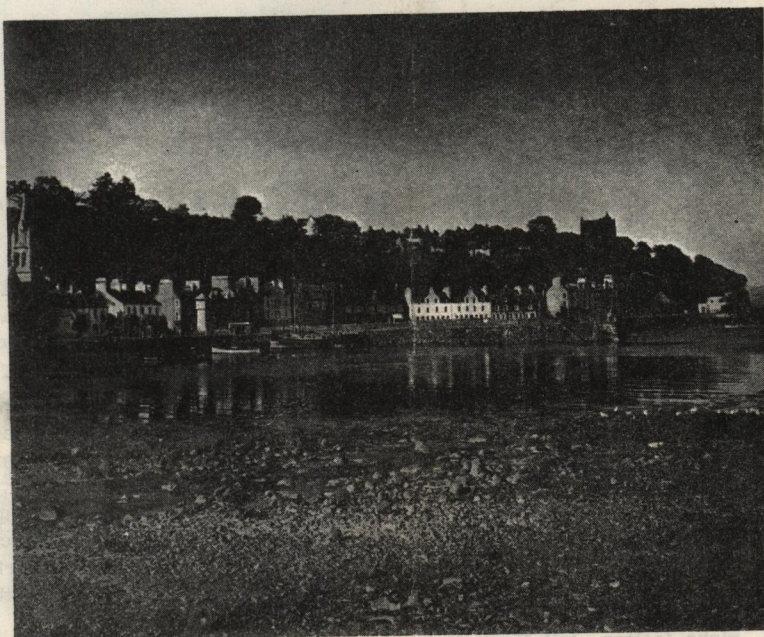
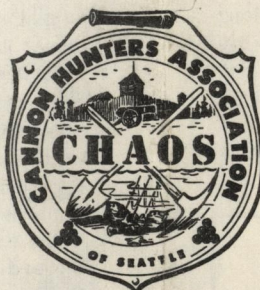


CANNON HUNTERS' ASSOCIATION OF SEATTLE



TOBERMORY, Isle of Mull. From its harbor two cannon were recovered by the Duke of Argyll from a Spanish galleon sunk in 1588.

REPORT TO ACTIVE CANNONEERS

Chaotic Activities

NOVEMBER 1954

CHAOS in Scotland. A recently recruited Cannoneer, The Duke of Argyll, has been canonized by the Great Guns following his recovery of two ancient bronze cannon from the wreckage of DUC DE FLORENCIA in TOBERMORY Bay. That Spanish galleon and its cargo belong to the Duke through a "deed of gift" to his ancestors in 1642 by King Charles I. Salvage isn't easy, however, as the vessel has disintegrated in twelve fathoms of rough water since the days of the Spanish Armada in 1588.



CHAOS IN GUATAMALA. Byron Fish author, artist, globe-trotter, left November 5th for Guatamala City (founded 1773) from which point he will explore ancient Spanish fortresses for cannon. His excursions along the Gulf of Honduras and the Pacific beaches are expected to yield some intresting old relics. "Cuideuse Usted, amigo cañonear!"



CHAOS in British Columbia. We have for identification a description and several photographs of a cast-iron gun recently found on the beach near the Indian village of Kitimat, British Columbia. It's evidently a nine-pounder, with the founder's mark showing as three joined capital M block letters with the British Crown above and the year 1812 below. Has any Cannoneer a record of a British gun foundry which used this mark?

CANNONEER FALLS AFOUL OF LAW. Cannoneer Edward Shell of Seattle calls to the editor's attention the sad story of Edward P. Leonard III of Brunswick, Maine, who in his zeal to own a cannon, attempted to "recover" one from the public square of a Massachusetts town. The gun proved to be too heavy, however, and cannon-hunter Leonard was required by local gendarmes to replace it on the original mounting at his own expense.

CHAOS, officially notified of the event, conferred membership on Leonard, although frowning slightly on the unorthodox methods employed. The Great Guns have decided that they are unable to canonize Cannoneer Leonard, as he was unable to retain possession of the gun.

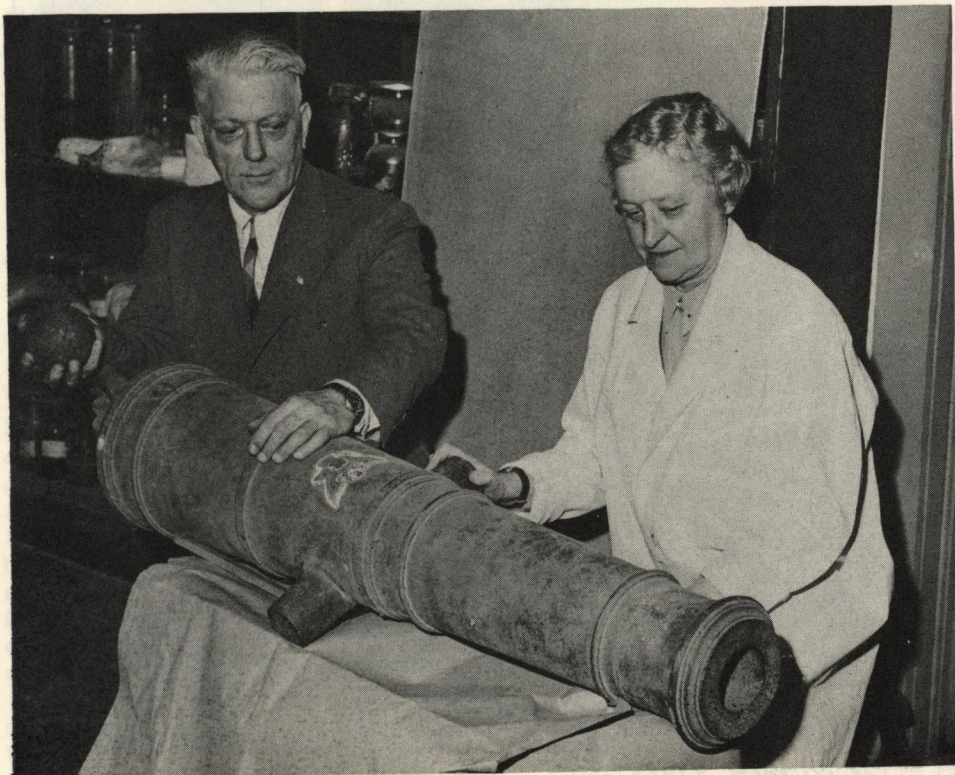
CANNON INVENTORY. Cannoneers are requested to furnish headquarters with a list of cannon in their possession as of September 30, 1954.

Cannoneers are also requested to furnish a list of all cannon which, in the opinion of the cannoneer reporting, are eligible for recovery under the above rulings.

CHAOS on Puget Sound. Seattle Yacht Club's famous brass cannon, once used by pirates in the China Sea, was torn from its concrete base and stolen on September 22. CHAOS has been requested to recover the gun by the Club's Commodore, who remembers its spectacular recovery by our organization when the weapon was stolen in 1952. Cannoneer Stuart Whitehouse and the Head Hunter are spearheading the search.

CANNONEERS ATTENTION! Don't overlook junkyards in your cannon hunting. Many historic cannon have been melted as scrap.

"BIBLE OF CHAOS is "Artillery through the Ages," by Cannoneer Manucy.



CANNONEER MARTHA FLAHAUT AND HEAD HUNTER CLARK RECOVER CANNON FROM THE RUSSIAN GUNBOAT "POLITKOFISKY". THIS CANNON, RESCUED FROM OBLIVION IN THE BASEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MUSEUM, IS NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE SEATTLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

CHAOS in Mexico City. Cannoneers who visit Mexico City shouldn't miss Bob Weston's Curio Shop. Cannoneer Weston probably owns the finest collection of miniature cannon -- NOT toys -- on the American continent, some of which are offered for sale at from \$5 to \$650. The latter item is from the estate of the late President Porfirio Diaz. If you show Bob your CHAOS card you'll get preferred treatment.

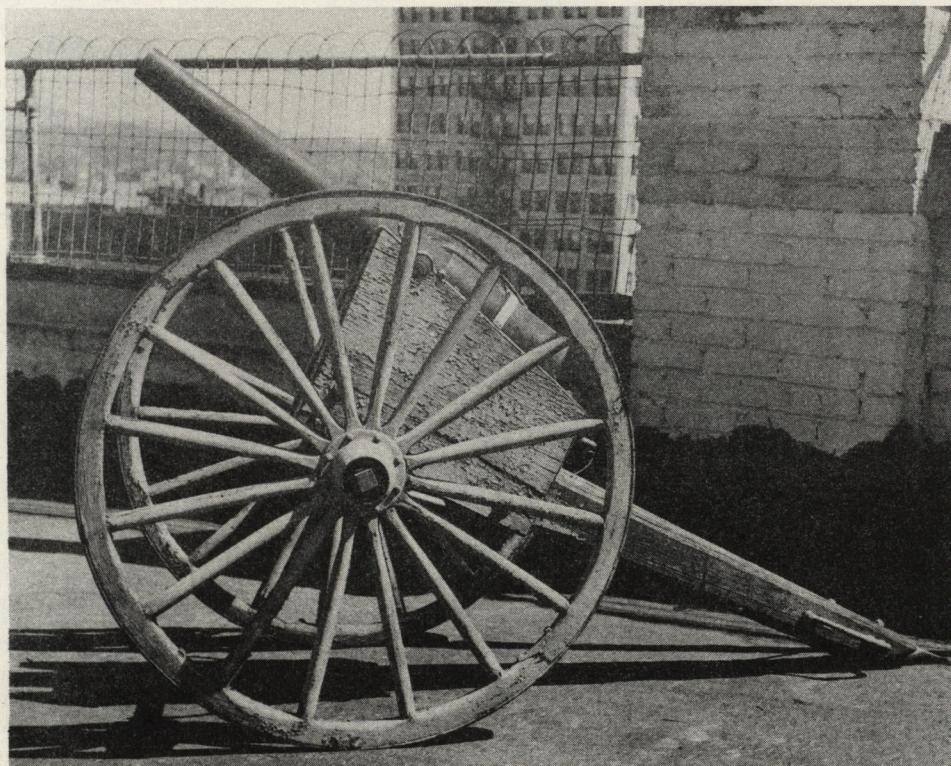
CZECK with CHEVY CHASE. Cannoneer Harry Wandrus, 5 East Kirk Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, invites correspondence with Cannoneers who are interested in early Czeck artillery.

CANNON MILLS. Cannoneers are again reminded that CHAOS favors the use of towels, stockings, blankets and sheets manufactured by Cannon Mills. Their advertising manager, Cannoneer George Beyer, Jr., has contributed valuable items to our cannon museum.

NACHES CANNON. Cannoneers from both eastern and western Washington State are getting a close bracket on a famous lost cannon which dates back to the Indian Wars of 1855. The gun was abandoned in Naches Pass, high in the Cascade Mountains north of Mount Rainier, in late October, 1855, by Lieutenant Slaughter of the 4th U.S. Infantry. His troops were headed across Naches Pass to punish hostile Yakima Indians, but the lieutenant changed his plans when scouts reported that the Yakimas had arranged quite a large reception committee.

To expedite retreat, the howitzer was ditched along the trail north of the Greenwater River. Two CHAOS expeditions and several non-professional cannon hunts have failed to find the gun. Now we have a hot clue to its location from a "rock hound" who claims to have seen it very recently.

Allons, mes enfants!



UNIDENTIFIED OLD BREECH-LOADING GUN DISCOVERED BY CHAOS CANNONEERS ON THE ROOF OF SPOKANE'S COEUR D'ALENE HOTEL; DESTINED FOR IDENTIFICATION AND DISPLAY AT EASTERN WASHINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

MARITIME CANNON. Puget Sound Cannoneers are apparently nearing the goal of a six-year search for the eight guns which comprised the original armament of the Russian gunboat POLITKOFISKY. That extraordinary side-wheeler was built in Sitka, Alaska, in 1866 of Alaska Yellow Cedar, with fittings, fastenings and boiler of native Alaska copper.

When Alaska was purchased by the United States in 1867, the "POLLY" was sold to a San Francisco syndicate which later re-sold her to a Puget Sound sawmill firm, guns and all, to be used as a towboat. When the ship was wrecked in Alaska during the Gold Rush, thirty years later, she had no guns aboard.

CHAOS located two of the guns in museums. They also dug up records of three being melted for a pile-driver hammer at Port Madison, and of one being blown up at Bremerton during a July 4th brawl in 1909.

On September 26 the Head Hunter and Cannoneer John Grobey found the

seventh gun in excellent private ownership. The owner, William McMillan of Seattle, was recruited into CHAOS to assure continued preservation of the cannon. Photographs taken by the Head Hunter, when enlarged, proved that this cannon from the POLITKOFISKY was identical in every detail with one in Point Defiance Park, Tacoma, which is listed as being of British origin. If CHAOS can prove that the Tacoma gun is a sister of the seven already traced, the file will be closed.

"WHERE THERE'S A CANNON - THERE'S HISTORY!" - Our Motto.

CHAOS Cannon Detectors. Cannoneer Olin Spoon, who operates the Simcoe Laboratories at Goldendale, Washington, is working on a metal detector which he hopes will locate cannon and other metallic objects at a depth of twelve feet. CHAOS has high hopes for his success, as one of his detectors operated efficiently on the Fort Walla Walla hunt in 1950.

FLORIDA KEYS UNLOCK OCEAN TREASURE. A record in cannon recovery which may never be surpassed was set by Cannoneer George ("Saint Barney") Crile, Jr. of Cleveland, Ohio, on the Florida Keys and in the Bahamas during July of this year. Within a week of his recruiting by CHAOS, he recovered THIRTY-SEVEN (37) old submerged cannon, many of which are now in the Smithsonian Institution.

For a sprightly book-length account of Cannoneer Crile's underwater exploits, read "Treasure-Diving Holidays", Viking Press, New York, 1954

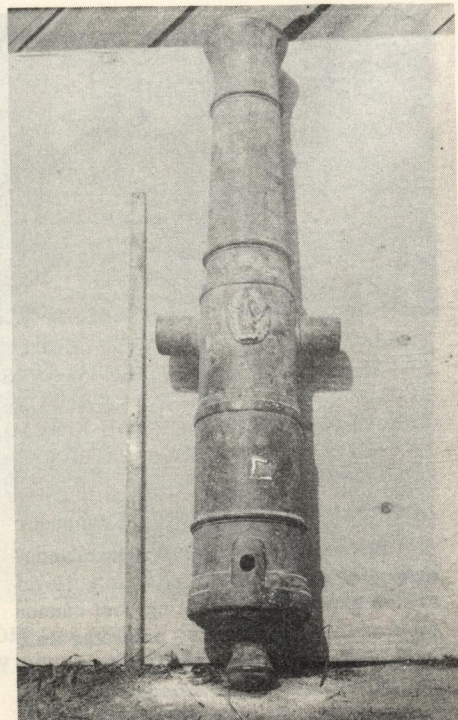
MORE FLORIDA FINDINGS. Cannon-eers who keep files of the National Geographic Magazine can pass a happy hour in re-reading "Florida Cannon Solve Mystery of Sunken Ship" in the December, 1941 issue. This heavily-illustrated story by Cannoneer Charles M. Brookfield of Miami, who is Florida Representative of the Audubon Society, is among top classics in CHAOS archives.

Other famous Florida cannon-hunters are Herbert Alley of Tavernier and William Muir of Miami. Cannoneers Brookfield and Alley often hunt together. Cannoneer Muir has combed the reefs for cannon during the past two decades.

STILL MORE FLORIDA CANNON. "Fabulous" is an over-worked adjective, but the only one we can find in our pocket thesaurus which adequately describes the activities of Cannoneer Arthur McKee, Jr. of Homestead, Florida. Cannoneers who want to keep up with his exploits are advised to read "The Green Water World of Art McKee" in SPORTS ILLUSTRATED for October 1954.

That story -- as in anything short of book-length -- tells only a fraction of McKee's submarine cannon-hunting adventures. One find which brought him to the world's attention consisted of three silver bars bearing the stamp of Nata silver mines of Panama, where Indian slaves mined silver for Spaniards from 1621 until 1625. One bar weighing seventy pounds was sold to Smithsonian Institution for \$1,000, and it wasn't the largest of the lot.

To properly care for his cannon collection, McKee has built a museum on Plantation Key, four miles south of Tavernier on U.S. Highway 1. It's called "McKee's Museum of Sunken Treasure, Inc."



FOUR-FOOT BRONZE CANNON BEARING EARLY MASSACHUSETTS COAT OF ARMS, RECOVERED FROM WRECK OF OLD TRADING SHIP IN NEAH BAY WASHINGTON.

He's not only a professional diver, but also an expert submarine photographer. He probably knows more authentic maritime history of the Florida Keys than any academic historian, and he can reel off the ratings and gun-counts of hundreds of sunken ships -- mostly Spanish and British.

Don't take the editor's word for any of this stuff, but drop in at the Museum and get the details direct from Cannoneer McKee by showing your CHAOS card.

CHAOS on the COLUMBIA. The Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission has asked CHAOS to locate cannon for display at Fort Columbia at the mouth of the river. Originally a Coast Defense fort, it was stripped of its armament before being turned over recently to the State. CHAOS is checking its inventory for this laudable project.

CANNONEERS! Are there any unreported cannon in your area? If you find any, forward description and location to Headquarters.



BRASS MORTAR USED BY EARLY TRADERS IN THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS; RECENTLY RECOVERED BY CANNONEER EDWARD KEITHAHN OF JUNEAU, AND PLACED IN ALASKA TERRITORIAL MUSEUM.

DOWSING FOR CANNON. Cannoneer Jim Marshall, famous writer and cannon-hunter of Los Altos, California, is an ardent exponent of locating lost cannon by dowsing. He offers to enter the field with his forked willow wands against any and all modern metal detectors.

Jim, who incidentally has applied to CHAOS for a small cannon to subdue irascible neighbors, will be pleased to know that CHAOS has invited another writer-dowser to membership in CHAOS. That's Kenneth Roberts of Kennebunkport, Maine, President of "Water Unlimited, Incorporated" and also author of "Rabble In Arms," "Lydia Bailey," and "The Seventh Sense." Roberts' eligibility hinges upon his declaration that the dowsing methods which he uses can accurately locate not only water, but whisky and metal. All three functions might come in handy on a cannon hunt.



DOWSERS: Any Cannoneer who has the address of the British Society of Dowzers, contact CHAOS Headquarters immediately.

CHAOS in Alaska. Next to the Florida Keys, the Alaskan coast probably offers the best cannon-hunting in the world. At least that's the opinion of Great Gun Chet Gibbon of Seattle who scouted the Territory for CHAOS. During Russian ownership, cannon were strewn all over the landscape, and even today there's scarcely a native village without one or more muzzle-loaders in sight.

Cannoneer Edward L. Keithahn, who runs the Alaska Historical Museum at Juneau between cannon hunts, has no end of Russian guns in his museum, and a long list of unrecovered cannon here and there throughout Alaska.

A recently-recruited Cannoneer, Bill Norton of Auke Bay, is a real student of old artillery, including design, ballistics and history.

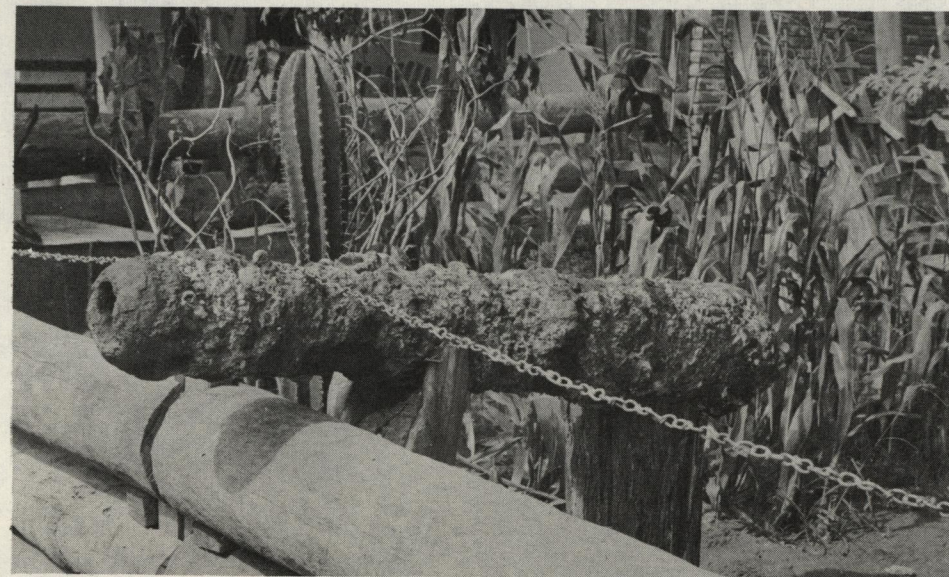
Around Sitka, where the Russians had their main administrative and trading headquarters, scores of cannon have been recovered. Any cannon hunter who wanders into that town should look up Cannoneer Robert deArmond and get the low-down on good places to prospect.

CHAOS in Yakima. On March 7 and 8, Cannoneers from eastern and western Washington were assembled to follow a local tip that an old cannon had been seen mixed with scrap-iron in a Yakima junk yard. After careful planning, a night raid on the junk yard resulted in recovery of the cannon. The gun is being held by CHAOS for identification.

Younger and more enthusiastic members of CHAOS, led by Pete Long of Spokane's Inland Empire Search & Recovery Unit, exchanged words with Yakima police regarding the legality of firing cannon from the Chinook Hotel roof. Argument subsided when the Cannoneers ran out of ammunition.

Yakima's "Ridge Runners," with a score of specially-equipped mountain climbing jeeps, took a CHAOS contingent to Fort Simcoe in search of clues to the location of the Haller Cannon. Jack Whitnall, LIFE MAGAZINE'S representative in the Inland Empire, covered this safari, as well as the junkyard raid, with his battery of cameras.

Those who haven't followed CHAOS Reports are advised that the Haller Cannon was abandoned in the Simcoe country on the Yakima Indian Reser-



ANCIENT SPANISH CANNON RECOVERED FROM ACAPULCO BAY (MEXICO) BY CANNONEER CARLOS BARNARD; NOW ON DISPLAY AT EL MIRADOR HOTEL, ACAPULCO.

vation by Captain Granville O. Haller when he retreated to Fort Dalles in October 1855, after defeat of his U.S. Regulars by Chief Kamiakin's Yakimas.

CHAOS in LADYSMITH. Cannoneer Arthur L. Kendall, who owns extensive native oyster beds at Boat Harbor, near Ladysmith, British Columbia, has formed a yacht club which is right in the spirit of CHAOS: It's called "Brethern of the Coast", with thirty members scattered between Montreal and California. Each member carries a cannon on his ship, and at regattas the main event is target practice at a quarter-mile range. Losers furnish refreshments. Each member must "recover" enough scrap brass to have a cannon cast to specifications in Cannoneer Kendall's private foundry. The Club ensign is a skull and crossbones with a cockeyed crown rampant.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY CANNON.

Cannoneers who are interested in guns used by Hudson's Bay Company traders, or by that Company's one-time rival, North West Company, may know that transcripts of early-day cannon inventories in America may be had by writing to Beaver House, Great Trinity Lane, London EC4. Charges for searches and transcriptions are reasonable.

There's a tremendously dramatic story in the use of cannon to protect early fur traders and their trading

posts throughout Canada, Alaska and the entire Pacific Northwest. Fragments of this cannon history are told by the Head Hunter in "Iron Interpreters," published in "The Beaver," Autumn 1954.

Take the editor's word that you're missing today's best two-dollar bet if you don't subscribe to that magazine. It's published at Hudson's Bay House, Winnipeg, and the editor, Cannoneer Clifford Wilson, is one of the northwest's best historians.

ACAPULCO CANNON COLLECTOR.

Outstanding among Mexican cannon hunters is Cannoneer Carlos Barnard, General Manager of Hotel El Mirador at Acapulco, "Sailfish Center of the World." He has recovered four of the fifty-four Spanish cannon which originally protected the harbor, and has them beautifully mounted pointing seaward. Two have overall barrel lengths of 10'6", and the other two measure 4'9".

Don Carlos also has an extremely valuable solar cannon, mounted on marble, which decorates his office table. Its mechanism is so perfectly calibrated that the set-works will detonate the cannon by solar radiation within a fractional minute of any desired time.

FOUNDRIES A POSSIBLE SOURCE: In your search for old cannon, don't overlook the possibility of finding one or two in some neighborhood foundry.



HEAD HUNTER CLARK, EXTENDS CHAOS MEMBERSHIP CARD TO CHIEF PUCK HYAH TOOT OF THE PRIEST RAPIDS WANAPUM TRIBE, WHEN CHAOS ENLISTED THE SERVICES OF THOSE INDIANS IN A NIGHT RAID TO RECOVER A CANNON FROM A YAKIMA JUNK YARD.

CANNON BEACH CANNON. A noteworthy job of cannoneering has been accomplished almost single-handedly by Great Gun Stuart Whitehouse at Cannon Beach, Oregon. An historical old caronade which washed ashore on wreckage from the U. S. Sloop-of-War SHARK in 1846, remained in forlorn concealment in the brush until Cannoneer Whitehouse had it resurrected and properly mounted in a conspicuous setting. Not only that, but he also induced the Cannon Beach Commercial Club to order two replicas of the original gun from an Astoria, Oregon, foundry. These now stand proudly at the highway entrances to Cannon Beach.

FRENCH CANNON WANTED. CHAOS has failed utterly in trying to locate early French cannon for installation at Fort Niagara. The Old Fort Niagara Association wants to duplicate the French 6-pounders which originally were mounted in the "Castle" windows.

Cannoneers who have any idea where such guns might be obtained are urged to write to S. Grove McClellan, Executive Vice-President of the Association at Youngstown, N. Y.

SUNSHINE CANNON. CHAOS announces with pride that Cannoneer Henry Tusler of Deer Harbor, Washington, is manufacturing two solar cannon, assisted by Cannoneer Tommy Thompson. Solar Cannoneer Tusler, who also is President of the Coon Island Yacht Club, secured his working plans and photos from the Adler Planetarium in Chicago.

Any Cannoneer who yearns to make a solar cannon may secure assistance and advice by writing Tusler at Box 26, Deer Harbor, or by making the colorful trip through the San Juan Islands to Tusler's retreat on Coon Island.

CHAOS in KENNYBUNKPORT - LATE FLASH. A message received just as we go to press from Cannoneer Kenneth Roberts of Kennybunkport, Maine, requests that we rush him a map of Naches Pass. Henry Gross, his partner in "Water Unlimited, Inc." will locate the Naches Pass cannon with his famous dowsing rod!

LOST MEMBERSHIP CARD? Have you lost your CHAOS card? If so, write Headquarters, CANNON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION, 4329 Semple St., Seattle Washington, U.S.A.

CHAOTIC ADMINISTRATION. In spite of the traditional ultra-conservation of the Great Guns in accepting recruits, CHAOS has increased rapidly during the past year, and has become distinctly international in membership and activities. It has been found essential, therefore, to increase the Governing Staff of the Great Guns to twenty so that all parts of the world may be represented. A quorum to decide on matters of policy shall consist of any five Great Guns.

The roster of our Governing Staff for the CHAOTIC YEAR 1954-55, is listed at the end of this Report.

It has also been ruled that CANNON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION OF SEATTLE shall remain the official designation of CHAOS, but that the name "CANNON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION, INTERNATIONAL" may legally be used in correspondence and in ordinary administration.

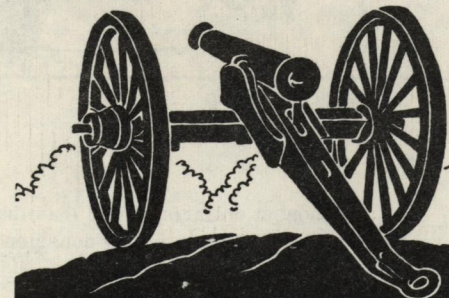
CANNONEER OF THE YEAR. At their last quarterly session of the present year, the Great Guns named as "Cannoneer of the Year"; - -

Pete Long of Spokane, Washington Chief Cannoneer of Inland Empire Search & Recovery Unit.

Pete was canonized in 1952 for recovery of the Colville Cannon from the clutches of a "junky." Through newspaper connections in eastern Washington, Idaho, Montana and southern British Columbia, he has been responsible for the recovery of many cannon. His attendance at regional cannon hunts has been 100%.

Among his recent cannon exploits was the shooting of a line over the top of a Coeur d'Alene (Idaho) smelter stack to rescue workmen whose ladder had been demolished. He used one of his personal cannon for this spectacular mission.

Cannoneers, SALUTE!



CANNON IDENTIFICATION. A valuable reference work which should be on every Cannoneer's shelf is "Artillery Through The Ages" by Cannoneer Albert C. Manucy. If not presently out of print it may be secured from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

Cannoneer Manucy is Historian of Southeastern National Monuments for the National Park Service, and is a real authority on cannon of any age and nationality.

"RECOVERY" RULING. Complying with repeated requests for general rulings covering the conditions under which cannon may be ethically recovered by Cannoneers, CHAOS publishes the following revised rules, effective September 30, 1954.

"Any piece of artillery, or major portion thereof which includes the barrel manufactured in whole or part prior to the year 1889 A.D., may be "recovered" by any active Cannoneer of CHAOS if or when the said gun is determined to be in any one of the following situations:

- (1) In danger of destruction from any cause whatsoever; or,
- (2) In the possession of any person, corporation or agency which deals in metals for salvage; or,
- (3) Stored or displayed in such a manner as to be jeopardized by possible theft, vandalism, disfigurement, corrosion, fire or damage from storm; or,
- (4) Stored or displayed in conjunction with artifacts, drawings, sketches, photographs or other materials which are of an obscene, debasing or illegal nature, or in any manner which might be conducive to public ridicule, scorn and/or contempt; or,
- (5) In use for any purpose other than one of proper display, ornamentation, or use as a weapon of legal offence or defence." (Cannoneers are advised that CHAOS has no funds at present to defend cannoneer who are charged with illegal "recovery" of cannon or parts of cannon.)

RECENTLY RECRUITED CANNONEERS

- Alley, Herbert, Tavernier, Florida.
- * Argyll, The Duke of, Inverary Castle,
--Argyll, Scotland.
 - * Barnard, Don Carlos, Hotel El Mirador,
--Acapulco, Mexico.
 - * Berg, Norah, Ocean City, Washington.
Brookfield, Charles M., Coconut Grove,
Miami, Florida.
 - * Cannon, Amelia, c/o Buckley News-
--Banner, Buckley, Washington.
Crile, Dr. George, Jr., 2020 East 93d
--St. Cleveland, Ohio.
Hansen, Capt. George L., U.S.N. 1845
--Broadmoor Drive, Seattle, Wash.
Hildreth, John, Editor, Westward Mag-
azin
--azine, Oakland, California.
Leonard, Edward P. III, 59 McKeen
--Drive, Brunswick, Maine.
McMillan, William R., 12701 12th Ave.
--N.W. Seattle, Washington.
Muir, William R., Coconut Grove,
--Miami, Florida.
Norton, William R., Auke Bay, Alaska.
Toole, K. Ross, c/o Historical Society
--of Montana, Helena, Montana.
Tusler, Henry S., Box 26, Deer Harbor,
--Washington.
Weyer, Edward P., Editor, Natural His-
--tory Magazine, New York 24, N.Y.
Wilson, Clifford P., Hudson's Bay
--House, Winnipeg, Canada.

*Canonized

CHAOS MEMBERSHIP CARDS. That reminds us that some members of Cannon Hunters' Association, International, may have lost their CHAOS cards through theft, fire, gnawing by rats or babies, or other natural phenomena. In that case just drop a line to headquarters and a new card will be sent forthwith. Include your correct address with the request.

Good Hunting!

Donald H. Clark
HEAD HUNTER

Carlos Barnard
Charles Brookfield
Barney Crile
Chet Gibbon
Bob Hitchman
Stewart Holbrook
Vic Hurley
Willard Ireland
Jack Jarvis
Ed Keithhahn
Col. Harry Larter

Pete Long
Art McKee
Bruce McKelvie
Jim Marshall
Howard Martin
Harry O. Mitchell
Click Relander
K. Ross Toole
Stuart Whitehouse

GREAT GUNS



CANNON HUNTERS' ASSOCIATION OF SEATTLE

CHAOS NEEDS AMMUNITION

Because CHAOS is allergic to dues or assessments, the Editor suggests that Cannoneers donate any dishonest dollars in their wallets to defray costs of printing and mailing. It's not necessary to explain how the out-law cash was acquired - just send it along.



Donald H. Clark, Head Hunter, CHAOS.
4329 Semple Street, Seattle 99, Wash.

Enclosed (is) (are) _____ dishonest dollar(s) which (has)(have) been worrying me considerable. Thanks for relieving my conscience.

Cannoneer _____