

EL CAMINO RECEIVES JAR 2000 YEARS OLD

An ancient Roman amphora with a background dating back 2000 years has been presented to El Camino College by the Abbey Rents Foundation of Los Angeles, according to President Forrest G. Murdock. The presentation was made to President Murdock by Orville Schiess, manager of the Inglewood Abbey Rents Store, on behalf of Stanley S. Slotkin, president of Abbey Rents and the Abbey Rents Foundation. Amphora is a Greek word for a large, two-handled earthenware jar. The Greeks, Romans, and Phoenicians used amphorae for storing and transporting water, oil, wine, grain and other trade goods. Found on Ocean Bottom

The amphora was discovered on the bottom of the Mediterranean by Slotkin while on a 1955 European trip. It is believed that when Greek galleys and merchant vessels were sunk at sea, the amphorae aboard went down with them. Being hard in texture, they managed to survive the 20 centuries of sea life.

Jacques-Yves Cousteau, French diving expert and inventor of the aqualung, started recovering amphorae from ancient wrecks in 1952. His most famous find was that of a Greek vessel which sank some 2000 years ago off the southern coast of France.

Wreck Discovered
Hearing of Cousteau's achievements, Slotkin, who travels to far places to purchase furniture for his nationwide business, went to Viareggio, Italy, in June 1955. It was believed that there was a Roman wreck approximately six miles from the seaport town which lies between Genoa and Livorno.

At the conclusion of his diving expedition, Slotkin brought up 39 amphorae of various sizes and shapes. They were brought back to Los Angeles and shown to Ebra Feinblatt, curator of the Los Angeles County Museum, to attempt to determine their origin. Roughly speaking, it was accepted

that the jars from Viareggio dated back to a period between 200 B.C. and 300 A.D.

Gifts Made
Slotkin decided to make gifts of the 39 amphorae to various museums and colleges throughout the country. To determine where to present them in the Los Angeles area, Slotkin queried various prominent businessmen. Many suggested El Camino as a worthy recipient. These amphorae are believed to be the first of their type ever to reach this country.

Besides his skindiving exploits, Slotkin also made news recently when he was successful in bringing to the United States the first Russian car to come from behind the Iron Curtain.

A permanent location for display has not yet been selected for the amphora at El Camino.



2000 YEARS UNDER THE SEA... Twenty centuries were spanned by the Roman urn presented by Orville Schiess of the Abbey Rents Stores to President Forrest G. Murdock (left), who accepted in behalf of El Camino College. The urn was found at the bottom of the Mediterranean Sea in 1955.

Dim Lights On Highway, CHP Warns

Drivers who fail to dim their car headlights for other drivers as required by law are a menace on the highways, according to the California Highway Patrol.

"The law required that when a driver approaches within 500 feet of an oncoming vehicle, he shall use a distribution of light so aimed that the glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of the oncoming driver," stated Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell. "This also applies to traffic on divided highways."

"In addition to this requirement it is necessary for the driver of a vehicle following within 200 feet of another vehicle, to use the low beam distribution of light," Caldwell warned. "Courteous drivers will always dim the headlights when meeting or following an-

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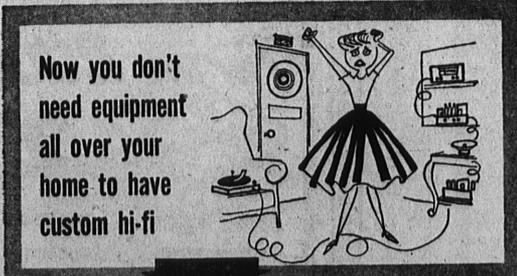
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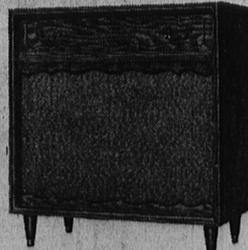
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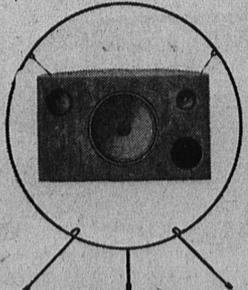


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