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The Priceless Gems We Have Found

(This item was submitted to the Journal by Ole Dyrland, a local gem collector, and was taken from a bulletin issued by the Orange Coast Mineral and Lapidary society of Costa Mesa, Calif.)

A friend once asked us this question, "What are the most valuable gems you have found in your pursuit as rockhounds?"

This set us to thinking back over the many years that we have been pursuing the hobby. Well, some of our acquaintances have found some pretty valuable gems such as jade of a quality rivaling that known as Imperial Jade.

Others have found sapphire of rare beauty and other gems of rarity. But we think that we really have found the greatest gems of all and will describe them to you.

In the pursuit of this wonderful hobby we have found the peace and tranquility of the desert, silent remote canyons and far-away places.

We found that soul-satisfying feeling of being close to God, which comes with study of His handiwork in His great outdoors.

We found the beauty of nature in the great open spaces, in shy creatures of the desert and in the purple and mauve shadows that settle over the distant mountains at sunset. We also found the glow of the campfire when night has fallen, the seeming nearness of the twinkling stars set in a velvety dome, the gold and silver strands poured out by a mellow October moon.

We found kindred souls, untainted with the pretense and sham we so often find in the crowded hives of men. We found health and the restorative balm that pervades the great quiet places of nature.

We found periods of life as God

intended man to find it. So, we feel that we have found the greatest gems of all. — Carl and Peggy Cowles.

Rededication Rites, Award Presentation Held by Troop 338

Girl Scout troop 338 held a rededication ceremony Nov. 19 in the Methodist church. An international theme was carried out as girls dressed in costumes greeted the audience of parents in the language of the country which they represented.

During the candlelight ceremony, the girls rededicated themselves to the purpose of Junior Girl Scouting.

First-year junior pins were presented to Debbie Howard, Roberta Morrow, Sharon Gallegos, Cindy Sage, Connie Ybarra and Sylvia Saldana. Recipients of second-year junior pins were Pamela McPartland, Kathy Spittler, Ruth Ann LaBounty and Teresa Wilkerson.

Janice Church, Bonnie Howard, Mardi Tensen, Nancy Jackson and Martha Heider received third-year pins. World pins were presented to all members of the troop.

Girls and additional awards they received included Pamela McPartland, sign of the arrow, water fun, active citizen and outdoor cook badges; Teresa Wilkerson, sign of the arrow and water fun badges; Kathy Spittler, home and cook badges.

New girls welcomed into the troop are Vera Rios, Ethel Carter, Esther Posada, Glenna Garza, Oralia Sifuentes, Maria Needs, Vickie Silva, Nancy Rios and Patty Ross.

Leaders of the troop are Mrs. Dick Tensen, Mrs. Thomas Morrow and Miss Nelle Hayes.

Local Church School Has 1030 Attendance Record in One Month

The church school department of Nyssa Church of the Nazarene has attained an all-time high attendance record of 1030 in a one-month period, according to Pastor John Bullock. This is an average of 206 per Sunday, with the record made under leadership of Superintendent Don Wilson, assisted by laymen of the church.

Roy Belveal received the gift Sunday morning for being the 1000th person to enter the church.

The Sunday school was divided into two groups during the month. Wilson was leader of one group and Bob Martin, assistant superintendent, was in charge of the other.

Working with each of the two leaders were 10 captains who were responsible for filling the pews in the sanctuary.

Various Resolutions Discussed at Meeting Of Pomona Grange

Malheur Pomona Grange No. 33 met in regular session Nov. 28 with Master Ira Price presiding.

Secretary Clara Price read a resolution presented by Baker county Pomona of Eagle Valley concerning rerouting of highway 95 to form highway A-95. It was approved by the group. The resolution presented by Big Bend No. 946 concerning reapportionment by population basis was given to the Legislative committee for further study.

William Ross, Vale Grange master, reported on a resolution concerning licenses for farm pickup trucks. The resolution was returned to the committee for further study.

Wilbur Atherton, agricultural chairman, gave a report on 4-H membership in Malheur county which includes 1100 4-H members and 1600 projects. He also reported on the probable cut in sugar beet acreage.

William Winneford told about the new broad-leaf weed killers, Ioxymil and Tordon.

There was some discussion regarding changing dates of Pomona since three of the meetings come directly after Thanksgiving, Memorial day and the county fair. No conclusions were reached.

The group decided to have one county-wide banquet and one rededication program instead of the usual traveling programs. The banquet is planned for the last week in February and the rededication program will be in January with date and place to be announced later.

Twenty-eight Grangers were served noon dinner prepared by the Vale ladies. Orma Cleaver, Pomona HEC chairman, was in charge of a white elephant sale which netted \$13.30.

Next Pomona meeting will be during February at the Big Bend Grange hall.

MRS. SANT NAMED HEAD OF COLLEGE DEPARTMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Moncur recently received word that their daughter, Mrs. Gary (Linda) Sant had been advanced to head of the education department at Mary's Career college in Provo, Utah. The promotion was effective immediately.

Mrs. Sant has been a member of the college faculty for the past two years.

VISITS NYSSA PARENTS

Thomas L. Lewis, FTI, FG division, USS Canberra, San Diego, Calif., spent the past three weeks on transfer leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Lewis. He is being transferred from ship to shore duty and will be stationed at Key Port, Wash.

Classifieds Bring Results!



TWO MORE NYSSA MUSIC STUDENTS with "rhythm in their bones" are Stuart Henigson (on left) and Bruce Sarazin who recently passed tests and became members of the National Association of Rudimental Drummers. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Henigson, Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Sarazin; they are both NHS freshmen and members of the high school band. Hank Houst, drum instructor in Boise, administered the tests that earned the lads the right to become members of the organization to which many of the world's finest drummers belong.—Journal Photo.

Yule Theme Planned For Dec. 9 Dinner At Methodist Church

A Christmas theme will be featured at the monthly fellowship dinner dated Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Nyssa Methodist church, according to Mrs. Merilean Robb, chairman in charge of arrangements.

The potluck dinner will be for all family members and will be served at 7 p.m., with the program scheduled at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Dorothy Wilson and Mrs. Muri Lancaster are in charge of the dinner, and each family is asked to take a covered dish and own table service.

"The Night Before Christmas," based on the famous Fred Waring arrangement, will be presented by Mrs. John Huffman, while Mrs. Bud Sappe will sing "O Holy Night." Other musical selections will be presented and those attending will join in singing familiar Christmas carols.

CADETTE SCOUT TROOP 99 VISITS VETERANS' HOSPITAL

Cadet Girl Scout troop 99 spent Nov. 11 in Boise where they visited the Veterans' hospital. While there, they presented a skit for patients who were not confined to their beds. The girls were later given a tour of the institution and saw the therapy section, kitchen, dining area, library and chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pounds, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Hopkins and Martin Greig, members of Nyssa American Legion post 79, and auxiliary, provided transportation to the Idaho capital city.

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Large and Small Animals

City Librarian Reviews New Books Available for Circulation to Patrons

According to Mrs. Max Urry, librarian, the following books are now available for circulation at Nyssa public library.

"Encyclopedia of the Great Composers and Their Music" by Milton Cross (two volumes). The first section consists of 78 chapters on composers, past and present, who have contributed most to the history of music. Other main sections are devoted to a brief history before and since Bach and a list of 100 basic works for the record library with recommended recordings.

"A Tour of the White House with Mrs. John F. Kennedy" by Perry Wolff. For the people who saw the television tour of the White House, this book will provide additional information of the most famous house in American history. For those who did not see the program, this book stands by itself.

"To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee is described by Time magazine as "a novel that cuts through 'can't,' and the author teaches the reader an astonishing number of useful truths about little girls and about Southern life."

"Too Young to Be a Grandfather" by Willard Temple. Every veteran of in-law warfare, everyone who has ever had to share "his" child, everyone who has ever had to finally admit (grudgingly) that the "kids" had a "head on their shoulders" after all—is bound to revel in this book.

"Who Killed Society" by Cleveland Amory. Here is the complete history of American "Society"—all the way from the convening of a "Grand Jury of Grandes Dames" to the final "True Bill."

"The Paradise People," a South African chronicle by David Lytton. The life and legend of the Boers at the turn of the century are here re-created, in a sensitive novel about a boy growing up in frontier country.

"Little Christmas" by Agnes Sligh Turnbull. Every woman who has longed to share a perfect Christmas with her grown-up children will find a special wisdom in this delightful tale.

"Christmas Magic" by Margaret Perry. Over 200 photos and drawings illustrate these easy-to-follow directions for making scores of Christmas decorations and ornaments out of materials that you can find around the house. Children as well as adults will be able to follow them.

"An American in Rome" by Michael Stern. An insider's report from behind the scenes, by the author of "No Innocence Abroad." This is the tough, funny, often scandalous and always vividly colorful story of those mile-a-minute years, providing a memorable insider's view in depth of a Rome the tourist can only glimpse.

"Bright Day, Dark Runner" by George Cuomo. A great big broth of a book—an unorthodox novel that is broad and deep, funny and serious—a bout a wondering cook.

"The Wind's Will" by Gerald Warner Brace. The author contends, "All human beings are cowards. That's our natural condition. We overcome it sometimes, by vanity or passion or what we call will. But the common condition is fear." To find a passage between courage and fear is the problem of David set down with candor and compassion by a master novelist.

"So What Else Is New" by Harry Golden. Carl Sandburg said of Mr. Golden: "Whatever is human interests Harry Golden." Not since "Only in America" has he written such an engaging book.

"Mein Kampf" by Adolf Hitler. Edgar A. Mowrer says of this book: "This is the one book which if read and believed by the outside world might have prevented this war (World War II). Reading it now—in this new and readable edition—may prevent the next."

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