

# Applegate Couple Finds True Jade in River, Mining Sites

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Applegate Valley - More than 100 years ago, the Chinese mined for gold in southern Oregon.

Now in the same area of Chinese "diggin's" in the Applegate, true jade has been discovered in the river and in the old tailing piles. In fact, the discoverer unwittingly stood on a seam of black jade rock and fished for many years.

Here is Kenn Paine's own story: "Always looking for good rock, so I went down to a gravel bar near Ruch. I picked up several promising rocks. I made a test polish on them. One caught my eye. Was it black jade? All the rock hounds I showed it to said 'Yes.' Two months later, I had been up every branch of the Applegate river from Ruch to my home nine miles above. I found some 'float,' but couldn't find the source of this black jade. 'Float' is all jade or all rock that washes from its origin.

**Found on Own Property**  
"But there it was on my own property. It didn't take us long to remove the seam from the beach. Just how far and how deep it goes into our own property we still don't know, but we will have a real good supply for many a moon."

Paine and his wife own the Applegate rock shop at McKee bridge. They also find jade in many areas along the

Applegate river. Specimens of the jade have been identified by the state of Oregon department of geology and mineral industries, Portland. Paine says that true jade exists in the Applegate in amounts comparable to that on the Frazier river in British Columbia and that of Monterey beach in California.

**Finds Botryoidal**  
Paine has made another discovery. A few days ago, he found several specimens of botryoidal jade in Upper Applegate. This form of jade is rare and considered a collector's item. According to the Lapidary Journal, only one other source exists, that in Monterey, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Paine are exhibiting their Applegate jade at the Roxy Ann Gem and Mineral show at Medford Armory this week end. The botryoidal jade consists of nuggets or nodules, complete in themselves, but closely massed together in serpentine. They take a high polish.

While the jade activity is going on, a side enterprise is under way that is of considerable interest. That is the collection of soapstone, a mineral related to jade, in the Upper Applegate area. It is sold to the Junior and senior high schools of Medford and Southern Oregon college for carving in their art departments.

William La Faunce of Jacksonville is engaged in supplying the soapstone. Sculptured exhibits by students from the schools are displayed at the mineral show. LaFaunce also deals in clays, flagstones, and garden rocks.

**Go Into Hills Together**  
Paine and La Faunce often go into the hills here together. Paine looking for gem stones, and La Faunce for the softer carving materials. Serpentine also takes a high polish and makes beautiful jewelry, although not as sturdy as jade. It was through the abundance of serpentine here that Paine knew that jade must exist. It was by accident that

Paine unearthed the jade on his property a few months ago. He was burning brush and was using a hydraulic hose to keep the fire from spreading. In hosing a bank, he noticed certain rocks that did not move easily under water pressure. Jade is more dense than other rock, and he had made his discovery.

**Located at McKee Bridge**  
Mr. and Mrs. Paine have been located at McKee bridge for several years. Paine has his own rock cutting and polishing equipment, and he and his wife make jewelry. It was by coincidence that they started in the business. Some years ago he operated Kenn's repair shop for radio and appliances in Grants Pass and Medford, and collected rocks as a hobby. He answered an ad and traded a geiger counter for gem making equipment.

Jade is not considered a "hard" stone, and can be scratched with a piece of quartz. However, its matted structure gives it a toughness with extraordinary resistance to breakage. A Chinese jeweler in San Francisco still uses a jade anvil which had been in his family for three generations.



ORNAMENT FROM APPLEGATE—Mrs. Kenneth Paine of Upper Applegate valley area is pictured displaying and wearing jewelry made from Applegate jade.

## PET TALK

By M. J. L.

### HUMANE EDUCATION

The history of humane education has no real starting point. It has been a concern of humanitarians from the beginning of recorded time. Mention of humane attitudes and how they are attained can be found in early Chinese writings. The Roman and Greek philosophers discussed it. It is a basic tenet of all major religions.

Humane education is a broad field and encompasses both child and adult. Whether child or adult, the total job would seem to involve educating the heart. No nation has ever been great without the presence of moral and spiritual values which all good citizens hold vital to a people's welfare.

The child learns more during his training in the elementary grades and retains what he learns longer. Therefore, it is toward this period that an expanded program of humane education should be directed. Kindness is the cornerstone of character and much can be told about the character of a youngster by the way he or she comes to regard so-called dumb animals.

The National Education Association has proposed that public schools should teach the "moral and spiritual values that are shared by the members of all religious faiths." Kindness would qualify here along with honesty, brotherhood, moral responsibility, co-operation and family loyalty.

The importance of humane education is not generally understood or accepted. However, most educators realize that training of the heart, along with the training of the mind, sends the child out into the world a self-respecting, desirable citizen with broad sympathy and understanding, thus making for the happiness of the individual and for the welfare of society.

In the broader sense, it would appear that essentially, humane education can save the world from the self-destruction and almost total annihilation of missile warfare. It means justice, good will, humanity toward all life, human and subhuman alike. A person, who respects the rights of animals rarely forgets his obligations to humans in distress. A generation trained in sound principles should be able to solve its international difficulties as friendly neighbors. As long as most of our people abhor cruelty, there is hope that we can yet preserve the ethic which Dr. Albert Schweitzer has called the "Reverence for Life."

## State Conference On Aging Slated At OSU on May 17

The first annual state conference on aging will be held in Corvallis, Friday, May 17, at the Oregon State university according to Russ Jamison, president of the Rogue Valley Council for Aging.

The university is co-sponsoring the event with the State Council on Aging. Featured speakers at the two general sessions are Dr. Dorothy Lee, cultural anthropologist, Harvard university, and Dr. Donald Kent, director of the office of aging, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Discussion groups will be held in the five fields of community service, education, employment, health and housing.

Mrs. Edith Rankin, Medford, member of the state council which will meet during the session, will represent the local council in the community service discussion group.

**May Send Representatives**  
The housing committee chairmanned by Walter Higgins, Medford, may send a representative to attend the housing discussion group at Corvallis and to attend the Northwest Regional Housing Conference workshop in Portland Thursday, May 16, at the Sheraton hotel. Public Housing Authority Commissioner Marie McGuire is featured speaker.

KMED-TV will also present a film on senior housing to be shown at 6:40 p.m., Monday, May 13. It shows various aspects of senior citizens' housing and is a pictorial story of how "Freedom House" was developed and displayed in Washington, D. C., during the White House Conference on the Aging.

The Douglas Fir Plywood association produced and planned the house specifically designed for older people for better, safer and more comfortable living, Jamison noted.

## THE WEEK IN CALIFORNIA

# Brown's Tax Reform Program Starts Moving Through Houses

By United Press International  
Gov. Edmund G. Brown's tax reform program has started moving through the legislature, but initial voting showed Republicans lined up solidly on the opposite side.

Three measures cleared the revenue and taxation committee relating to speeding up tax payments from insurance companies.

The bills would require insurance companies to pay their gross premium tax on a quarterly basis instead of once a year; eliminate the "home office" deduction and ask voters to amend the state constitution to allow the lawmakers to change the rate of the insurance tax now set at 2.35 per cent.

**Bring Additional Money**  
The acceleration bill is expected to bring the state an additional \$22 million during the fiscal year beginning next July 1. It also is aimed at closing an estimated gap of \$150 million in projected revenue and income.

Eight Democrats voted as a block to push the measures through the committee, while one sided with Republicans.

Brown, meantime, revised a proposal in his plan to initiate a withholding system for personal income taxes that would further speed up tax collections.

Brown tied to his plan a proposal to forgive 50 per cent instead of the previously announced 25 per cent of personal income taxes in 1964, which would save taxpayers \$85 million on their 1964 personal income taxes.

The one dissenting Democrat, Assemblyman Tom Carroll (D-Santa Barbara), said he thought the "state's integrity is at stake" in the plan and that it "goes against my grain."

**Against Proposal**  
Carroll, in a letter to his constituents, said: "For instance, when I learned that a speeded up collection of taxes from insurance companies might lead to an increase in premium rates to offset what amounts to a temporary tax boost, I voted against the proposal."

Elsewhere, there were these developments: A statewide birth control program with legislative blessing was turned down by the Senate Public Health committee. The author of the resolution which would have officially encouraged the program, Sen. Alvin C. Weingard (D-Santa Barbara) commented later: "There is no good reason for not having it except for the minority opinion of the Roman Catholic church."

**Open House Slated At CAP Facilities**  
Medford composite squadron, Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary of the United States Air Force, will hold an open house Monday, May 13, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The program will include tours of the training facilities and witness of award presentations and promotions to cadets. Link trainer and mobile radio demonstrations will be conducted.

The public is invited, according to Maj. John W. Keener, commander of the Civil Air Patrol. The CAP building is located at the Medford municipal airport.

Several church spokesmen testifying against the measure, artificial contraception, stated it was against the law of nature and that such a program would encourage "illicit relationships." The present state position is a quasi-"hands-off" policy. Local health departments may set their own policies. Twenty-one now distribute birth control devices and information.

**Minuteman:** The fifth straight successful firing of a Minuteman missile from Vandenberg Air Force base has been announced by the Air Force.

The solid-fuel intercontinental ballistic missile thundered about 5,000 miles down the Pacific range from its 85-foot deep site.

The Air Force said the test appeared to be a "complete test," and that the re-entry

vehicle impacted in the pre-selected target area in the Pacific. No specific details were given on accuracy.

It was the first time the launch of a Minuteman had been handled in all phases by a strategic air command team, the Air Force said. The 65-foot missile was fired as part of a pre-launch training program under simulated nuclear war conditions.

**Deserter:** A Navy deserter who posed as a recruiting officer at Ukiah High school is being held by Navy authorities.

Apprentice Fireman Carl F. Buck, 18, was arrested at the Rancheria, a Pomo Indian settlement on the outskirts of Ukiah.

Buck who had escaped once from sheriff's officers, broke loose again and sprinted handcuffed five blocks through downtown Ukiah before he was recaptured.

His appearance at the high school made a good impression on students and faculty, but announced that the Navy planned to make Ukiah into a guided missile base "bigger than Cape Canaveral."

This announcement and the fact that he had two stripes on one sleeve and three on the other aroused suspicions. Buck, exposed as a crew member of the carrier Midway who had been missing since Dec. 3, was turned over to the Navy and charged with desertion.

**Lunar engine:** Aerojet-General Corp., announced it has developed a rocket engine that can lower a manned vehicle from a moon-orbiting spacecraft to a safe landing on the Lunar surface.

Scientists for the firm said this was confirmed by a successful test of its prototype Lunar descent rocket engine. They said the test "leaves no question that we can design and build the Lunar engine."



**TO SPEAK HERE—Dr. Urban Whitaker**, associate professor of international relations, San Francisco State college, will speak in Medford Monday. A member of the board of the American Association for the United Nations, he will appear at a noon luncheon with Leslie Fleming, Eugene, coordinator for the John Birch Society for the area south of Eugene. Dr. Whitaker also will speak at Southern Oregon college and at a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Jackson House.

**Pharmacy Student Receives Major Award**  
Corvallis — Robert Elmer, 1324 South Peach st., Medford, has received one of the major awards for this year in the school of pharmacy at Oregon State university.

He received an achievement award given to a graduating senior. Announcement of the award was made at the school of pharmacy's annual honors assembly.

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## J. L. Shute Now Associated With Medford Architect

Jeffrey L. Shute, architect, has become associated with Robert J. Keeney, Medford, Keeney has announced.

The firm will now be known as Robert J. Keeney, AIA, architect, Jeffrey L. Shute, AIA, associate architect and will continue to practice in Medford at 310 Medical Center building.

Shute attended elementary and secondary schools in Tigard and Portland. He attended Oregon State university and received his bachelor's of architecture degree from the University of Oregon in 1955. He received his license as a registered architect in 1961.

He also served with the Navy in World War II. He, his wife and three children, live at 1767 Old Military rd.

**Active in Foundation**  
He is a member of the First Presbyterian church, is one of the founders and a trustee of the Siskiyou Pioneer Sites Foundation and has been active with plans for restoration of historical structures in this area.

The firm is registered in Oregon and California. Current work includes the U.S. federal building and post office, as an associate, Cascade hall dormitory complex and classroom-lab building at Southern Oregon college; Jackson county public health center, Medford; Safeway Stores in Medford and Ashland, new Oregon bank building in Medford and schools and commercial buildings in southern Oregon and northern California.

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By CLAY R. POLLAN  
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