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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Now that the long Holiday Season is over, we can start looking forward to a busy year for NCC and hopefully another successful one. Thanks to a dedicated membership, a dedicated Board of Directors and Officers, Editor and Chairpersons, 1984 was another "Banner Year" for NCC!

There are always "little nagging problems" that pop up, but for the most part I think the growing pains are behind us. Everything seems to be going a lot smoother here lately. I think most of this can be attributed to the fact that we have a MUSEUM now. It seems we are not always groping in the dark as to what decisions to make. The MUSEUM is there and our goal is rather simple now . . . to keep improving and expanding it! Our only desire now is to make our MUSEUM the finest of its kind, and one that the membership can be proud of. This will enhance the success of our other goal . . . to increased our membership and to continue to provide them with valuable information concerning Cambridge Glass!

Perhaps our biggest success stories of 1984 were the addition to the MUSEUM (although this was started in 1983), and the emergence of the "Colors in Cambridge Glass" book. The color book sales, along with monies realized

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from a successful Auction, Antique Show, Flea Market and other money raising activities will allow us to go ahead with completing the interior of the new addition in 1985. I don't know about you, but it makes me feel great to be a part of an organization like this. One that, since its inception, has moved ahead year after year. Oh yes, there is one other facet of this organization, that I must not forget to mention . . . we also owe much of our success to our Study Groups! They seem to be competing with each other, finding ways to make NCC the best. All efforts are greatly appreciated!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Now is the time for you to submit the monies that YOU HAVE PLEDGED for the purchase of Cambridge molds.

At present, it does not appear that it would be realistic to attempt to purchase all of the molds, but there are many that it would be desirable for us to own. The factor that controls the volume of our purchase is Cash MONEY!

To those of you that have not indicated support for this project, we now extend our plea for your assistance also. The generosity of all NCC members is a requirement for the success of this venture!

I was doing quite well, I thought, at getting

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all of the "THANK YOU'S" and information for tax statements out to donors before Christmas when I was suddenly interrupted by one of the "little nagging problems" that come up. If you have not received a letter acknowledging your donation by the time you are reading this, please write and let me know. As usual I have waited until zero hour to do this and, through no fault but my own, I may have forgotten someone.

Now, for the "little nagging problem" that came up. Imperial Glass Corporation was bought out by Consolidated International and Lancaster Colony in a joint venture. Their intent was not to run the factory, but to liquidate it. This meant selling all of the assets, mainly the molds from Imperial, Heisey and Cambridge, along with anything in the factory including the pictures off the walls! At this time I am only going to give you the general situation as it exists. I hope to have more information for you next month.

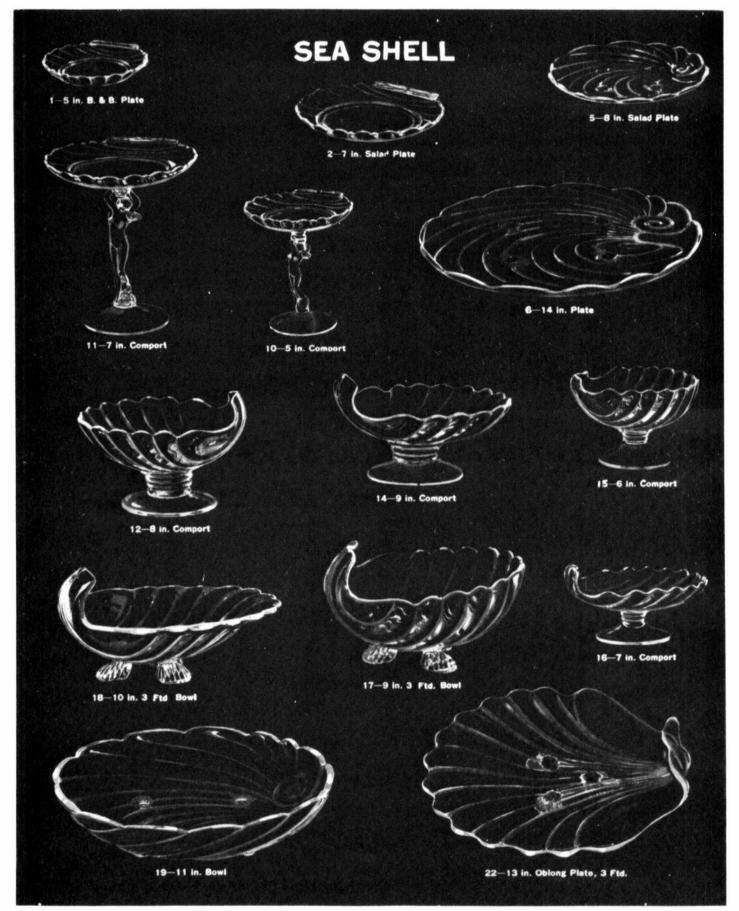
So far we have been able to acquire the bookend molds, along with the molds for the Swan punch bowl, base, and punch cup. There are other molds that we are interested in and will be at the factory to negotiate for, within a few days time. Unfortunately, the Cambridge molds (as I understand) were not going to be offered as a lump investment . . . i.e., they were going to be sold individually to those who would pay the highest prices. There are many interested parties. Thanks to Russel Vogelsong we were able to acquire the molds that are in our possession now. Some of the molds (I understand) mysteriously disappeared before the buy out. Some of the molds were bought and removed before we knew they were being sold. However, I think for the most part, these molds are in the hands of people who will use discretion in their use.

Fostoria Glass, as you may or may not know, is owned by Lancaster Colony. This would seem to give them an inside track on any of the molds. Also, Lancaster Colony owns other glass companies both here and abroad. Let it suffice for now to say that there is emerging a bidding war for any or all of the molds from the three companies. It has come down to a "knock-down, drag-out, cat-and-mouse" game

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CAMBRIDGE DECANTERS

Part I

by MARK NYE

A new series begins this month and will continue for several months since there are a large number of items to cover. During the course of this current set of articles we will be taking a look at many of the decanters Cambridge produced during its fifty plus years of production. In a slight change of format, we will begin with the late years and go

backward in time.

The last catalog Cambridge issued and the one used the final during years of the reopen period is the one commonly called "the 1956-58 Catalog" even though it was not issued until very late 1956. In this catalog are illustrated ten decanters. five of which remained in the Cambridge line until the final closing. Of the decanters available during this period, only two were actually first introduced in the later years, being these the Sonata #1957/85 and the #1529. The other eight decantgo back early 1931 and perhaps even before.

The Sonata line was introduced in late 1956 with ads for Sonata appearing in trade journals dated December 1956 and February 1957. In the 1956-58 catalog, the line was

No. 1957 - DECANTER

captioned "Sonata the oval line." While a few pieces of the Sonata line were made in

carmen, the decanter, as far as it is currently known, was produced only in crystal. Likewise with decorations, in that while a few pieces of Sonata were decorated, the decanter appears not to have been so treated. However, as with most any Cambridge line, there are always surprises and traps for the unwary who venture to say "never." The Sonata decanter remained in the Cambridge line until the final closing.

The other new decanter during this period was the #1529, one that apparently was a miscellaneous item and not part of a line. Exactly when the #1529 decanter was introduced has not been learned, but by March of 1956 it was being offered in crystal, moonlight blue, smoke, mandarin gold, pistachio and pink; plain, engraved Starlight and Wedding Rings; or etched Lace, Lion and Today. The October 1956 price list had the same listing for this decanter. However, by the time the last catalog was issued late in 1956, there was no mention of the etchings Lace, Lion and Today within its covers.

The next known price list, the 1958, offered this decanter in crystal; plain or engraved Starlite and Wedding Rings; but not in color. Interestingly, under the listings for Wedding Rings in the 1956 and 1958 price lists, the #1529 decanter is given an alternate description of cologne bottle. This would indicate it is a relatively small decanter, but capacity is not stated in any of the known price lists and catalogs.



From the Cambridge Square Line we have the #3797/85 32 oz. decanter. Made only in crystal, according to available documents, the Cambridge Square decanter was discontinued sometime during 1957. This decanter was sold in 7-piece cordial and 7-piece wine sets during the reopen period as well as during the original production period in the early 1950s.

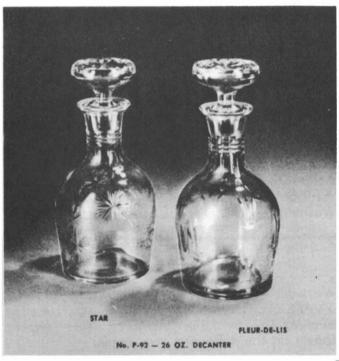
CAMBRIDGE SQUARE

PATENT PENDING



The use of a decanter in a set was not limited to Cambridge Square many of the decanters over the years were similarly sold with various tumblers and stemware. While none of the currently available price lists and other Cambridge records indicate the Cambridge Square decanter was decorated, it is possible some type of gold or platinum band decoration may have been applied to a limited number.

The Pristine or P92 26 oz. decanter is first found in the June 1949 catalog where it is shown engraved Landsdowne, Kimberly and Norwood. There was no listing for the plain decanter but undoubtedly it was sold undecorated. By 1953, the decanter had been incorporated into the Matched Barsemble line and



as such was being engraved Lattice, Swirl, Star and Fleur-de-lis as well as being etched Vichy. The 1953 price list did list the decanter plain and described it as "26 oz. (polished-in stopper)." The Barsemble Line continued to be available thru 1956 but for the most part, including the P92 decanter, had been dropped from the Cambridge line by 1958. It is rather unlikely the Pristine #92 decanter was made in color, production being limited to crystal.

Two old friends were still around in late 1956 and 1957, the #3400/119 12 oz. Ball shape decanter and the #3400/92 32 oz. Ball shape decanter, but they too were gone by the time the 1958 price list was issued. During the reopen period both decanters were offered in crystal, amber and amethyst, all with crystal handles, in sets or as a single piece. During 1953 the 32 oz. size was being made in carmen and both sizes were being made in crystal, amber and amethyst; again, all colors had a crystal handle. During the late years, these two ball decanters were not available decorated.







3400/119. 12 oz. Ball Shape

The 1940 catalog had the #3400/92 and #119 decanters available in crystal, amber, forest green, royal blue, amethyst and carmen. The crystal decanters were being etched Blossom Time, Chantilly, Diane, Portia, Elaine and Rosepoint, as well as Portia, Diane and Rosepoint also being gold encrusted.

From the 1930s, one could reasonably expect to find these two decanters in any of the prevailing colors and decorated with any one of the then popular etchings, engravings or decorations. The frequency of such finds will be rather limited, but never the less, entirely possible. In addition, at least the #3400/92 decanter was used in the Varsity Sports line.

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Another old friend seen in the 1956-58 catalog is the #1321 28 oz. footed decanter. In the Cambridge line since at least the very early 1930s, this decanter was made in crystal, amber and amethyst during the final years and during the years 1956-57, the crystal blank was available etched Wildflower, Rosepoint and Chantilly. During the early 1940s, the #1321 decanter was made in forest green and royal blue in addition to the colors already listed.

The first years of the 1940s say crystal #1321 decanters etched Blossom Time, Chantilly, Candlelight, Diane, Portia, Elaine and Rosepoint, as well as the last four etchings also available gold encrusted. The late 1940s and early 1950s saw the decanter made with the Adonis and Lexington cuttings.

During the 1930s, #1321 decanter was listed holding both 28 and 32 oz. and at one point as a #1231 decanter. The latter was most likely a typographical error that was not detected and hence the carried over into catalog.



28 ox. Ftd. Decanter

It was also during the 1930s that this decanter was decorated with various sport novelty designs as well as being included in For more information and bidding instructions, the Varsity Sport line. The #1321 decanter was made in crown tuscan and then decorated with gold encrustations including Minerva.

any of the more popular patterns of the time. In addition to the regular or conventional stopper, it was also sold with a jigger stopper and perhaps other styles as well.

. to be continued

"The past, the present and the future are really one-they are today." STOWE THOUGHTS continued from page 2

to acquire these molds. So long as I am President of this organization, and so long as the Directors agree, we will try to acquire as many molds as possible. However, we will also guard against NCC ever becoming the "mouse" in this game.

Next month I will try to give you a more comprehensive view of what is going on in our efforts to accommodate the membership. We don't want the molds or any other part of "The Cambridge Glass Story" to fall into the wrong hands.

WILLARD

"The use of money is all the advantage there is in having money. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

AUCTION REMINDER

February 22nd is the deadline for Mail Bids for the 1985 All-Cambridge Glass Auction! Bids must be received on or before that date. so be sure to mail them early to avoid disappointment. Take advantage of the opportunity to purchase good pieces of Cambridge Glass and support NCC and your MUSEUM at the same time.

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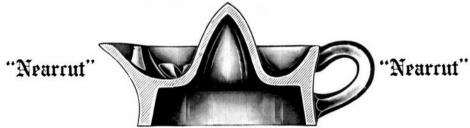
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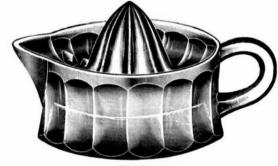
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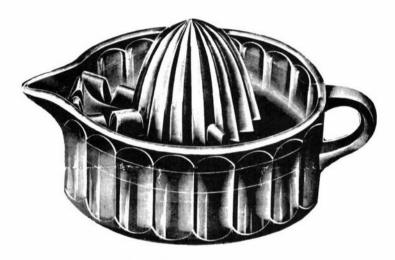


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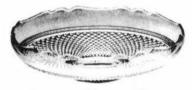
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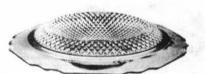
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Study Club News

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The Cambridge Buffs Study Group held their Christmas meeting and Buffet Dinner in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Dean Westfall, with NCC fifteen members present. President Willard Kolb and his wife Norma were our guests.

We had a gift exchange, and played a game presented by Pauline Westfall which entailed naming different patterns of Cambridge glass. Charles Upton was the winner. We also had fun with a "Mini-Auction" led by auctioneer Dale Snode. "Show & Tell" items included a paperweight, two water pitchers, a #3136 May the New Year bring Peace and Happiness goblet and a vase with Lily of the Valley to All. etching.

submitted by Deanne Gray

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submitted by Rita Berg

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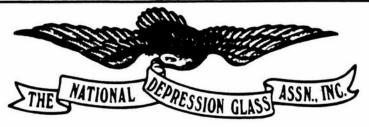
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