



**RARE FIND** — A complete set of the plays of Shakspeare (note spelling), in 46 paper-backed volumes, has been acquired by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buck of Route 3, Box 1068, Wocus. The unusual collection was sold only to those who subscribed to the series. Each issue contains one steel engraving to illustrate the play. Many of the pages are uncut and have never been read. The cover edges are mutilated. There is no date of publication on any volume. Engravers and publishing experts believe the series to be possibly 75 years to a century old. The books were found in a box of other items, auctioned to the public in San Francisco.

**Community Calendar**

**THURSDAY**  
**Y-NE-MA TWIRLERS**, 8 p.m., square dance, 50-cent gift exchange, YMCA. Bring cookies.  
**YMCA**, Children's Square Dance Group, 6:30 to 8 p.m., 50-cent gift exchange, YMCA.  
**BETHEL**, 6. Job's Daughters, 7 p.m., meeting, Masonic Hall.  
**FRIENDSHIP COURT**, Order of Amaranth, 8 p.m., Christmas party, gift exchange, initiation, Masonic Temple.  
**LOOM**, 7:30 p.m., rifle club meeting, Moose Home. Bring rifle.  
**VOITURE** 222-49 et 8, 8 p.m., annual Tom and Jerry party, following promenade, VFW Hall.  
**THURSDAY**  
**KLAMATH MINERAL**  
**Burgess Heads Lighting Event**  
 DUNSMUIR — John Burgess has been appointed to head the Dunsuir Chamber of Commerce Christmas lighting contest by R. L. Palmer, chamber president. Pacific Power and Light Company has donated \$150 in prize money for outdoor holiday decorations put up by the community's citizens.  
 Burgess said at the chamber of commerce luncheon on Thursday that he would ask one of the women's organizations to judge various categories of residential Christmas lighting.

**Klamath Falls Couple Owns Rare Shakspeare Volumes**

By RUTH KING  
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Buck of Klamath Falls are owners of unusual volumes of Shakspeare's plays, the comedies, the tragedies, and the histories that the master playwright wrote in the 15th and 16th centuries. The 46 volumes, each illustrated with one handsome, full-page steel engraving, were published by Charles Knight, who also wrote wordy comments and comparisons for each play.  
 The steel engravings, said by professionals to be of the finest quality, are by Cope, Leslie, MacIse, Ward, Frith, Marks and others, names unfamiliar to this generation.  
 Steel engravings to illustrate magazine articles have not been used, present day engravers say, for many years. Some persons who have seen the issues, which are 11 by 15 inches with beautifully illustrated orange covers, think the set is from three quarters to a century old.  
 There is no identifying date on any one of the copies. Many of the pages are uncut.  
 Knight sold the books to "subscribers only" at 50 cents per copy. The paper is of unusual quality, and the type used is of another era. The printers were Virtue & Yorston of 12 Dey Street, New York.  
 The publisher, in his introductory comments, gave dates of the first plays from the quill pen of the actor and playwright, poet and dramatist who was baptized in England April 26, 1564. He notes similarities to other plays of earlier dates... as in "Taming of the Shrew," where he compares passages to another writing, "The History of Alphonsus, King of Aragon," credited to a Robert Greene, who accused William Shakspeare of plagiarism.  
 The texts of all the plays are complete. The type is bold and clean, cast especially for these works. Each subscriber was pledged to accept the full set of 46 copies.  
 In a foreword, the publisher writes, "There needs no apology for multiplying editions of Shakspeare. No home, where the English language is spoken, can be said to be furnished in its truest sense, without a copy of Shakspeare on its shelves."  
 "Shakspeare is a literature in himself. There is scarcely any human thought which cannot meet with a full and perfect echo in his writings."  
 While steel engravings of the type used have not been used for many years, engravings are almost as old as man, who first cut stone or horn in symbols, even before history was first recorded. Eventually men found that metals, too, could be etched and the engravings reproduced on other surfaces. Albrecht Durer and Andrea Mantegna were engravers of metal during the period when Shakspeare was writing his famous plays.  
 No original manuscripts from Shakspeare's pen are known to have survived.  
 Although he may have been charged with plagiarism, and although it may be true, his use of words, said to be his own, were truly word pictures as—"I know a bank whereon the wild thyme blows, where oxlips and the nodding violet grows." Know which play the quote comes from? We don't.

**Democrat Sweeps Texas Election**

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI) — J. J. (Jake) Pickle today credited a unified Democratic party of Texas for his sweeping victory over conservative Republican Jim DeBbs in a special congressional election in President Johnson's home district.  
 Pickle, a self-styled moderate, swept all 10 counties in the district and polled 65 per cent of the total vote.  
 With only two rural boxes out, he led DeBbs 27,203 to 16,039.  
 Pickle replaces Homer Thornberry, D-Tex., who resigned effective Friday to become U.S. district judge at El Paso.  
 Thornberry succeeded Johnson when the President moved up to the Senate in 1963.  
 DeBbs carried only a few scattered boxes over the district. In others he met overwhelming defeat, such as Box 124 in Austin, which voted for Pickle 454 to 24.  
 The defeated candidate who campaigned hard against the Kennedy administration before the President was assassinated, conceded Tuesday night with a statement that "I've been pretty thoroughly beaten."  
 Pickle, who worked for Johnson when the President first went to Congress in 1937 from this district, called his election "a vote of confidence in the Democratic party and in President Johnson's administration."  
 It was the 49-year-old Pickle's first elective race, although he had been a behind-the-scenes power in Texas Democratic circles for 25 years.  
 He is a close personal friend of Gov. John Connally, another political ally of Johnson's.  
 Observers had been watching the central Texas special election to see if the Nov. 22 assassination in Dallas would adversely affect Texas' trend toward conservatism.

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**MOVING SCHOOL**  
 WASHINGTON (UPI) — The White House school that Caroline Kennedy attends will be moved to the British Embassy after the Christmas holidays.  
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