

Seventh Century Seals Professor Licks Stamp Mystery

"Postage stamps" used by the Old Testament prophets Jeremiah and Nahum have been identified in a cache of 7th Century B.C. seal impressions excavated by a University scholar.

The Rev. Bernard Boyd, professor of religion and holder of the title James A. Gray Professor of Biblical Literature, disclosed the markings on the seal impressions uncovered were directly the property of the prophets.

Both Nahum and Jeremiah were living at the time the seals are dated. The seals bear the names of the two prophets.

The postage stamps of 2600 years ago belong to the same Biblical period as Jeremiah. There is no assurance that the exact seal impressions uncovered were directly the property of the prophets.

Prof. Boyd organized a special expedition last summer—the fifth year he has dug in ancient ruins in the Holy Land.

The expedition was supported by a special grant from Mrs. Karl Prickett of Greensboro, long a generous patron of biblical studies within UNC and produced some highly significant finds.

The mound of ancient Lachish is one of the most impressive in all of Palestine. It was ancient Judah's chief

walled city, guarding the Philistine border, and was established almost six thousand years ago. It is mentioned many times in the Bible, and is well known from the famous bas-relief which adorned King Sennacherib of Assyria's palace, in tribute of his conquest of the city in 701 B.C. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon later captured and razed the city, and the famous "Lachish Letters" tell the poignant story of its fall.

ADD KNOWLEDGE

Boyd believes that the results of the expedition to Lachish have already made significant contributions to archaeological knowledge, and will doubtless make more as the artifacts are cleaned and examined. He said that the success of the expedition, in the first place, is due entirely to the generosity of the patron, Mrs. Prickett. "Indeed," he said, "without her help there could have been no UNC expedition to Lachish last summer."

The first expedition to undertake the excavation of the great mound of Lachish came to a sudden end in the late thirties when the eminent archaeologist, J. L. Starkey, was murdered by Arab brigades. Some later work was done; but for more than two decades Lachish had received no attention until the University of North Carolina 1965 expedition.



PROF. BERNARD BOYD of the Department of Religion here observing the site of an archaeological excavation in Palestine where he found unusual objects of Biblical and historical interest. His findings have been identified as "postage stamps" used by Old Testament prophets in the 7th century before Christ. —News Bureau Photo

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Last spring, when Professor Yohanan Aharoni of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem was Visiting Professor of Biblical Archaeology at UNC, he called to Professor Boyd's attention the remarkable architectural similarity between the tenth century B.C. Hebrew Temple which Aharoni had uncovered at Tell Arad and the "Persian temple" of Lachish. Would further exploration reveal that beneath the Persian stratum there was an earlier Hebrew stratum?

It was while he was digging as a Japanese Expedition to Tel Zeror, that Boyd decided that he must investigate the "solar cult" temple at Lachish. He received Mrs. Prickett's enthusiastic support; Aharoni's vast experience and know how was available. A staff was assembled, volunteer workers were secured, necessary equipment obtained through the Israel Exploration Society, and the dig was on.

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It Takes Lots Of Tissue To Reach To The Moon

By BOB AMON
Special To The DTH
A sheet of toilet tissue is 4 1-2 inches square.

During the past 12 months, this campus alone has used 4,748,625,000 square inches of toilet tissue or enough to reach 16,655 miles.

This means that every 14.29 years, UNC students use enough tissue to reach the moon. If the yearly amount of 234,500 rolls was used to cover the Kenan Stadium football field, there would be 916 layers.

The problem of toilet tissue and everything else bought by the university belongs to Bob Hardison, director of purchasing. Hardison and his staff of 110 employees spend approximately \$11-12 million annually.

"All money except that used in salaries and major construction is spent by this department," Hardison said.

Although the purchasing department does not usually spend time computing figures on toilet tissue, they are kept busy processing the nearly 30,000 purchase orders received yearly.

A sample of commodities used within the past year include: 18,300,000 paper towels (1,868,979,000 square inches), 203,756 pounds of sugar plus 2,250,000 individual packets, 24,600 cans of cleanser, 612,000 bars of soap, 110,000 pounds of cooking shortening, 22,128 gallons of string beans, 7,236 gallons of canned apples, 9,306 gallons of pears, 7,644 gallons of tomatoes and 24,000 pounds of coffee (1,200,000 cups).

These food purchases are used in Lenoir and Chase dining halls, the Carolina Inn and

N. C. Memorial Hospital. A combined total of over 5,000,000 meals are served annually.

Food, however, is not the largest area of buying. Scientific supply, followed by food or possibly utilities, is the largest area. Three of the eight buyers under Hardison's direction are concerned only with scientific supply.

Hardison noted that recent purchases in the scientific area include "about a dozen electron microscopes at \$25,000 each," an \$87,000 atom accelerator and a new Zeiss planetarium projector costing about \$100,000.

The smiling, red-headed director of purchasing also noted that the 250-university-owned vehicles are under his department's supervision. "The whole fleet is replaced every 3 1-2 years," Hardison added.

All university-owned stores except the Book Exchange are operated by the Purchasing Department. Included in these non-profit stores is a repair shop for scientific and office machines.

Five men are employed full time to keep the 4000-plus office machines on campus working properly. These machines are valued at \$1.5 million.

Did you ever wonder what happens to old dorm furniture, traded cars and trucks, outdated cooking utensils and the like? The Purchasing Department is also concerned with the disposition of surplus and worn out materials at UNC.

"We try to keep anything of real value on the university campus by offering it to other departments," Hardison said.

Nevertheless, his department uses sealed bids to dispose of about \$25,000 worth of surplus material yearly.

Where does the money come from? According to Hardison, the biggest source of revenue, especially in scientific areas, is federal funds. The state legislature also appropriates a considerable amount of money.

On the topic of unusual purchases, Hardison said that "what is unusual to others is not to me." He did say that the annual purchase of pregnant mice and monkeys for scientific research is a little out of the ordinary.

Hardison listed the purchase of ladybugs as probably the most unusual item he has dealt with. According to Hardison, 2000 of these weigh one pound. They are shipped by parcel post in boxes of 10,000.

The director of purchasing still gets a gleam in his eyes as he remembers about five or six years ago when one of these boxes was accidentally opened in the local post office.

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'No Flowers' At Barn

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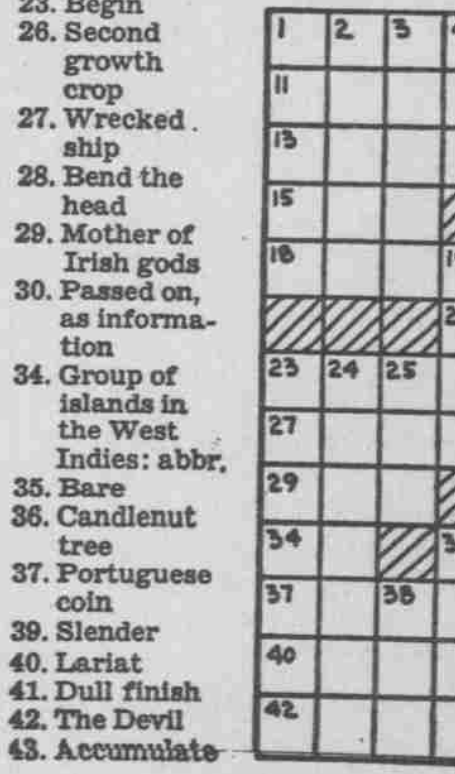
One of the funniest domestic comedies to hit the Barn circuit, "Send Me No Flowers" has recently completed a successful run in Greensboro. The show is directed by Tony Calabrese, who has guided such Barn hits as "Irma La Douce," "Picnic," and "Gigi."

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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. Barrel strip
 6. Garden tool
 11. Bower
 12. Occult power
 13. Midday
 14. Bathe again
 15. Unexploded bomb
 16. Large bodies of water
 17. Hebrew letter
 18. Astral
 20. Mountain pass
 21. Objective
 22. Tolerable
 23. Begin
 26. Second growth crop
 27. Wrecked ship
 28. Bend the head
 29. Mother of Irish gods
 30. Passed on, as information
 34. Group of islands in the West Indies; abbr.
 35. Bare
 36. Candelion tree
 37. Portuguese coin
 39. Slender
 40. Lariat
 41. Dull finish
 42. The Devil
 43. Accumulate
- DOWN**
1. Particles of time
 2. Fish
 3. Dwelling
 4. German name prefix
 5. Hesitation sound
 6. Smudge
 7. Cat's feet
 8. Moslem title
 9. Part with water
 10. Military formation
 14. Quantity of paper
 16. Cut
 19. Song bird
 20. Bovine animal
 22. Soft drink
 23. Barbers, at times
 24. No. African nation
 25. A wing
 26. Part in a play
 28. Roman emperor
 30. Fortification
 31. Famous conference site of 1945
 32. Sends forth
 33. Honored English women
 35. Change: music
 38. Famous reference site of 1945
 39. Well-known uncle
 41. Mother: colloq.



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