

Local Woman Revives Art Of Apple Head Dolls

By RUTH KING

An art as old as the Pilgrim Fathers, the creation of apple head dolls, is being revived in some parts of America by patient people.

Mothers, back in the days that followed the stormy crossing of the Mayflower to New England, discovered that shriveled apples from the root cellar, sometimes looked like human beings.

There were plenty of corn-husks for doll bodies and scraps of carefully hoarded calico for costumes. So on those early Christmas morns, the faces of John Alden, Edward Doty, William Brewster, William Bradford, their fellow women who survived, and sometimes children, appeared in home-knit stockings.

In Klamath Falls, Mrs. Lorna Groves, whose family ties in Oregon date back to the first trading post in Marysville, now Corvallis, has perfected the making of these fascinating characters. . . an old farmer, several queens, Southern belles, Mark Twain, Aunt Polly, the famed Winema, Shahnasty Jim (a Modoc warrior), a Scotsman, the men and women of Italy, doctors, a French grand pierre, an English king and a queen, Indian braves in beaded costumes, aunts and uncle and grandmothers. . . recently Buffalo Bill.

There is a secret process used in completion of the life-like small faces that takes days by day attention to each head to form the features. The fresh apple is carved. Antique shoe buttons, the kind used on once-upon-a-time high button shoes, now hard to find, are used for eyes.

Human hair, when available, is used, but a wool erpe is substituted to give a natural, authentic appearance to the characters.

Body skeletons are of wire, covered with padding and jersey cloth, each one individual to suit the type of doll. Kid leather or an artificial leather is used for boots and shoes and costumes. Patterned materials suitable to the era are sought and the tiny accessories, hand carved pipes, antique laces, from many sources, are improvised by Lorna Groves. The beautiful miniature furniture and many other items used in this interesting occupation are made by a master craftsman in Portland.

She has been interested in dressing dolls since she was a small girl in Portland where she was born. Her great-grandfather, of the trading post era, was Gustav Hodes, her father "Gus" Hodes, an expert gunsmith. Family antiques have been passed down to her and these too, add to her store of materials.

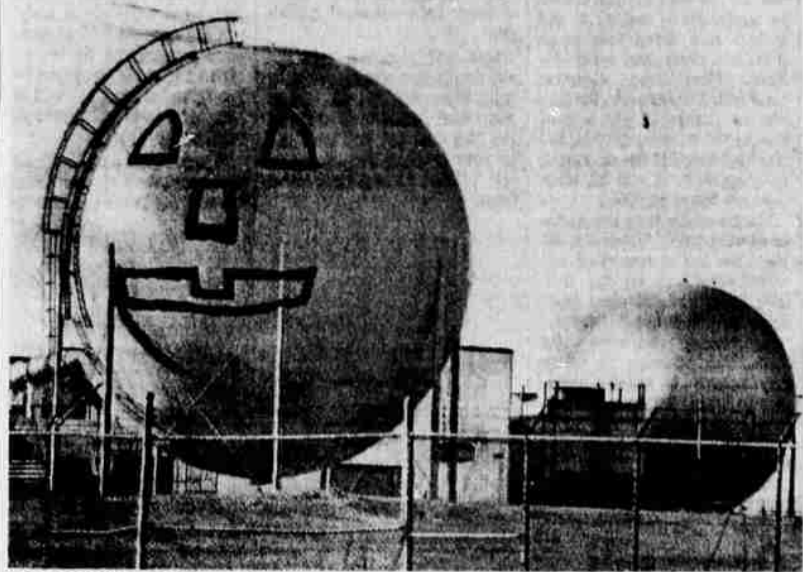
Mrs. Groves became interested in the tedious production of apple head dolls (it takes six weeks to "cure" a head) about five years ago after she had already become "entangled" in the accumulation of museum items.

She has been a student of

sculpture, oil, water color and other forms of art, studying materials from Oregon State University and Oregon Technical Institute—she has haunted

libraries for information on the characters the dolls portray—has studied volumes on Indian lore and tribal costumes and has received first hand information from interested individuals.

The life-like dolls have gone to owners in many parts of the United States.



HALLOWEEN FUN — The great pumpkin was found at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, yesterday. An unidentified person had painted a face on the huge tank behind Aerospace Research Lab. — UPI Telephoto



AN ART SO OLD IT'S NEW — Mrs. Lorna Groves of Klamath Falls has learned to make "apple-head" dolls. She creates faces from pictures in old books, pictures given her by friends and from memory, carving the quaint characters from fresh, crisp apples and drying them by a slow process. Buffalo Bill, her latest, wears authentic costume of leather, has a knapsack for jerky and hardtack and he carries a "Kain-tuck" gun. Grandma, wears a needle on her pieced quilt and Pietro, in rear, holds a hand-carved pipe of wood. Note miniature picture of President Tyler on wall and tiny wooden butter churn in left-hand corner.

Investigation 'Slows Things' At Intimate Washington Club

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Things have been slow this week at the Quorum Club—the intimate little Capitol Hill watering place which has suddenly acquired the big public reputation.

This was the report given by the club's part-time manager to a newsmen who knocked at the door bearing the big bronze "Q" and walked in.

"It's been quiet," said William Pickford, surveying the club quarters, almost empty at an hour when the thoughts of businessmen and bureaucrats alike begin to turn to dry martinis.

Pickford is co-owner of the Carroll Arms Hotel which houses the Quorum Club. As manager of the hotel—a job he took over about six months ago—he also supervises the club's modest quarters.

Not Too Lavish

Let it be said at once that New York's Club Club and Bankers' Club, and the Union League or City Clubs of other cities need not look to their laurels. The one-time retreat of Senate Democratic Secretary Robert G. (Bobby) Baker is housed in three rooms, none really very large.

To be sure the small sitting room features two nude paintings—the reason, one suspects, that Pickford has been keeping photographers at bay outside the Q-embellished door. The nudes are nude, but of the sort that might grace a museum.

The dark-paneled dining room where a \$2.50 buffet lunch is served to members each weekday, is decorated with colorful prints of birds and a large reproduction of the seal of the Grand Army of the Republic. A "Q" cocktail pennant and a

Bosch Backers Decide To Follow New Junta

SANTO DOMINGO (UPI)—Some leaders of ousted ex-President Juan Bosch's PRD party appeared ready today to accept the fact of his overthrow and cooperate with the civilian junta government which has replaced him.

A group of PRD leaders including Buenaventura Sanchez Feltz, who was Bosch's education secretary, decided at a meeting here Tuesday to "smooth over differences and adopt a patriotic, serious and realistic policy."

Some representatives of "provisional president" Juan Casanovas Garrido were present at the meeting, but his claim to the presidency was not taken very seriously.

"His election by a rump session of the congress dissolved when Bosch was overthrown last month" . . . was constitutional, but it will have no effect while he remains in hiding," Sanchez said.

The former education secretary said the PRD should seek

staffed fish are nailed to the paneled wall of the bar.

All of this is available to not more than 200 members, half resident and half non-resident, for payment of \$50 initiation fee and dues of \$25 monthly. Drinks are a dollar a throw.

to regain its legal status as a political party, enabling it to negotiate with the junta for the restoration of constitutional government in the Dominican Republic.

"This is the only way to achieve a constitutional solution with which all Dominicans can agree," he said.

11 Released In Africa

PRETORIA, South Africa (UPI)—Court President Q. De Wet today quashed the indictment against 11 men accused as saboteurs in a case condemned by the United Nations.

Trial of the 11 had opened Tuesday. Four whites, six Africans and one Indian were accused under South Africa's sabotage act which provides for the death penalty in certain cases.

They were accused of preparing a rebellion which was to have included guerrilla warfare and armed invasion to overthrow the government of Premier Hendrik Verwoerd.

Earlier this month the United Nations had urged South Africa call off the trial and free the prisoners. It was apparent from speeches supporting the U. N. action that most delegates regarded the 11 defendants as political prisoners and not saboteurs.

Thornton Warns 'Spooks'

SALEM (UPI)—Ghosts and ghouls and things that go bump in the night had all best beware—Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton hinted as he rattled some legal bones to take some of the spook out of the Halloween spooks.

"Spooks and haunts roaming around on Halloween should know that while there is no specific state law against soaping windows, any bit of mischief that amounts to defacing property is severely frowned upon," Thornton noted.

He said such school or church-sponsored activities as collecting funds for UNICEF have his full approval—but he warned any goblins falsely representing to collect money for charity would run into a real live nightmare. It's against the law.

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Jet Hits House
STRASS, Germany (UPI)—A West German air force jet fighter crashed into a farmhouse Wednesday, killing a woman and two children and injuring 15 other persons.

Soviets Hurl New Charges At China

MOSCOW (UPI)—The Soviet military newspaper Red Star today leveled new warmongering charges against Communist China despite a weekend truce call by Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

The exchanges are pushing the two giant Communist countries farther apart in both party and governmental relations, diplomatic sources said here.

The defense ministry newspaper said: "The Chinese theoreticians invited a law, which states the more people the reactionaries kill, the stronger the might of the revolution."

"According to their logic, it appears the Socialist countries would continue in the new world nuclear war, a just revolutionary policy."

The writer, Col. P. Trifonenko, declared that the Chinese "are not dismayed by the fact that a thermonuclear war would destroy millions of

working people."

Trifonenko added that the Chinese have published "distortions" and "slander" about the Soviet Union's own views on war and peace.

The harsh tone of the article was in marked contrast to the moderate address of a top Chinese trade union official Tuesday at a union gathering within the Kremlin walls.

Chao Kun-chiang, secretary of the All-China Federation of Trade Unions, was applauded lustily when he said China respected certain aspects of the peaceful co-existence theory.

His pronouncements seemed to follow Khrushchev's call to stop bitter words and let the correct point of view in the Sino-Soviet dispute emerge by itself.

Khrushchev today was meeting neutralist Premier Souvanna Phouma of Laos, which has a common border with China. The Laotian premier flew here on his way to Vientiane and was expected to confer with Soviet officials on keeping the peace in the Southeast Asian kingdom, seriously threatened again this summer by renewed civil war.

Red China and North Viet Nam are giving Communist Pathet Lao rebels in Laos material and moral support.

Peron Sought For Rape

BUENOS AIRES (UPI)—Argentina will ask Spain to extradite ousted ex-President Juan D. Peron on charges of statutory rape involving the teenager who Argentine authorities say became his mistress after his wife Eva died in 1952.

The court of criminal appeals decided Tuesday to press the charge, which has been on the books since 1956.

The court overruled Judge Alfredo Mangano, who had decided against extradition proceedings "because Spanish law does not recognize statutory rape as a ground for extradition."

The decision said it is up to the Spanish authorities to decide whether the charge against Peron warrants his extradition.

After Peron was overthrown in 1955, his successors published letters he was said to have sent to Nelida Rivas, a night watchman's daughter who was 13 or 14 when they met. A police report said a search of Miss Rivas' apartment uncovered \$45,000 in cash, gowns that had belonged to the late Mrs. Peron and jewelry which Argentine labor unions had presented to the president's wife.

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