Three Noteworthy Dolls Prized Possessions of Valley Owners

ADMIRED—Mrs. Eldon Gleason of Central Point is the owner of this doll, believed to have been made some time in the 1800's. It has been handed down through four generations of the Gleason family.

By MARY ALICE BRUSHA

Dolls may be viewed as children's toys by most people, but to a few who have a serious interest in collecting rare or beautiful dolls, they are prized possessions.

Quite a number of unusual dolls are owned by Rogue valley residents. There is, of course, the extensive collection at the McCully House Doll museum in Jacksonville.

Three other noteworthy dolls in the area include a 12-inch German all bisque doll and one of the original J. D. Kestner Bye-Lo-Babies owned by Mrs. L. C. Gordon, 741 Freeman rd., Central Point; an 11-inch Bye-Lo-Baby of later vintage belonging to Robert A. Boyer, Medford attorney; and an old 15-inch doll belonging to Mrs. Eldon Gleason, 612 Manzanita st., Central Point.

Peer of Doll Makers

J. D. Kestner of Germany, the peer of all doll makers, was the first to manufacture the Bye-Lo-Baby. Its popularity won for it the nickname "The Million Dollar Baby." The first Bye-Lo-Babies, with composition body and turning bisque head, proved too expensive to produce. However, materials used in the manufacture of the first Kestner dolls were too costly, making the purchase of the dolls prohibitive for any but the wealthiest families.

Competition was fast developing in the manufacture of the composition dolls, forcing Kestner to abandon making the extravagant Bye-Lo-Babie

A few of these dolls are in circulation today, and when one is found the buyer finds the price as high as it was 40 years ago, too expensive for the average pocketbook.

Time Not Known

The exact time the family of Kestner began making dolls is not known, but about 1860 Henry Kestner, son of the original Kestner, settled in Nashville, Tenn.

The granddaughter who now lives there is certain that the J. D. Kestner firm was well established in doll manufacturing when her grandfather left Germany, but nothing is known of the first Kestner nor his son who took over the business.

It was Adolph, a grandson of the original Kestner, who inherited the business and operated it until the family's interest was sold during the 1920's. The original Kestner company was located at Walter hausen, in the German state of Thuringia, and at one time as many as 25,000 workers were employed at the company.

Imported to U. S.

Kestner dolls were imported into the United States from the 1890's by George Borgfeldt and company, New York City, exclusively. Fred Kolb, now chairman of the board of the George Borgfeldt Corp., after more than 50 years with the company, is the chief source of information on the Kestner doll in this country.

After the short-lived production of the Bye-Lo-Baby by the Kestner firm, Mrs. Grace Story Putnam designed the Bye-Lo-Baby which is more familiar today, with flange neck, soft cloth body and outspread fingers.

The Bye-Lo-Baby by Mrs. Putnam is a rare doll, and the same applies to another of her productions, "Fly-Low" which was a financial failure due to the depression, and the fact the composition dolls were taking over the commercial field. Although neither doll is an antique, they are hard to find, and doll collectors are always on the lookout for them.

One of Originals

Mrs. Gorden's doll is one of the Kestner originals, while Boyer's is a Grace Story Putnam production. The soft cloth body of Boyer's doll bears the trademark "Grace Story Putnam" and on the back of its bisque head are imprinted the word "Germany" and the numbers "7418-23."

The doll was given to Boyer by his grandmother when he was a boy. Its little hands show the effects of wear and tear, with signs of baby teethmarks as well as missing fingers. Boyer denies responsibility for the missing fingers.

The first owner of Mrs. Gorden's doll was her aunt, Mrs. Ida Dressler, who died in 1962 at the age of 87. Mrs. Dressler gave the doll to Mrs. Gordens daughter, Mrs. Roland Pacey, 27 years ago, but Mrs. Gorden has been keeping it since Mrs. Pacey moved to California.

Lead Cloth Body

Mrs. Gleason's doll has a lead cloth body and china head. Its feet and hands are in perfect condition. The face with pronounced features, clear blue eyes and black enameled hair are of the highest lustre.

The Eldon Gleason family moved to Central Point from Wisconsin in 1911, and Mrs. Gleason with her daughter, Mrs. Lullis Bodin, are living in the same house purchased by the Gleasons more than 50 years ago.

The doll was given to Mrs. Mary Gleason, mother of Eldon, by her mother, when she was nine years old, 115 years ago. For four generations, children of the Gleason family have played with the doll, and the only new item of clothing is a dress which Mrs. Bodin made for it several years ago.

The underclothes, lace trimmed, are hand made and are the original clothing. The long slender legs have red garters, and bows, painted on them below the knees, with black shoes painted on the feet.

Extensive research has been done on this doll in hopes to be able to place it in its proper category. There is no mark of identification on the doll. Because of this, it is believed that the doll was made some time in the 1800's, since in 1890, strict laws regulating imports and exports were passed by the United States requiring all manufacturers of such items to properly mark their products by serial number, trademark and country. Since that time identification of all such articles has been made much easier.

AUTHENTIC ANTIQUE — Celia Gorden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theron Gorden of Central Point, holds a German bisque doll that is one of the original creations by the German doll maker J. D. Kestner. The girl is wearing the same clothes worn by her grandmother, Mrs. L. C. Gorden of Central Point, present keeper of the doll, when she was photographed with it as a child.

Swimming Classes Scheduled at YMCA

The Medford YMCA will conduct a "Learn to Swim" campaign next week, during spring vacation, necessitating a change in the regular schedule.

Ben Jensen, physical director, announced that 288 youngsters are now registered for the program and their instruction will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, March 18. The program will be conducted daily between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

At 3:30 p.m. each day there will be an all member swim period, followed at 4:30 p.m. by a work-out session for the swim team. Nightly, all member swims will be conducted from 6 to 7:30 p.m., with family swim sessions as usual at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday.

Schedule to Resume

The regular winter schedule will be resumed Saturday, March 23.

Other facilities at the Medford YMCA will be open as usual throughout the week.

The women's slim and trim program has been discontinued during the week; however, members of the women's lifesaving class will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Jensen said that this "Learn to Swim" campaign is being conducted at this time in an effort to get as many children in the valley trained in swimming skills as possible before the regular outdoor recreation period begins. Most residents participate in one form of water recreation or another, and few of the local lakes and rivers where picnickers are apt to stop have trained guards on duty.

Survival skills are included in all levels of swimming instruction in the YMCA program, to enable swimmers to assist themselves and others in an emergency, Jensen said.

EMPLOYMENT UP

Salem — (UPI) — Employment was up 18,800 over last year and insured unemployment was down in most areas of the state, the Department of Employment said Thursday.

Course Is Scheduled

Ashland — Southern Oregon college has announced that another course in administrative management for small businessmen will be held this spring, starting March 28 and continuing for nine consecutive weeks every Thursday night.

The course will be for beginners, as last year, and nine businessmen have agreed to teach the class, a different one making the lecture each evening.

The group includes George C. Flanagan, Chandler Drew, Robert Taylor, Jim Rowan and Robert D. Heffernan, Jr., Medford; and R. C. Isaacs, E. G. Tischhauser and Duane Baker, Ashland.

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Ashland Man Fined, Sentenced in Court

Ashland—A Southern Oregon college student is now in the Ashland city jail following a 100-mile-an-hour automobile chase from Ashland to the Siskiyou mountains just before a snow storm Thursday afternoon.

Ashland Municipal Judge Richard C. Cottle fined Ronald Gary Getchell, 21, of 156 Third st., Ashland, a total of $400 and sentenced him to 60 days imprisonment Friday.

Getchell pleaded guilty to two charges of failure to heed police siren, $200 and 30 days; and reckless driving., $200 and 30 days. Jail terms will run concurrently, it was reported.

Getchell, whose home is in Myrtle Point, was traveling south on Highway 99 at 5:45 p.m. Thursday at speeds exceeding 100 miles an hour at times, Ashland police said, after he failed to heed a signal to stop.

He temporarily escaped when he turned in behind the Toy Deer restaurant, but was seen and reported. Police identified the car from license plate numbers and a warrant was issued for Getchell's arrest.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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	2 Security	32 For	62 Repay
	3 And	33 Some	63 And
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	5 Excellent	35 Visits	65 Enlivens
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	12 You	42 For	72 Social
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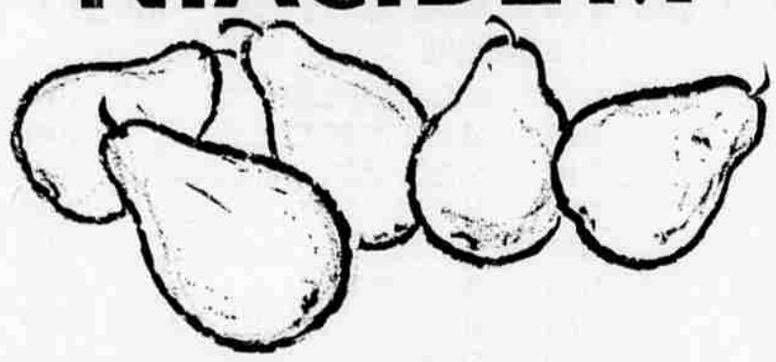

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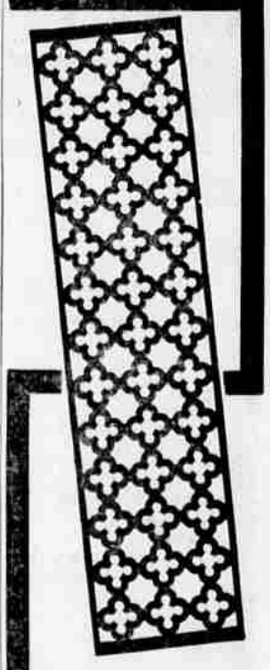

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