prospects for trade."

"As a collection grows, the tendency is to specialize; and here the field of choice is unlimited. Some collect only engraved plates; others, etched plates, woodcuts or wood engravings. There are collectors who specialize in punning or canning plates, in which the design carries a pun on the owner's name. Some gather the bookplates of famous people. Others like angling plates, children's plates or plates with ship motifs."

"What about 'lifting' bookplates from books in which they have been pasted? Collectors (and librarians) frown on that. It violates an unwritten code. I will confess, though, I have bought books at salvage stores and bargain tables just to get the bookplates in them. But only when the volumes were 'junkers' and priced at 25 cents or less. In these cases, I consider I'm saving an item that otherwise would be lost."

"And what to do with the bookplates after they're in hand? Some collectors keep them in envelopes or in loose-leaf books. I mount mine with library paste and NOT rubber cement (the invention of the Devil) on good quality cards, and I store them in cases ready for display."

"That's the story — with one final word of admonition. If one is planning to have a bookplate prepared for personal use and for exchange, do take the effort to have a good one, worthy of your books. Keep in mind: the better quality the plate, the choicer the items that will be received in exchange for it. Commercial plates (those ready-made ones sold in bulk at stationery stores and imprinted with the owner's name) have little or no trade value. Better a well-designed, typeset plate than an amateurish production, one in bad taste or an armorial plate that violates the laws of heraldry!"

"Now back to my first question: anyone interested in exchanging bookplates?"

Weeklong Bakery Strike Is Settled  
Eugene — A weeklong strike of members of Local 287 of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union against McKay's supermarkets here was settled Thursday night.

A union official said a new three-year contract called for a \$4 weekly pay increase the first year, \$3 the second year and \$4 the third year, plus an increase in health and welfare benefits.

The strike started last Thursday.

The bakers remained in dispute with two hand bakeries.

# Conditions Draw Industry to Islands

New York—With what's been going on in Wall Street, a cheerful story is welcome. Henry Kimelman, Commissioner of the Virgin Islands, says he has one.

He said the picture for light industry is looking up today in the three islets that lie between the Caribbean and the Atlantic, a U.S. territory where progress, Kimelman said, is watched closely by the neighboring islands and South American countries.

On a visit here, Kimelman cited some figures to show that the islands, where an effort is being made to attract industry with such helps as tax aids and an available labor force, are making an impression as a site for plants employing up to 60 or 70 persons. Some businesses use more, depending on the technicians who may be brought in to direct operations.

Decade of Progress  
"We have 15 new industries this year," he said, "more than in the last 10 years. Government revenues in one month this year — January from the Virgin Islands were higher than in all of 1952."

Employment practices of recently arrived industries, Kimelman said, have been something of an innovation in the Caribbean area. Many of them employ women, in jobs similar to those in the United States.

"We recently made a survey comparing the capacity of labor in the new plants with comparable plants in the United States," Kimelman said. "Three of the four plants found their labor operating at 10 per cent of the capacity of similar labor in similar plants in the States."

He said that the labor cost in the islands was estimated at about two-thirds of what it is in the United States.

Free Port  
The Virgin Islands, he said, have a free port status. Goods may be brought in under bond for re-exportation or transshipment without the payment of customs duty. A manufacturer, he said, may bring semi-finished products into the Virgin Islands and send them duty-free into the United States after they are processed.

"We don't want heavy industries," he said. "We have, for example, jewelry firms and watch companies. We try, however, not to get too heavy a concentration in any one industry, so that the working population will be protected against any seasonal or product slumps."

The islands produce rum, costume jewelry and clothing among their manufactured items.

Population of the three islands, St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John, totals about 35,000 persons. English is the common language.

A shortage of fresh water often has retarded development in the islands, but there has been some recent successful drilling of artesian wells, and a desalination plant, to convert sea water into water suitable for industrial use, has been constructed.

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Auxiliary Members Attend Girls' State  
Miss JoAnn Johnson, Medford, officially opened the 1962 session of the American Legion auxiliary Girls State at Willamette university in Salem last week. Miss Johnson was governor of the 1961 session.

During the opening meeting Miss Nancy Kirkpatrick, Lebanon, director of Girls State, was introduced.

Featured speaker during the dinner hour was Mrs. Earl Biglow, Medford, member of the Girls State committee and national committeewoman from the department of Oregon. She spoke on national security.

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## Wendt To Attend National Meeting

Chester Wendt, Jackson county commissioner plans to leave Medford July 4 for New York City, where he will be a delegate at the National Association of County Officials meeting July 8 through 11.

Wendt is a member of the air pollution committee of the national association.

On July 12 the group, made up of county officials from throughout the United States, will leave for England and Europe on a study tour. From 60 to 80 persons are expected to make the trip.

Officials will meet with government heads in England, The Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland and France. The study tour will take 18 days.

All of the county officials are making the trip on their own funds. Wendt will return to his offices in the county courthouse Aug. 1. Mrs. Wendt will accompany him on the tour.

## Students Mentioned For Creative Work

Two local students recently won honorable mention in the 1962 Oregon Award for Creativity contest sponsored by the University of Oregon and the quarterly publication, "Northwest Review."

Receiving recognition were Beverly M. Klimko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Klimko, 3275 Military rd., Central Point; and Carl Washburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Washburn, 372 O'Gara st., Medford.

Miss Klimko, a 1962 graduate of Crater High school, honorable mention for a pen sketch of her brother, Washburn, a Medford High graduate this year, was commended for his poem entitled "In-sight."

The annual awards are given for outstanding creative work by high school students of the Pacific Northwest. Awards are given in the fields of graphic arts, short story, and poetry.

The "Northwest Review" is a literary quarterly published by the Student Publications Board of the university. Winning entries will be held for possible inclusion next fall in a special literary publication, "High School Northwest."

## Bids Submitted For Ashland High Shop

Ashland — R. E. Marsh, Medford contractor, was apparent low bidder for a new shop and crafts building at Ashland High school. Marsh submitted a bid of \$106,496. Bids were opened Friday, June 15, in Ashland.

Plans for the building include a wood working department with finishing rooms, a drafting section, a hand crafts area, and a metal crafts department.

The building was designed by Payne and Struble, Medford architectural firm. It is to be located directly west of the high school.

Other bids submitted were Ausland Construction company, \$107,960; Barnhart Construction company, \$117,000; and Wiley Construction company, \$110,891.

## Hotel Suite Offered To Highest Bidder

New York—The favorite hotel suite of Princess Grace and Prince Rainier of Monaco when they are in New York is up for sale.

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