

Southern Regional News

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Charlie Barnette, president of **The State of Franklin Antique Bottle & Collectors Association**, went hog-wild with 20 photos downloaded into the latest *Groundhog Gazette*, which he edits.

Nineteen of the photos showed people and activities at the inaugural Morristown, Tenn., show co-sponsored by his club and the Morristown Parks & Recreation Department. Thirty-six vendors occupied 65 tables and more than 400 people attended the show.

Congratulations to everyone involved.

The other photo showed a Mason's Patent brass lid dated 1857 attributed to Crowleytown. Wayne and June Lowry, the jar nuts, reported seeing only two of the jars in 27 years of collecting and they took this one home. The jar it seals is plain clear glass with a ground threaded top and no identifying marks.



Charlie also reprinted a Halloween bottle story he wrote in 1996. It's great stuff, but unfortunately too long to insert here. I suggested he send it to Kathy for inclusion in a future issue of *B&E*. He also included a story of Bristol, Tenn.-Va., during Prohibition days authored by C.J. Harkrader in 1964. It, too, is too long for this column, but could be included as part of a series of Prohibition stories.

Eight color photos were downloaded by David Tingen in the Nov. 4 edition of *The Bottle Talk*, official publication of the **Raleigh (N.C.) Bottle Club**. Tingen serves as president and newsletter editor.

Ronald Hinsley presented a program on bitters bottles at the club's October meeting, showing bitters from his

outstanding collection. He's been collecting bitters for 38 years and has more than 50 in his collection.

Sterling Mann displayed a Fresca bottle assortment, while Tommy Howell showed a wide variety of applied color label Sun-Rise bottles. Donnie Medlin, the Pepsi-Cola guru,

showed a number of embossed and ACL sodas he recently acquired.

Tingen announced that the club show is set for March 19-20. He also featured a short version of the history of the Dr. Pepper Company of Waco, Texas.

Digging stories again dominated the November issue of *Oklahoma Territory News* edited by Johnnie Fletcher, also president of the **Oklahoma Territory Bottle & Relic Club**.

Mark Wiseman (with Elsie the Pup) contributed another Digging Iowa story. Two freeways are under construction in Des Moines and Wiseman discovered old dumps that have been uncovered. Most of the bottles he dug dated from the late 19th century into the early 20th century.

Summing up the best of his finds: A Woodcock & Hibbard/Druggists/Valley Junction, Iowa, a crowntop Des Moines Steam Bottling Works/Neuderman and Osthom, a Mennig & Slater/Pure Fruit Extracts/Des Moines, Iowa, a funny-lipped soda Registered Patent Pride/Drink Mash Distilled Water/Des Moines Bottling Wks/Contents 7 Oz/Drink Mash Fruity Flavors/Des Moines, Iowa, a crowntop E.F. Weber's Bottling Works/Des Moines, Iowa, a crowntop American Bottling Works/Irslay Bros. Props/Des Moines, Iowa, and a scarce Higgins Pharmacy/Cor 6th & Grand Av/Des Moines, Iowa.

Fletcher also contributed a story featuring himself, Richard Carr and Kenny Burbrink. They first met in Larned, Kan., only to find the ground was too hard to probe, much less dig. So they decided to try Ellsworth, Kan., again.

A Geo. Seitz/Druggist/Ellsworth, Kan., soon emerged, followed by a Lichstein Brothers/Company's/Casino Cigar/The Acme of American Production/Try it paperweight. It had a chip on its side, but otherwise was undamaged. More Seitz drug store bottles were uncovered as well as a cracked but intact half-gallon pickle crock. Another drug store bottle embossed The Seitz Drug Store/Seitz & Trubey, Props/The House of Better Service/

Ellsworth, Kan., was found.

The trio decided to check out Nickerson, Kan., got permission to check out an area and probed out a pit behind an 1885 circa home. They received permission to dig it from the owner and found: four good Dr. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a flask embossed Merry Christmas/Grigler & Grigler, a Dr. Von Hopfs/Curacoa Bitters, two quart bottles embossed Brotherhood Wine Co./Registered with a large BWCo monogram on the shoulder, and a soda bottle with B&S (Bennett & Son) from nearby Hutchinson, Kan.

Johnnie downloaded six color photos to complement the article.

In a show and tell session at the **M-T Bottle Collectors Association of DeLand, Fla.**, co-editor Bill Marks showed off a clear 1890s drug store bottle embossed Hahn & Marks/504 Broad St./Augusta, Ga.

Grady Rowell showed a bottle of White Rock Water/Mineral Springs Co./Wisconsin with full contents and paper label, and a 1910 photo of his grandfather R.M. Mallory standing beside a Model T truck with wooden spoke wheels. The side panel on the truck read R.M. Mallort Prop., Daytona Creamery. The company was located on Volusia Avenue where the huge white Foremost milk bottle sat for many years. It was the first creamery in Daytona (later Daytona Beach), Fla., and was sold to Halifax Creamery and then to Foremost. Lester Stoll displayed candleholders made from three horseshoes welded together to hold an insulator with a candle in it. All of that was revealed in the *Diggers Dispatch* for November-December.

Club members Charles and Freda Benton, Bill and Sally Marks, Roger Radeck and June Bower attended the North Florida show in Jacksonville on Sept. 27. The Markses also attended the Savannah, Ga., show on Oct. 18, with M-T members Rabun Dittmar of Port Orange, Lynn and Jenine McClarty of New Port Richey, Louise O'Quinn of DeLand and Bob and Sue Milam of Tampa at table setups.

Bob Riddick, a member of the **South Carolina Bottle Club** who lives near Lexington, spoke about Aiken, S.C., bottles at the September meeting of the **Horse Creek Antique Bottle Club**.

A Staake's Original Vital-Tonic Bitters — the only Aiken bitters known so far —

and a one-of-a-kind Mosely's Pine Elixir, also from Aiken, were among bottles displayed. The book, *Bitters Bottles*, by Carlyn Rng and Bill Ham, lists the Staake's as being from Columbia, S.C., but Riddick has an Aiken Chemical Company letterhead that proves otherwise.

The letterhead not only advertises Staake's, but Staake's Inside or Outside Liniment (you either drank it or rubbed it in!), Staake's Poor Man Cough Cure and Staake's Popular Pink Pills. By the way, the Staake's Bitters in the book was dug in Augusta, this editor reported in the club newsletter, *Probe & Plunder*.

Harvey Teal, a Columbia historian who has authored or co-authored books about South Carolina photographers, Kershaw County pottery and South Carolina postal history, spoke to the club about "go-withs" at its October meeting.

Teal, who is working on a book about the South Carolina Dispensary, pointed out the importance of collecting items that "go with" antique bottles. The term was coined by the late John Tibbitts of Sacramento, Calif., founder of the nation's first antique bottle club during the 1960s.

Teal urged club members to build up their bottle book libraries, "because the more you learn, the more you will enjoy the hobby."

Go-withs, he said, include letterheads, billheads, advertising corner cards (the advertising on the upper-left corner of a business envelope), broadsides, catalogues, price lists and the like. He said postage stamp and post card dealers and shows are likely sources of the material.

Troy and Preston Parker, co-editors of *The Dispenser*, newsletter of the **Lone Star**



Mrs. Geneva Greene of Langley, S.C. founded the **Horse Creek Antique Bottle Club** last January and was elected its president. The club meets on the third Monday of each month at Valley Outreach Interfaith Center, 1469 Augusta Rd. (Hwy 421) in Warrentonville, S.C. at 7:00 p.m. It is the latest club to affiliate with the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors. Front row, from left: Vice-President, Larry Calhoun, Saluda, S.C. and Mrs. Greene. Back row, from left: Treasurer: Mike Newman, Augusta, Ga. and secretary, Bill Baab, Augusta, Ga., who also edits the club newsletter, *Probe & Plunder*. The club boasts of more than 60 members.

Photo by Bea Baab

Chapter of the Coca-Cola Collectors Club, featured many color photos taken at the Coke First Chapter — Minnesota Convention and the Iowa Chapter Convention.

The Parkers obviously believe a picture is worth 1,000 words.

The chapter is planning its 13th annual TEX-FEST on Feb. 12-14. More information is available from Rebecca Reynolds at (214) 749-2474.

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Western Regional News

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Dear friends of the Western Region:

My computer is dead - dead - dead and I am missing my deadline. I am miserable like a caged animal. It has been a busy time and I want to tell everyone how well you are all doing - but I can't!

Please forgive me until next time.

Yours,
 Scott



Could this be the final resting place for Scott's computer. B&E Editor, Kathy Hopson, offers her heartfelt condolences, along with the rest of us that understand how much this loss has meant to Scott, as well as the Western Region. We hope to see Scott back up-and-running by the next issue.