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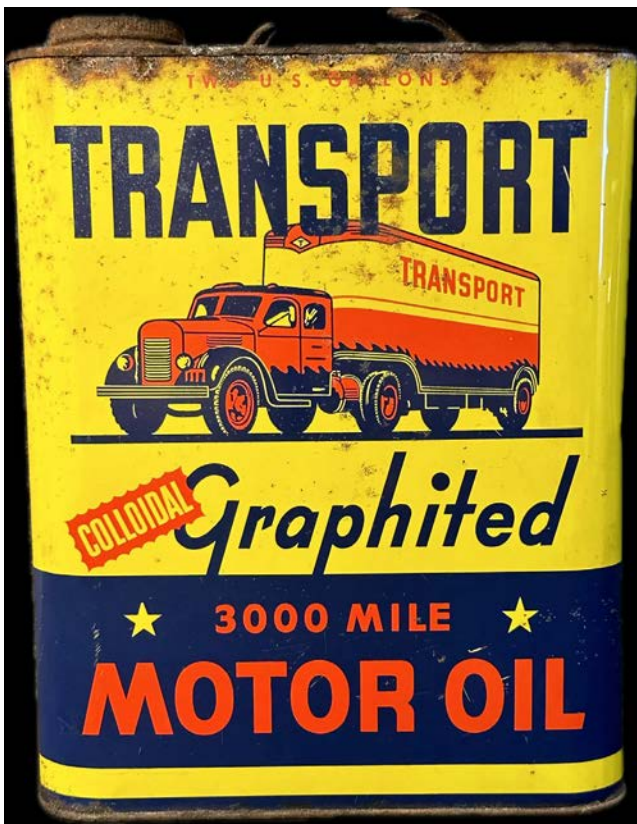
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ACROSS THE AUCTION BLOCK

Buick Flying Goddess blew to \$1,500 at auction



Above: This Transport 3000-mile two-gallon can brought a high bid of \$550.

BY KARIN MILLIMAN

JACKSON, Mich. — A lovely goddess easily won first place at a recent online auction by Holler & Hammer Auction Company. A 1933 Buick Flying Goddess hood ornament radiator cap measuring roughly 7 by 4 by 4 inches swooped in to take the honor.

The Flying Goddess was designed by Casimer Cislo while employed at Ternstedt Manufacturing, who designed automotive trim such as door handles and gas caps. She was initially sculpted nude except for a billowing scarf to memorialize Isadora Duncan, a scandalous bohemian dancer. One fall evening in 1927 in France, Duncan was a passenger in an automo-

bile owned by a French mechanic. She wore a flowing hand-painted silk scarf, which was a gift. The scarf became tangled in the open-spoked rear wheel of the speeding car, which pulled her from the open vehicle and snapped her neck. This sculpture of Duncan was made to be at home on an automobile. She had seen better days because of exposure to various weather conditions, but she still held her own as the most beautiful piece on the auction block. Flying through the air with grace and beauty, this vintage piece would be stunning to find her home again on a Buick. It took a bid of \$1,500 to take this beauty home with you.

Need an oil change? All automobiles do, sooner or later. But don't be too



Above: This flying goddess hood ornament radiator cap was meant to showcase a 1933 Buick. She brought a high bid of \$1,500.

hasty in throwing away those old empty oil cans. A Transport 3000 Mile Graphited 2-gallon motor oil can brought a very respectable price. This one sported a brilliantly colored can. The yellow

background made the red lettering and mostly red truck displayed on the front command attention. It had a blue stripe almost on the bottom with more

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FEATURE

Forget the luck of the Irish, rub a Billiken's feet

BY LARRY LEMASTERS

Florence Pretz of Kansas City, Mo., an American art teacher and illustrator, created Billiken charm dolls. In interviews, Pretz claimed

the idea for the mysterious, elf-like Billiken came to her in a dream, and in 1908 she patented the Billiken figure and started marketing his likeness.

Billiken's pointed ears, mischievous smile, and

tuft of topknot hair on his pointed head make him immediately recognizable. His arms are short and he is usually sitting with his legs stretched out in front of him so that believers can rub his oversized,

lucky feet.

Billiken's name was adopted by the distributors of the doll, the Billiken Company of Chicago. In 1909 Billiken banks and statuettes were manufactured followed by Billiken dolls the next year. At the same time the Times Publishing Company (Seattle) sold small Billikens as a publicity stunt for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

Supposedly, the Billiken was named after the then, newly elected, President of the United States, William Howard Taft. And legend has it that anyone touching the Billiken will receive good luck and inner peace.

After only a few brief years of popularity, like many other fad toys, the Billiken faded into obscurity. Today,

Right: This McCormick Billiken decanter, "Royal Order of Jesters," is whimsical and valued at \$30.

collectors best remember Billikens.

The Billiken rose to prominence during the height of the "Mind-Cure" craze in the United States at the start of the 20th century. Billikens represented the "no worry" ideal, and they were very popular. Variations appeared, such as the "Teddy-Billiken Doll" and the Billycan/Billycan't pair (to drive petty problems away). For a period of about 10 years, the Billiken likeness was turned into basque dolls, clay incense burners, metal banks, hatpins, watch fobs, pickle forks,

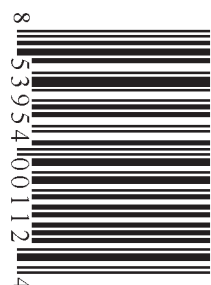


belt buckles, auto hood ornaments, salt and pepper shakers and glass bottles, so collectors have a large selection of Billiken collectibles to look for.

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This Billiken figural napkin ring, pre-1940, is valued at \$225.



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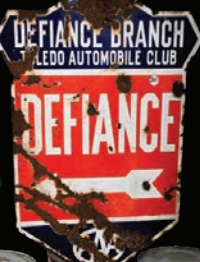
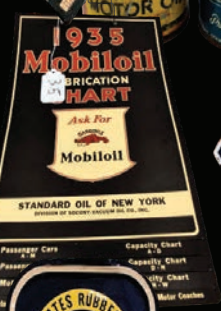


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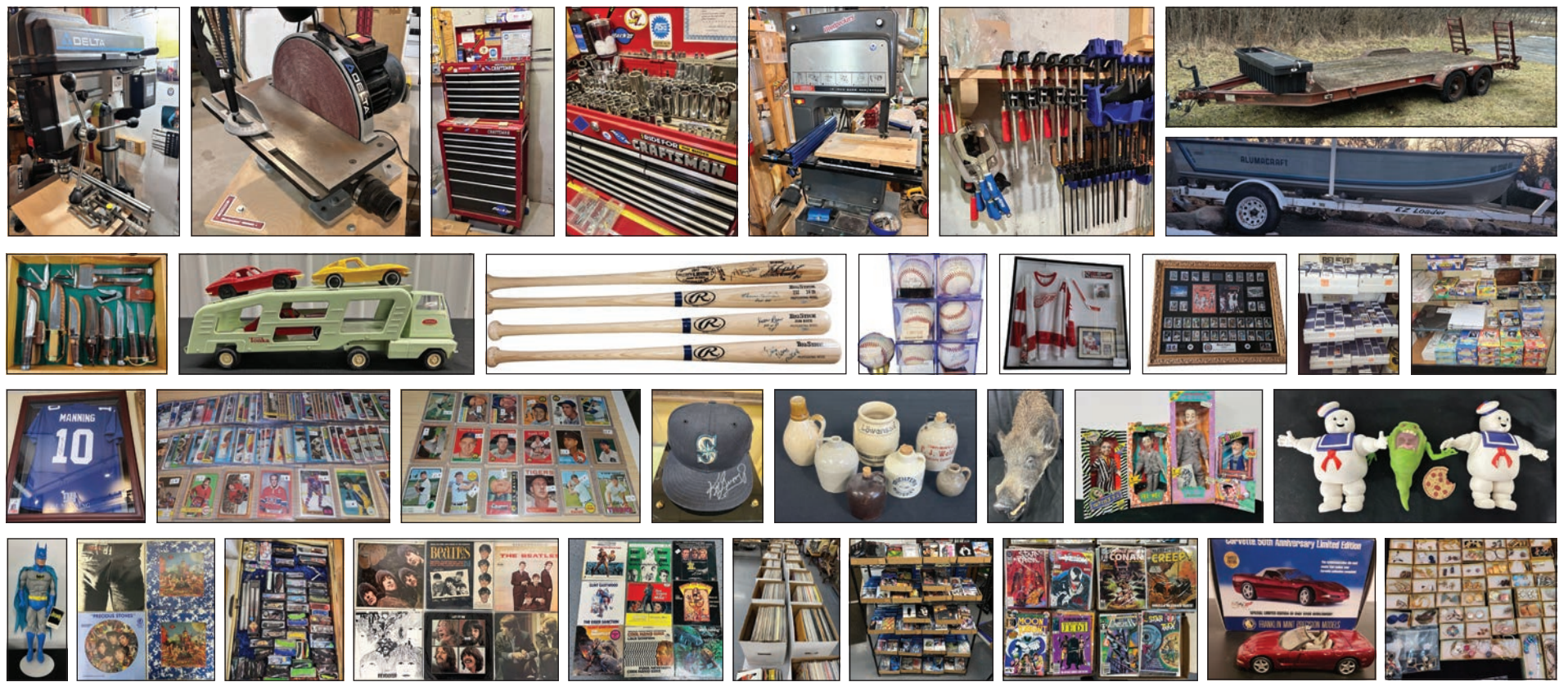
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Goddess

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red lettering, ensuring the user knew this was 3000-mile oil. It showed signs of age along the top, but the graphics were still eye-catching. This one sold for an impressive bid of \$550.

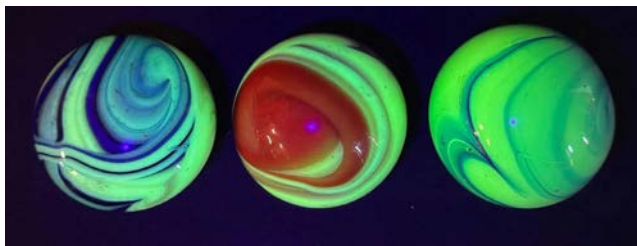
Another can from the past sold for \$325. This one was an Edelweiss light beer quart can. It had a cone top and said "Schoenhofen, Edelweiss, Chicago" on it. It measured almost 4 by 7 inches and was in high-grade condition. "A case of good judgment" was printed in white on top of a red strip, ensuring the buyer was buying the best.

A Sunoco advertising piece sold for \$250. This 5-gallon Dynalube Heavy Duty Motor Oil can featured yellow coloring, making a canvas for the oil's name, which stood out with simple black lettering. This was a great display piece.



Above: Several lots of early spark plugs garnered a lot of attention. This grouping of 28 topped them all, selling for \$375.

Most people associate the Jaguar name with high quality and high dollar. Another motor oil can with that name proudly emblazoned across the top kept the high dollar prices coming. This 100-percent pure virgin motor oil Therm-X can held 2 gallons of the distinctive brand. It was stamped with "Commack, NY" and sported an almost two-dimensional-looking jaguar head that appeared to command attention with its position in the exact center of the can. It took a bid



Above: This grouping of three of uranium glass car shift knobs dated from the 1920s -1930s. They sold for a bid price of \$275 for the three.

of \$275 to claim this vintage treasure as your own.

A collection of spark plugs attracted a lot of interest. These were sold in lots, and each had various brands. Selling for \$250, were 30 spark plugs, including Meaker, Leonard, Champion, and a priming plug. But upping the ante a bit were 27 early spark plugs from the 1900s-1920s. Auburn, Browne, Stewart, Mosler, Poky, Rex, Splitdorf, and Mor were in this grouping. They brought a high bid price of \$300. Yet topping them all were a grouping of 28 early spark plugs. This one consisted of Mosler, Champion, Rentz, Bosco with the primer, Jumbo, Auburn and more. They were sold for the impressive bid price of \$375.

Sticking with the automobile theme, the 1920s - 1930s ensured the vehicles had some prominent class. They dressed them up in various ways, hoping to grab the potential buyer's attention to get them to buy their brand. A grouping of three uranium glass car shift knobs would help to accomplish this task. Measuring only 2 inches in diameter, these would glow as the vehicle was racing down the road and be great attention-getters. This grouping of three sold for an impressive \$275.

A collection of Buzzzz The Motorcycle News magazines from 1949 was

missing only one issue, from June of that year. The other 11 magazines were in good shape and would provide some interesting reading material while taking the reader on a trip down memory lane—the magazines sold for \$250.

In days gone by, businesses had a door push sign on the screen door, which helped to protect the door from having the screen pushed out. A Canada Dry Spur metal door push sign reminded those entering the establishment to pick up their cold drink before they left. This small tin embossed sign measured only 4 by 12 inches and advertised the Canada Dry drink for only five cents. However, it took a lot more than that to become the owner of this sign. It wasn't marked sold until the hammer went down on a bid of \$225.

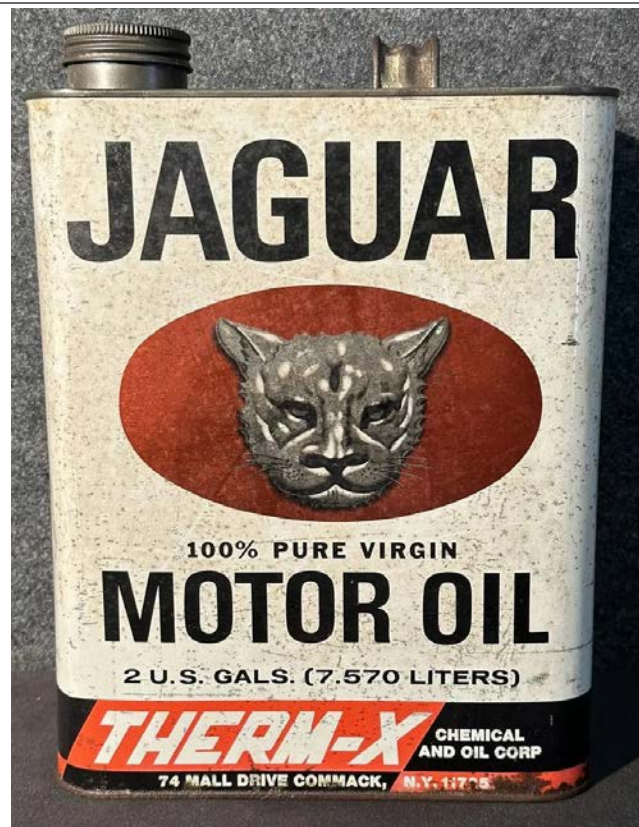
A glass game advertising panel from a 1920s fortune teller boasted that "she knows all the answers." The panel was



Above: Showing this lady knows all the answers, this fortune teller reverse-painted panel from The Question Girl brought a bid price of \$225.



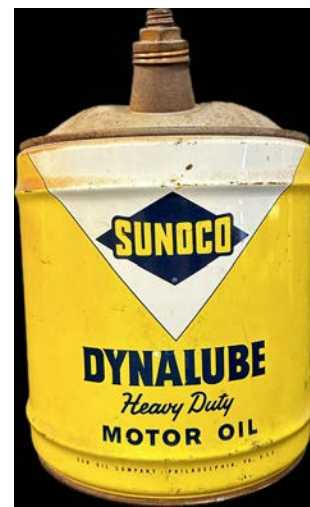
Above: Missing only the June issue, these motorcycle magazines from 1949 roared away with a sale price of \$250.



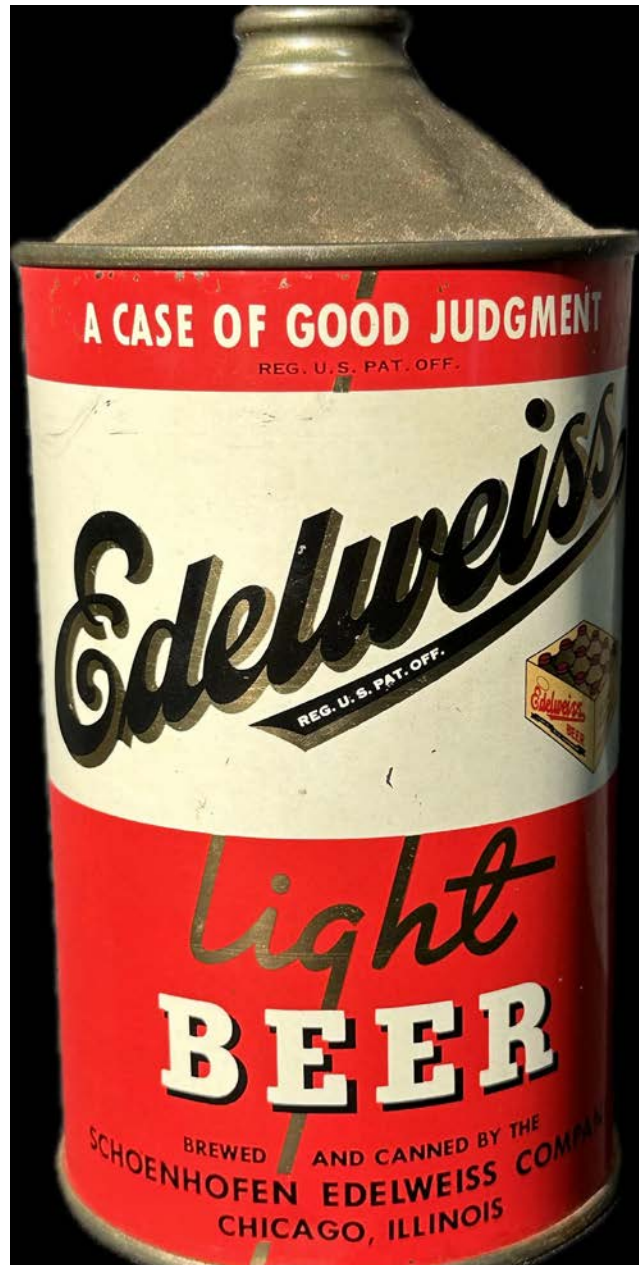
Above: Known for high quality, this Jaguar brand motor oil was bid at \$275 for this 2-gallon can.

reverse-painted and showed that it only cost one penny to find out what you needed to know. It measured a bit over 9 by 18 inches. The graphics were still in good shape and the writing was very readable. There was a list of questions to pick from running down the left side, such as "Will I get a job?" "Am I going to travel?" and "What are my lucky numbers?". She knew all the answers as long as one deposited that penny and picked from that list of questions. This unique

Right: This heavy-duty motor oil 5-gallon can shows it's still popular today with a final sale price of \$250.



Above: Measuring only 4 by 12 inches, this door push sign packed small but sold large with a final bid of \$225.



Above: This Edelweiss beer can with a cone top is in good condition and selling for \$325.

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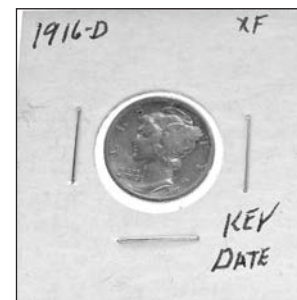
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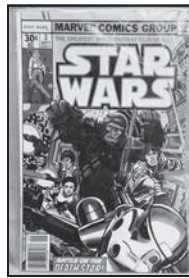
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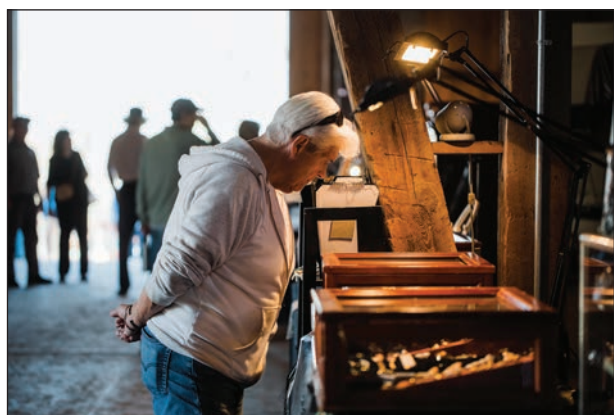
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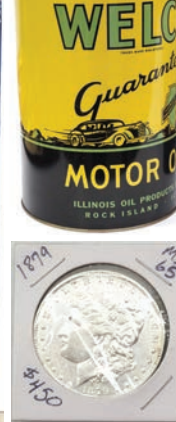
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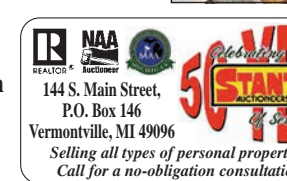
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Billiken
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In his heyday, Billiken enjoyed worldwide celebrity. In America he became the athletic mascot of Saint Louis University and the school's athletic teams remain the Billikens to this day.

In Japan, Billikens were elevated to almost god-like status and became so popular that he was considered to be another god of luck in addition to the traditional seven Japanese gods of luck. Inexplicably, Billikens live on in some regions of the country as an icon of the exotic. Since Billiken was selected as the patron saint of the 1909 Alaska-Yukon Exposition, his image has cluttered the shelves of souvenir shops throughout Japan.

An area of great success for Billiken was Alaska, where, in 1909, Billiken began his appearance in souvenir shops. In Nome, Alaska, Angokwazhuk, an Eskimo carver, copied a Billiken figurine in ivory brought to him by a merchant. Since that first appearance in Alaska, some Eskimo



Above: Antique, circa 1912, Billiken silver-plate wine bottle coaster that is valued at \$430. Here, Billiken assures the wine drinker, "I am the cause of luckiness."

carvers began to include the Billiken in the collection of figurines they create. Billikens are still created in Alaska today.

Japan's reverence of Billiken led to many representations of the Billiken being formally enshrined. Pre-World War II statues of the Billiken can be found in Kobe city's Chinju Inari and Matsuo Inari shrines. Both of these statues were removed from display for many years at the onset of the war when foreign deities fell out of favor, especially American ones.

The most famous

representation of the Billiken was in an amusement park, Lunar Park, in the Shinsekai district of Osaka, Japan. In 1912, he was enshrined in the park as a symbol of Americana and there was revered as "The God of Things As They Ought to Be." Popular Billiken souvenirs in the park included dolls. When the park closed in 1923, the wooden statue of the Billiken was stolen.

A replica of the 1912 Billiken statue still stands on the fifth floor observation deck and has become closely associated with the tower. Each year thousands of visitors place a coin in his donation box and rub the soles of his well-worn feet to ensure good luck and happiness in their lives.

Even though he became a national craze in the early 1900s, the Billiken's fame was short lived. The Billiken reached its peak of popularity in 1911, when it was recognized the world over as a universal symbol of good fortune

Legend has it that the Billiken has three kinds of luck – good, better and best. To buy a Billiken gave the buyer luck. To have one given to you is better luck. The best luck came if the Billiken were stolen from someone else.



Above: This vintage, Dr. Pepper Billiken watch fob, made of metal, is considered hard to find. It is valued at \$60.

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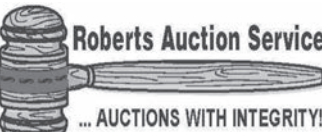

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Mid-20th century ceramicists took us around the world

BY DONALD-BRIAN JOHNSON

In 1872, when Jules Verne's "Around The World In 80 Days" first appeared in print, readers were thunderstruck. 80 days to traverse the globe? Impossible! And yet, readers couldn't get enough of the serialized adventures of Phileas Fogg, as he raced 'round the earth by rail, steamship, and even balloon, in an effort to beat the clock. Would he make it? Readers waited breathlessly for the latest translated chapters to reach American shores.

Well into the mid-20th century, much of the world remained unexplored territory for most of the world's population. Curiosity, however, continued to run rampant. Those folks from elsewhere: what did they look like? Dress like? What did we all have in common? For giftware designers of the 1940s and '50s, engaged in an ongoing quest to fill store shelves with new inventory, providing the answers to questions like these opened up a world of possibilities.

Prior to World War II, inexpensive ceramics from Europe and Asia dominated giftware sales in the



Above: "Marie Antoinette & Louis XVI" by Florence Ward of Florence Ceramics. 10" h., \$500-600/pr.

states. With the onset of the war however, those production outlets were closed for export. If America wanted knickknacks, then America would have to produce its own. With clay one of the few raw elements not affected by rationing restrictions, a multitude of domestic ceramic firms sprang up, particularly on the West Coast.

Nearly every U.S. ceramic firm included at

least one representative of another culture in its product line. Translating impressions of "other lands" into three-dimensional depictions for the mass market, however, seems to have been a uniquely American undertaking. Even before the war, few European knickknacks celebrated cowboys, dance-hall girls, or other examples of stereotypical Americana. But for mid-century American ceramic designers, the globe was fair game. Among those leading the international design brigade: Betty Harrington and Hedi Schoop.

Harrington has more than 100 different international figurines to her credit. Her Madison's Ceramic Arts Studio ranks at the top of ceramic's world explorers. Some sure-fire sellers were the expected (a squadron of "Chinese Boys and Girls"; "Dutch Dancers" of assorted shapes and sizes), but other Harrington designs ventured further afield. Among the rarest of her creations: the "Temple Dancers," their precarious poses based on her research into authentic dances of the Siamese court. Although authentic, those poses meant that, with limited base support, the "Temple

Dancers" often tipped over.

Harrington was a stickler for accuracy. A detailed scrapbook, with reference illustrations and her own sketches, aided in figurine creation. As she noted in a late-in-life interview:

"Whenever I got an idea that I thought was worth doing in clay, I'd make a sketch of it. Pencil sketches in my scrapbook date back some seventy years. For historical themes I spent a lot of time in the library looking at costumes. I thought it was nice to have costume designs of different eras and different countries, and I had to be sure that I was at least 'sort of right on what would be accepted as proper. The most important thing is to have a clear image in your mind before you start production."

Hedi Schoop was also accomplished in the production of foreign costume figurines, although more limited in her ethnic scope. A native of Switzerland, Schoop, with her husband, composer Frederick Hollander, fled Nazi Germany in the early 1930s. Hollander's career writing music for the movies gave him the wherewithal to initially bankroll Schoop's foray into ceramics.

Schoop's early studies in



Above: Mary Jane Hart's "Boy on Horseback" for Copa de Oro. 10" h., \$250-300.

dance and fashion design carried over into her work as a ceramist. Schoop figurines often appear caught in motion — arms extended, skirts aflutter, heads bowed — but that motion is fluid and unhurried. Rough and incised textures combine with smooth ones; colorful glossy glazes contrast with bisque. Her subjects seem captured at a specific moment in time.

In homage to Schoop's Swiss heritage, it's only natural that her figurine lineup would contain assorted barefoot "Tyrolean Girls," and peasant-bloused, laced-bodice-clad "Mountain Maidens." Others earning repeat visits: interpretations of Dutch and Chinese couples. Broadened horizons resulted in Schoop renderings of Caribbean market women, and, from India, sari-clad water-bearers.

When it came to secondary uses, Hedi Schoop international figurines covered all the bases. There

were Hedi Schoop figural flower-holders, planters, wall pockets, candlesticks, bowls, ashtrays, candy servers, and even soap dishes. Thanks to that added marketability, Hedi Schoop became the most commercially successful California ceramics designer of the World War II/postwar period, and certainly the most ubiquitous.

Although Betty Harrington and Hedi Schoop were the most prolific ceramic designers taking the world tour, their contemporaries also brought unique perspectives to envisioning inhabitants of other lands. Here's just a handful of California notables:

Florence Ceramics. Florence Ward's delicately detailed figurines are noted for their elaborate costuming. French and Chinese characterizations were among her favored subjects. Regardless of country

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Above: Copa de Oro "Chinese Butterfly Girl" by Mary Jane Hart. 6 h., \$175-200.

Below: Asian "Readers," planter bookends by the McCarty Brothers. 7" h., \$100-125/pr.



Below: Will-George console set. Bowl, 21-1/2" l.; tallest figure, 9" h. \$450-475/set.

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of origin, the facial features of Florence figurines remain remarkably similar (and are much like those of the artist herself).

Joy Thompson. Produced in limited quantities, each hand-decorated Thompson ceramic is literally "one-of-a-kind." Languid and long-limbed, Thompson's vine-draped, flower-bedecked figurines are quite deliberately of non-specific Asian or mythic European heritage.

Copa de Oro. The work of ceramist Mary Jane Hart, these fanciful figurines of terra cotta or white clay are noted for their gold ornamentation and applied hand-made flowers. Due to the detailed work involved, these were costly even in their day. Hart's international figures, like Joy Thompson's, are indeterminately Asian.

Walter Wilson/McCarty Brothers. Although many exquisite international figurines bear the mark or label "Walter Wilson," it's unclear whether he actually designed the pieces, or simply manufactured and distributed the work of others. What is known is that the McCarty Brothers, Lee



Above: Betty Harrington's "Temple Dancers" for Ceramic Arts Studio. 7" h., \$450-500/pr.

and Willard, whose ethnic figurines Wilson distributed in the early 1940s, later successfully struck out on their own. McCarty works, both before and after the separation, are remarkably similar. Wilson's work varied, perhaps dependent on his firm's roster of designers.

Will-George. Famed for their flamingos, the three Climes brothers who comprised this partnership proved equally adept at figurinal design. Often their fig-

urines were part of a console set: a narrow bowl "boat," for example, accompanied by Chinese oarsmen, a seated maiden, and bamboo-leaf candleholders.

Ceramic designers of the 1940s and '50s fashioned figurines that ran the global gamut. Thanks to their creative ingenuity, the buying public of the time received a no-limits passport; they could explore the world without ever leaving home. Today, we can encircle the globe in far less time

than Jules Verne's 80 days, but the thrill remains. Ceramics of this wide and wonderful world send us on a journey to parts unknown. . . a journey that continues to beckon and enthrall.

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Above: "Toy Ming" and "Ho Jai" are flower holders marked "Walter Wilson." However, the design was most likely by Lee McCarty of the McCarty Brothers. 9" h., \$100-125/pr.

Below: "Josephine," Caribbean market woman by Hedi Schoop. 13"h., \$125-150.



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