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AUCTION

Scrap Boeing 727 winged away \$29,500 at John Peck auction

BY WILLIAM
FLOOD

OSCODA, Mich. — On Nov. 1, John Peck Auctions held a salvage auction of the Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport (formerly the Wurtsmith Air Force Base) on behalf of the Wurtsmith Airport Authority. The timed online sale on Bid.com featured 53 lots

that included a salvage Boeing 727, assorted aircraft parts, airport service items, aircraft cradles and trailers, and pallets of scrap metal.

The attention-getter was a somewhat intact Boeing 727 that was nonetheless listed for scrap. Bidding was competitive, with 256 bids that took the aircraft to the auction's high of

Right: A collection of jet engine tail cones did comparatively well at \$620.

\$29,500.

Across the auction, a half dozen lots of scrap aircraft parts were offered. Earning second place in overall bidding was a lot of approximately a dozen uniden-



tified jet engine cowlings. 129 bids, most likely chasing the scrap metal value, took the lot to \$1,550. Another lot,



Above: Although running, this early 1960s possibly Ford, airport maintenance truck, was rough enough to be sold for scrap.



Above: Looking pretty intact from the exterior, this Boeing 727 sold for scrap at \$29,500.

with better than a dozen engine cowlings, only reached \$230. In between, bidding went to \$620 on a lot of 13 jet engine tail cones. Other aircraft parts offerings came as pallets of mixed items. Bidding went to \$530 on one of those collections; another picked up \$260.

The auction's most prominent category was surplus/scrap maintenance equipment. Aircraft cradles seemed to pull the most interest. Although listed for

scrap, many appeared usable. Fifteen lots held anywhere from two to a dozen units. Lot 51, won for \$700, had nearly a dozen cradles and weighed in at approximately 15 tons. Another batch, amounting to approximately 10 tons of scrap metal, got \$620. The remaining 13 lots sold from \$410 for a 7-ton collection to \$600 for 10 tons worth.

Similar bidding occurred on six lots of

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FEATURE

Toaster wars brought bread to the breakfast table

BY LARRY
LEMASTERS

Toast is as old as bread, predating toasters by hundreds of years. In

medieval England, toast was prepared by holding a slice of bread on a very long fork over an open fire (much like we roast marshmallows today).

Toast never originated as a breakfast food. A popular carol during the reign of King Henry VIII suggests that toast was used as a party food: "Wassail, wassail, all over town, our toast it is white and our ale it is brown." Wassail, during Henry's time, was a festive drink made of ale and served with warm bits of toast floating in it. The expression "to drink a toast" derives from wassail.

Many centuries passed before toast reached its respected position on the breakfast table. And it reached it then only

Left: This Pan Electric Company's "Blue Willow" toaster, circa 1928, is the perfect toaster for Blue Willow kitchens.

through a marketing war (the great toast war) between cereal companies and bakeries. It is during this time that toaster designers used extreme creativeness to design and manufacture toasters, hoping to catch a buyer's imagination with a fancy toaster.

An avalanche of electrical appliances soon hit the marketplace, and by 1910 irons, toasters, and many other appliances were becoming common items in American homes.

Toasters, though, were not the first electrical appliances (early electrical appliances had practical applications, such as irons) but toasters are one of the most collected early appliances because they are easy to



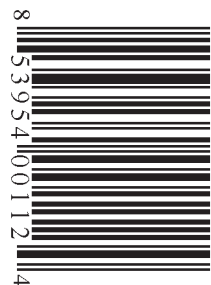
Above: Sears porcelain toaster of 1935. This pattern is called "Basketweave Wildflower."

locate, relatively inexpensive, and they are far more interesting than irons.

Frank Shailor of General Electric patented the first commercially

successful electric toaster in 1909 — the D-12. All D-12s had ceramic bases and open wire framing. Some of the early models

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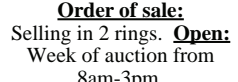


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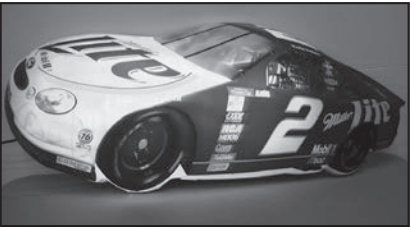
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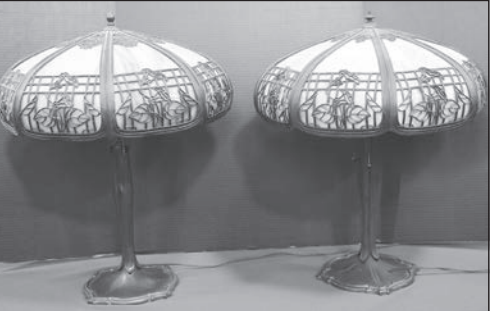
Lot 247 - Antique Painted Pine 9-Drawer Spice Box - Several others



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Toaster

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screwed into light sockets, which rendered them fire hazards.

Since the first toaster burned its way into the hearts of toast lovers, inventors have strived to build a better toaster. One of the most flamboyant designs ever patented (it was never manufactured) accepted a whole loaf of bread, sliced it, toasted it, and then buttered the individual pieces. Another early toaster was built into the bottom of an electric coffee pot. Another early toaster operated on a conveyer belt system, carrying the bread slices past the heating coils.

It seems that manufacturing companies quickly realized that all toasters toasted bread, so in order to attract buyers to their particular toasters, oddball ingenuity was required. Today, the oddest of the oddball toasters are centerpieces in toaster collections.

Nearly every

improvement made to toasters was invented during the first three decades of the 20th century, and the toasters from this “golden age of toasters” are the most collectible. For example, early toasters, such as the General Electric 1905 model X-2 and 1909 model D-12 are very desired. As is the Westinghouse 1910 model 196157A. These three models and many like them consisted of wire racks for the bread and simple heating elements. Fingers and toast were both burned on these early models.

By 1923, nearly eight million homes had electricity; however, only about 90,000 of these homes had toasters. This was quite a small percentage when compared with the fact that nearly all homes today have a toaster in some form or another. The apparent failure for people to embrace the toaster forced toaster manufacturers and bakeries to wage a war against cereal as the breakfast choice for

America. Electrical manufacturers drastically cut the price of toasters, and advertisements throughout the 1920s declared, “Toast for Breakfast.” One suspect advertisement stated, “The stimulated secretion of digestive juices brought about by the aroma and taste of good toast is often of more importance to the individual than the increased nutritive value.”

Probably the most innovative toaster invention was developed around 1915 by Charles Strite, a master mechanic at Stillwater, Minnesota. Strite, tired of eating burnt toast, invented the original pop-up automatic toaster. The Waters-Genter Company produced the first single-slice automatic toaster in 1926, using Strite’s original ideas. The IAI, Waters-Genter’s first model, is still one of the most sought-after toasters by collectors in the 21st century.

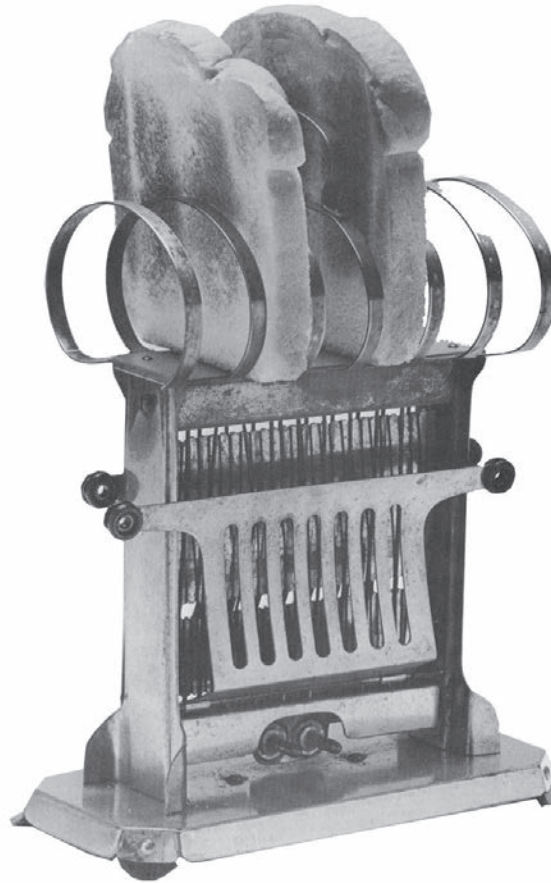
Many collectors overlook commercial toasters since those for home usage have always been desired, so if you are thinking of starting a toaster collection, you might begin with commercial toasters. Also, if you are new to toaster collecting, don’t forget to look for old toaster advertisements. Some of them are quite interesting, and they make nice additions to a collection. Finally, you may like to try finding a few of the truly beautiful toasters that have graced American tables over the last 100 years. The Sweetheart Toaster by Landers, Frary & Clark of New Britain, Connecticut, is considered



Above: This Auto-Toastmaker of the early 1930s is one of the first toasters to switch off automatically. Notice early “browning control” mechanism.

by many to be the most “amazing and beautiful” toaster ever manufactured. Originally called the Universal Model E9410, the name Sweetheart Toaster has become its accepted name since it is a sweetheart of a toaster. One other toaster to look for is the Toastrite “Blue Willow” porcelain Toaster. Made by the Pan Electric Manufacturing Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, this toaster was made to complement Blue Willow pattern dinnerware. One interesting fact about this toaster is that it is not made of true porcelain. The Toastrite Blue Willow Toaster is made of Onyxide China.

The value of a toaster lies in its rarity, visual appeal, and unusual features. It does not matter if the toaster works or not since working condition seldom affects value.



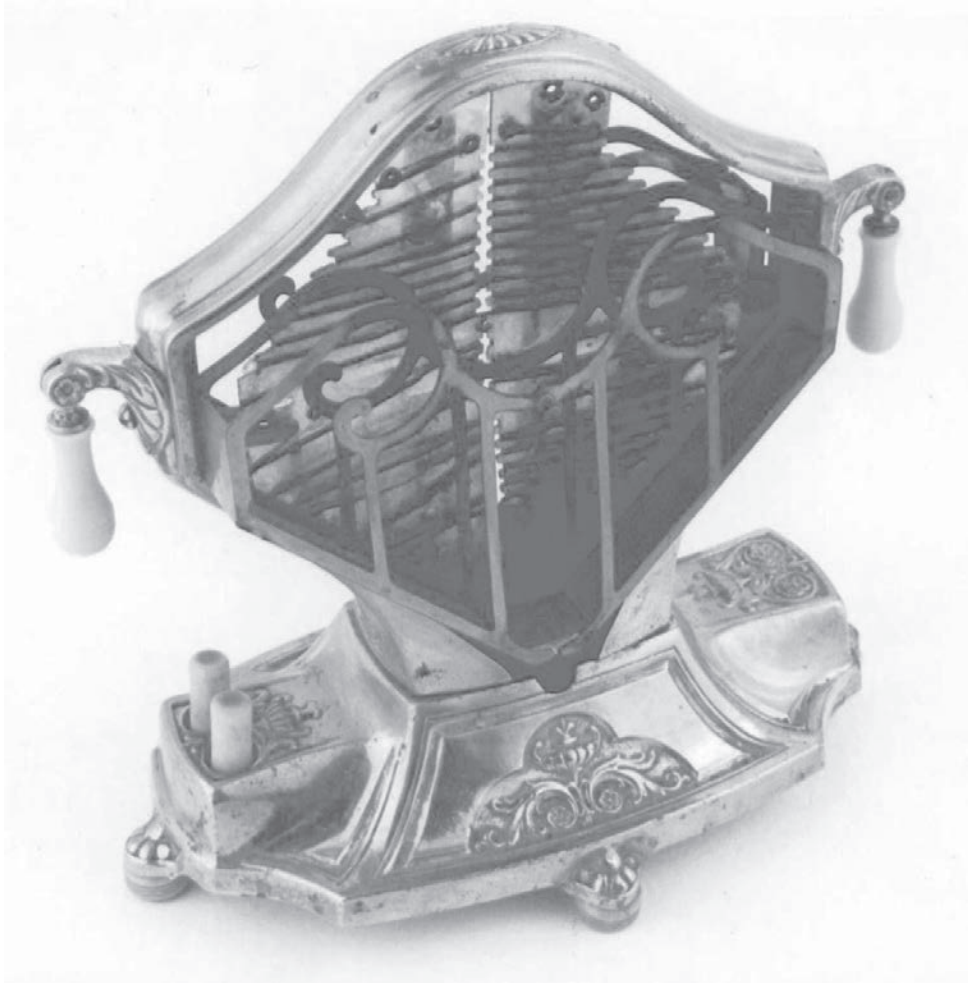
Above: Early, pre 1920, Universal toaster with a warmer on top.



Above: A Toast-O-Lator from 1937 that is quite rare. A conveyor belt moved the bread past the heating elements, and a peephole permitted the process to be watched.



The first pop-up toaster — the Waters-Genter Company’s model 1A1. This toaster is quite rare and often is a centerpiece in a toaster collection.



Above: The Sweetheart Toaster, Universal Model E9410, is widely considered the “most beautiful” toaster ever made.


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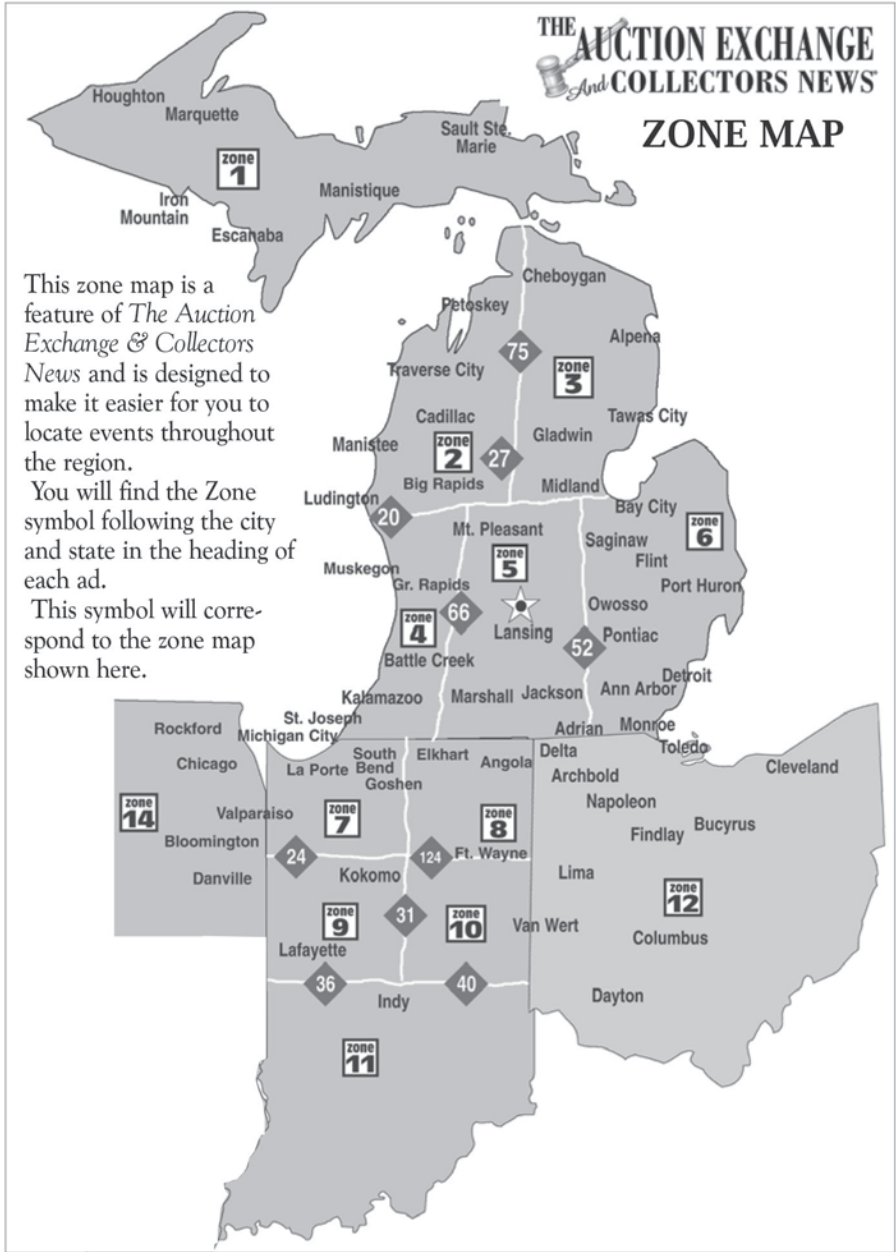
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3 Hamiltons-924-17 J 1914 lever set, 1 in gold case NIB, 15 J, 9 Elgins- 15 J w/10k gold case, 2 BW Raymonds- 1 is 17 J 1888 & 1 19 J lever set, 17 J, (2) 15 J . . . 1 w/hunting case, 1889, 4 Walthams- 3 17 J . . . 1 w/gold case, silver case, Howard 19 J 1912, Meyer RR 17 J, Hudson 17 J w/gold case NIB.

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aircraft trailers and carts. Lot 48, weighing in at 5 tons picked up \$410 on 118 bids. It was followed by a lot with four aircraft trailers totaling 15 tons that grabbed \$330.

Another six lots held aircraft maintenance stands. Two lots held single rolling stands; one of them, a 15-foot unit generated \$450 off of 94 bids. Then came a 30-foot stand that scored \$200 from 99 bids. Three of the lots contained four smaller rolling maintenance stands. Winning bids on those ranged from \$50 to \$230. And, a collection of more than three dozen 3-point support stands, netted \$640

Other lots contained airport service equipment. The most prominent was a 1960s-era airport maintenance truck, in very rough but running condition, still considered scrap. It made it to \$1,150 on 146 bids. Bidding went to \$310 for a large Industrial transformer (with its oil drained) while a set of 11 vintage airport hanging lighting fixtures hit \$280. Two separate 300-gallon fuel tanks on stands sold for \$600 and \$250.



Above: Perhaps the auction’s most serviceable items were two Arctic Master 200 heaters. One sold for \$200; the other for \$260.



Above: Several rolling maintenance stands were offered. Although listed as scrap, most appeared serviceable.



Above: Two lots with a dozen jet engine cowlings sold at extremes - one for \$230 and the other for \$1,550.



Above: Two similar fuel tanks on stands sold for \$250 and \$600.

Immediately after, two lots with Arctic Master 200 portable heaters on trailers garnered \$260 and \$200.

Finally, there were the mixed pallets of scrap. One lot featured a maintenance trailer filled to overflowing with a variety of scrap items. It went for \$260. Other scrap lots sold modestly, from \$8 to \$51.

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Safford decoys are taking flight with collectors

BY RICHARD K. LODGE

When craftsman Charles Augustus Safford carefully measured, cut, and mortised pieces of wood into a life-sized Canada goose decoy around 1920, he no doubt expected the bird to weather many New England hunting seasons. It's highly unlikely he imagined it would surpass the century mark and top half a million dollars on the auction floor.

Earlier this year a Safford sleeping goose decoy set a world record sale price of \$594,000 for the maker at the Copley Fine Arts auction in Hingham, Mass. Just six years earlier the same decoy – a complex creation of some 20 pieces of cross-laminated wood – sold for what was then a record \$517,500 at Guyette & Deeter's auction in Portsmouth, N.H.

This rare bird by Safford helped propel the once-obscure carver into the spotlight.



Above: The sleeping Canada goose carved by Charles A. Safford sold for \$594,000 at the Copley Fine Arts auction in July 2023. (Photo courtesy of Copley Fine Arts)

In a 2009 Decoy Magazine profile, Gwladys “Gigi” Hopkins, a curator, carver and author of “Massachusetts Masterpieces, Decoy as Art,” proclaimed Safford’s sleeping goose decoy “leaps into the pantheon of the greatest American goose decoys ever made, sculpture and function in perfect marriage.”

Born in Gloucester, Mass., Safford spent most of his adult years along

the same Atlantic coast in and around Newburyport. A multi-talented artist and craftsman, he hammered out items in tin, brass, copper and silver. As a cabinetmaker at his great-grandfather’s shop in Newburyport, he built everything from coffins to workboats.

He built himself a cottage on Plum Island, a barrier island joined to Newbury and Newburyport by a narrow road and drawbridge, and from there he engaged in his greatest love, hunting ducks and geese.

As a market hunter, Safford shot waterfowl for local restaurants and sent them by rail to eateries in Boston. Like other gunners in his day, he often

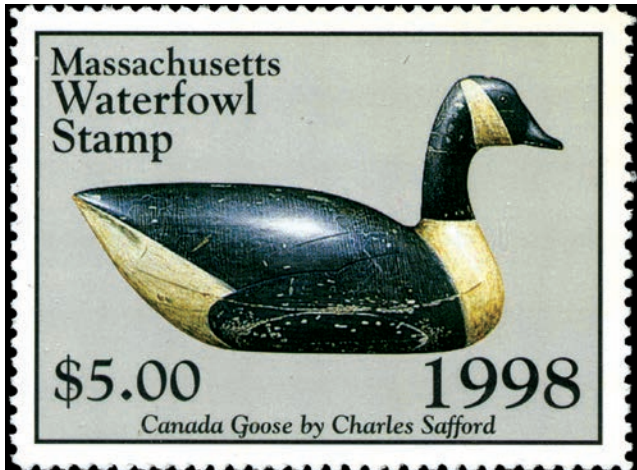
hunted from a long wooden “sneak float” boat – similar to a kayak with a squared-off stern – which was camouflaged along the sides and bow with tufts of grass and salt marsh hay. He carved decoys in various poses (like his “sleeping” goose) and placed them in small groupings or “rigs,” anchored by metal weights. The floating

decoys gave live birds flying overhead a false sense of safety, which often brought them within range of Safford’s shotgun. He made his decoys to last and left them outside season after season, which is evident in their faded and worn paint.

When Safford was in his mid 50s, he made a remarkable career change – and laid down his shot-

gun. In 1934 the Federation of the Bird Clubs of New England received a donation from Annie Hamilton Brown, a life-long Massachusetts Audubon member, for the purchase of 1,500 acres on Plum Island for a bird sanctuary. Safford, who was living year-round in his cottage on the island,

See Safford Decoys page 14



Left: The Massachusetts Waterfowl Stamp featured a Safford decoy in 1998. (Painting by Bob Piscatori)

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Safford Decoys

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went to work as the resident game warden for the sanctuary, and as warden, he had to keep his former hunting colleagues in line to protect the birds on and around the island. (He himself didn't give up hunting entirely, but steadfastly honored the preserve and its boundaries.)

Safford patrolled the dunes, salt marshes and scattered woodlands on the undeveloped southern half of the island (the northern half was dotted with summer cottages and hunting shacks), usually on horseback. On his daily rounds he also kept a running list of bird sightings, filing regular reports for the monthly Bulletin of the Massachusetts Audubon Society. As a lover of the outdoors, he had always paid close attention to animals and birds.

His work as a warden sometimes made the pages of the Newburyport Daily Herald. On November 18, 1941, the newspaper reported Safford "apprehended two hunters on Plum Island and charged them with having 'unplugged shotguns.' Removal of the plugs of the guns allows the harboring of more than the three shells permitted by law," which meant the hunters could bag more birds from each passing flock. Each man was fined \$30 in district court.



Above: The cottage and hunting camp Charles Safford built on what eventually became the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge on Plum Island. (Photo courtesy of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service).



Above: Charles Safford scans the landscape while patrolling Plum Island on horseback. (Photo courtesy of Candace Erickson).

Another article ran in the Daily Herald on May 26, 1942, just months after the attack on Pearl Harbor drew the U.S. into World War II. The newspaper reported that Safford was still welcoming bird watchers to the island, "although the Coast Guard and Army have issued orders that no person shall carry a gun or camera in the locality as long as the present war condition exists."

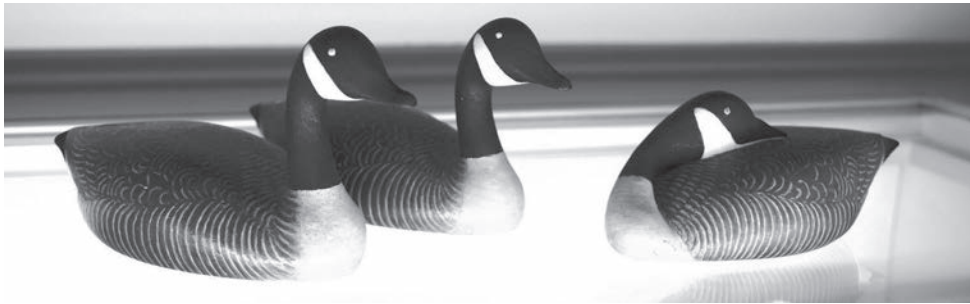
Later that year, the acreage then known as

the Annie H. Brown Wildlife Sanctuary was incorporated into the 4,600-acre Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, and Safford was out of a job at the age of 65. At that point he retired and moved to Lynn, a coastal city just north of Boston, where he spent his last 15 years. In those years he carved miniature waterfowl; more than a dozen of those now reside at the Museum of Old Newbury in Newburyport. Safford died at age 80 in 1957 and is buried in Newburyport's Oak Hill Cemetery near his parents and sisters.

Geoff Walker, a contemporary decoy carver in Newbury, whose late father Hank set a high standard for carving, theorized Safford's fame was late in coming because he didn't carve many decoys.

"As I know it, he didn't build a lot of birds," Walker said. "He might have built them for his friends and for his own rig," but

Left: Miniature waterfowl of many sizes and species are in the collection of the Museum of Old Newbury in Newburyport, Massachusetts. Charles Safford carved these birds as well as the miniature cattails in the background. (Photo courtesy of the Museum of Old Newbury).



Above: Three of the delicately painted miniature geese by Charles Safford from the Museum of Old Newbury. (Photo by Richard K. Lodge).

Below: Two miniature geese inherited by Candace Erickson, a great-niece of Charles Safford. (Photo by Richard K. Lodge).



didn't turn out hundreds of decoys like more well-known carvers whose work shows up frequently in auctions today.

Casey Smolar, an antique dealer on the North Shore of Massachusetts who has discovered many decoys in his travels, believes Safford only carved geese because that's what he hunted.

"He made a couple rigs of geese, probably one for himself and some for friends. He just didn't make a lot of decoys," Smolar said. "To my knowledge, I don't know if he ever made other species other than geese."

When Safford's now-famous sleeping goose decoy went to auction in 2017, the Guyette & Deeter catalog devoted four pages to color photos and details about his life and the carving.

"Charlie Safford's name is not nearly as well known as his work warrants," the catalog noted, "but the strength of this single carving is sufficient to place him in the pantheon of such famous carvers as Elmer Crowell of Cape Cod, Harry V. Shourds of Tuckerton, N.J., and the Ward Brothers of Crisfield, Maryland."

That "splendid goose, the pinnacle of Safford's work as a decoy maker, speaks volumes about his lifelong passion for wild birds and the prodigious talents he brought to portraying them," the catalog opined.

In the 2009 Decoy Magazine profile, Hopkins described one rig of goose decoys Safford made in the 1920s for his hunting stand. "These birds were unique, designed for

Below: An intricately painted sleeping goose by Safford brought \$96,000 at auction in 2022. (Photo courtesy of Copley Fine Arts).



Above: Charles Safford in his sneak float, or duck boat, in a photo taken around 1930. (Photo courtesy of Duncan MacBurnie).

attachment to flat iron triangles that were left out on the marsh for the entire season. The birds are intelligent in design," made from laminated boards of varying lengths instead of solid blocks of wood, which are more prone to splitting. Safford's earlier birds had plain heads, no glass eyes and little carved detail. "The best, however, are elegant, finely formed throughout with further delicate shaping around the head and bill," said Hopkins, adding, "Safford's paint is clean and certain."

Although the sleeping goose auctioned in July holds the record high price for one of Safford's birds, it's not the only one that put him on the map. In 1998, Bay State artist Bob Piscatori won the Massachusetts Waterfowl Stamp competition with a painting of a Charles Safford straight-headed goose.

Fred Thurlow of Newbury once owned the decoy pictured on the stamp, and believes it was the fame brought on by the stamp that sparked interest in Safford and his decoys.

Thurlow said that goose decoy was among several his relatives found in the attic of his great-uncle's house – rented for a time by Safford – where Thurlow lives now. A decoy-collecting friend of Thurlow's found out he had decoys and pestered him about selling a goose. "I sold him the decoy for \$500 quite a while ago," Thurlow said.

That bird became Piscatori's model for the waterfowl stamp, and, as Thurlow suggested, "That's the one that started the prices going up."

In 2022, a sleeping Canada goose carved from a single piece of wood by Safford sold for \$96,000 (with a presale estimate of \$100,000-200,000) at a Copley Fine Art auction.

Although it wasn't as intricately pieced together as Safford's six-figure record-setter, this goose has a more detailed paint job than others found in the same rig on Plum Island.

In the Copley auction catalog, Robert Shaw, a curator and author, said the sleeping goose was elaborately detailed with "prominent wing and feather paint pattern ... unique among Stafford's full-bodied geese."

According to Shaw, "Safford rigorously planned every inch of his birds, using precisely measured patterns he sketched around on each side of their bodies before he started carving. The whole decoy is a symphony of intersecting lines and fluid curves that keep the viewer's eye in constant motion."

So how do you identify a full-size Stafford decoy? Smolar says some of Safford's birds have "C.A. Safford" branded on the bottom, but even if they are unmarked, his style is unique. "They're easy to identify," he said. "Nobody else made a goose like him."

For more online: copley-art.com and guyetteand-deeter.com.

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Above: A young Charles Safford is loaded down with the fruits of his hunting on Plum Island, Massachusetts, in the early 1900s. (Photo courtesy of Candace Erickson)

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