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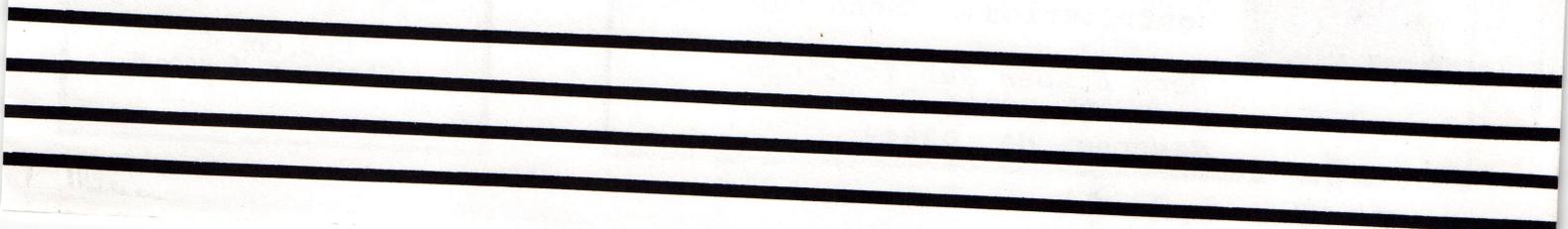
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In addition to the vintage shops and the **Reader's Swap**, *The Echoes Report* will feature interesting articles and nostalgia news from around the country. We are striving to make *The Echoes Report* the source to find vintage shops, news, and items regarding the 1930's-1960's eras.

Layout...Louis Emond

The *Echoes Report* is published quarterly and is distributed to our subscribers throughout the U.S.

The purpose of the *Echoes Report* is to serve as a resource guide to consumers looking for vintage shops, news, and specific items regarding the 1930's-1960's eras.

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Special thanks go out to Lou for all his help and to everyone who supported this first issue.

We here at *Deco Echoes* have decided to do something about this dilemma by publishing our quarterly newsletter, *The Echoes Report*. This unique newsletter is designed to serve as a resource guide for consumers looking for items from the 1930's-1960's eras. We have hunted down vintage shops from around the country which specialize in and are knowledgeable about the 30's-60's eras.

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Search for the Early 20th Century - at Brimfield

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Three times a year approximately 4,000 antique dealers converge on the sleepy town of Brimfield, Massachusetts to set up their booths, which fill 22 fields and stretch for one and a quarter miles along Route 20. Seemingly overnight the quiet town is transformed into a bustling trade center, with dealers and antiques stretching as far as the eye can see.

As if this wasn't enough commotion, hot on the heels of the dealers are the 50,000+ people who attend each show, searching for that special antique and delighting in the adventure of it all. Some are serious collectors who arrive early the first day and examine each booth for that one piece to add to their collection. Others are dealers who network with each other by exchanging business cards.

The last group, the weekend antiques enthusiasts, is the one that makes the excitement rush through the fields and the sense of adventure come alive. Accustomed to browsing small flea markets and antique shops, these enthusiasts are overwhelmed by the sheer size of Brimfield, and the smile on their faces and the gleam in their eyes tells you that they have found their nirvana. With hearts poun-

ding and minds racing, they try to take it all in - with the hardest decision being "Will all this fit in the car?" and "Maybe we should have rented a U-Haul!"

The Echoes Report joined the quest and travelled to Brimfield, not for collection items (although we did find a few!) but to locate and speak with all the 1930's-1960's dealers at the show for our readers. It took 7 hours and a lot of walking, but the dealers we found were worth the effort!

We first came across **Jean Davis** who travelled here from Pennsylvania and deals in vintage fabrics and textiles. Her fabrics were sensational, and her prices were the best by far at the show. Over the last 25 years, Jean has been stockpiling 30's-60's fabrics, buttons, vintage clothing, spreads, tablecloths, and much more, knowing that one day she would open a shop.

Well, that day has come, and she will be opening her shop

in July in Hamburg, Pennsylvania - selling to the trade only. The shop, which will lean heavily towards the 1950's, since that is Jean's specialty, is sure to be a big hit. Most of her stock has not been seen by the market for several decades! A definite



Jean's shelves full of chenille spreads and fabric panels.

must see!

Another good source for vintage fabrics is **Back-A-Ways** of Willington, CT run
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Jean's Vintage Fabrics had boxes and shelves full of vintage treasures!

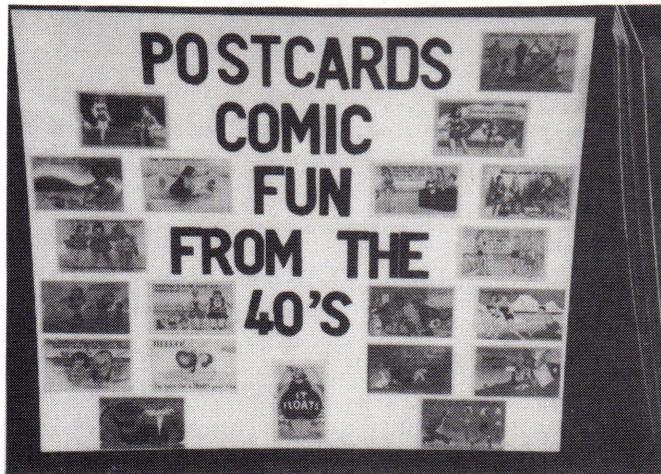
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by Elaine Bolieau. Her booth was draped like an arabian tent and had some 50's-60's fabric panels. They also carried a lot of wonderful vintage clothing, with many nice hats, bags, and accessories.

For vintage clothing, **The Cat's Pajamas** of Millville, Pennsylvania also had an excellent selection, ranging from the 1800's through the 1950's. The owner, Laura Hauze, sat tending her booth in a wonderful vintage hat. Of particular note was a 1950's purse with an interesting Aladdin motif on the cover.

A fabulous yellow chenille spread with a peacock motif caught my eye at **The Closet-full's** booth. They are out of Clinton, NY and specialize in 20th Century store stock items. They had a large selection of linoleum in interesting patterns, along with chenille spreads, fabric panels, and much more.

If Bakelite radios are your desire, then **Radio-Time** had the booth for you. Larry Campbell carries a fabulous



The Matrix Gallery had a huge collection of colorful 40's postcards for sale.

collection of mint condition radios, along with vintage watches, fountain pens, lucite purses, and other items from the 30's-60's eras. Anything kitschy catches his eye, he says.

Coke® is it! At least it was at **Uncle Meanie's Antiques and Collectibles** booth. They had an excellent selection of Coca Cola® and Pepsi® memorabilia, along with auto and motorcycle items, transportation memorabilia (railroad, police, fire, nautical, aviation), juke boxes, slot machines, etc...A very interesting and entertaining display!

Another excellent source for

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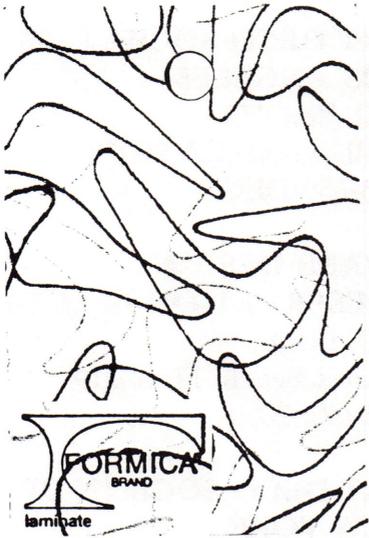
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NCADS was created to enhance communication and encourage cooperation among Art Deco Societies and other organizations concerned with the preservation of Art Deco. The Coalition will offer mutual support through a variety of means, and will explore new ways to promote the understanding, appreciation, and preservation of Art Deco.

The goals of the newly formed NCADS include the exchange of news and information among the groups, support for each other's local preservation efforts, and the creation of a "Preservation Alert Network" for critical preservation issues and crises. In addition, NCADS will seek ways to have a voice in national preservation efforts, whether working through established organizations, such as the National Trust, or by other means.

To launch the coalition, NCADS is developing a national public relations effort to help each Society recruit new members, as well as encourage the creation of other Art Deco Societies in cities which

do not currently have active organizations.

"The Echoes Report" encourages you to contact and join the Art Deco Society closest to where you live. Become a part of both your local efforts and this national campaign.

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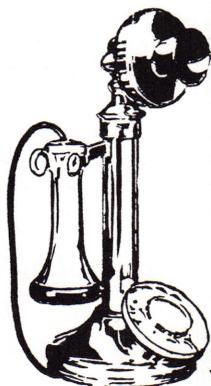
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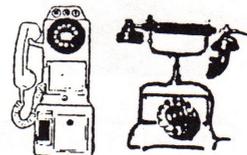
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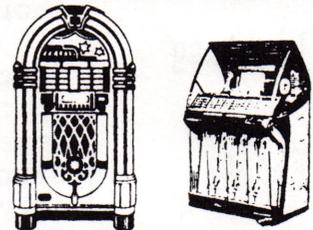
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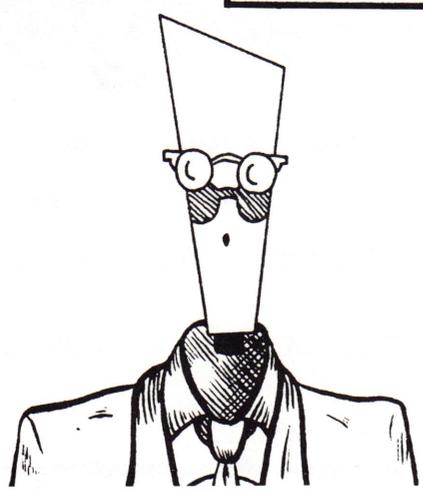
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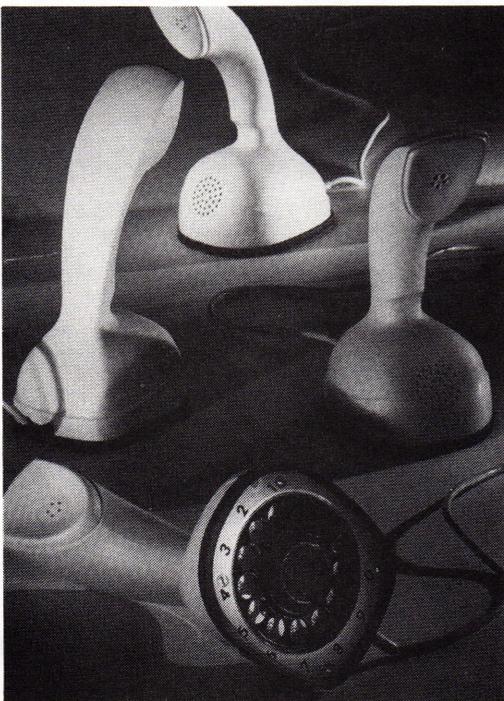
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rekindle a memory or perhaps begin a new one.

As you listen to 40-year old tunes you'll notice Marilyn Monroe, Judy Garland, Elvis Presley, the Beatles and more stars of screen and sport. They beckon you toward the remarkable, nostalgic collection of antiques and on to some of the inexplicable rages of the 1950's. You'll find all sorts of flamingo pieces, deco candlesticks, Betty Boop collectibles, a series of irresistible clocks, political items, Coca-Cola memorabilia, Pepsi-Cola strawholders, Ted Williams Root Beer glasses and Kit-Kat clocks and watches.

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Sometimes your best antique sources are found far from main cities. The small town of Boonton, New Jersey is a perfect example. The wonderful main street running through the town center is loaded with antique shops on both sides. We took a rainy Saturday afternoon to explore these shops and were very excited to find several 30's-60's vendors among them.

The first and definitely the best as far as selection and presentation is concerned was **DeJa Vu**. The owners, Martin and Joanne Wiseberg, started buying antiques when they were first married because this was less expensive than buying new. Eventually, they had acquired so much that, three and a half years ago, they opened up a shop--**DeJa Vu**.

Their three artfully presented floors carry a heavy concentration of deco pieces along with 20's and 50's items. We spotted a Frankart card holder for \$175, two Fada radios from \$550, a large collection of deco lamps and clocks, a deco wire and cop-

per round birdcage with original milkglass feeders, a deco coffee table with blue mirrored top for \$125, and much, much more! Definitely worth the trip from anywhere!

Next on the street was **Blue Shutters Antiques** run by Anne Wool. This shop was a mixture of many eras, but it did have some notable 30's-60's pieces. The most impressive was an Art Deco 20-piece celluloid dresser set with an inlaid butterfly pattern in mint condition (it has the original box) for \$950. We also spotted a pair of miniature deco lamps with round mirrored bases, a painted flamingo tray, and even a deco dental cabinet tucked away in the back room.

Aantiques had an interior that reminded me of my grandmother's attic. Vintage kitchen items, marbles, glass bead necklaces, chenille spreads, Magnavox radios, and much more packed this shop to the hilt.

Boonton Antiques had a deceiving front window display full of very traditional antiques, but we entered any-

way and much to our delight, found 30's-60's treasures scattered throughout. There was a pair of deco pedestal side tables with blue mirrored octagon tops for \$390, a round chrome smoking stand, a six piece onyx and crystal deco desk set, some fiestaware, a Manhattan clear glass ribbed vase, sugar and creamer, and a Radio of America pay radio. Pleasant surprises!

Our last stop was the **Carousel Consignment Boutique** which featured mostly vintage clothing, although there were some chrome kitchen items and other assorted nostalgia.

All in all, Boonton's center is a very charming street with plenty of interesting shops to fill your Saturday browsing needs!

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assortment was collected over the years from auctions and estate sales and is now catalogued and organized in a wonderful manner by the gallery.

Another good source for postcards was **Russell's Antiques and Collectibles** of Milo, ME. They also carry a large selection of baseball cards, prints, movie start photos, and much more.

Let's Eat! After all this walking we were pretty hungry. Even dedicated collectors need to renew their energy level.

Then **Penny Toys'** booth caught our eye. They have everything you need to equip your kitsch in early 20th Century style! Fiesta, Russel Wright, California pottery, and kitchen kitsch items were offered in abundance on their tables. A veritable feast for the eyes!

Another good source for kitchenware was **Pearl Washington's** out of Whitman, MA. They carried a large selection of deco, depression, moderne, and electric items.



If furniture is what you're looking for, **Tymwas** was a booth to see. They specialize in buying house contents from the 1950's or older, and they had an excellent selection of chrome edge kitchen tables with chairs, upholstered 50's chairs, glasses, and knicknacks.

Rows and rows of 50's furniture greeted you at the **Urban Artifacts** booth. Based in Washington, DC, and run by partners Ethelred Smith and Robert Melet, they specialize in the 1950's. Their pieces are collected from flea markets and other sources. Besides furniture, they also carry an excellent collection of pottery, prints, and much more.

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clocks, and Maxfield Parrish prints filled the space.

Sheila's Stuff of Rochester, NY, had an excellent collection of Deco clocks on display, along with picture frames, candlestick holders, and much more.

Having a party? Call **Deco Dermot's & Jan's Antiques** of N. Miami Beach, FL. They specialize in 20's, 50's, & 60's party rentals. Their booth also carried several bakelite radios, jewelry, toys, and kitschy items.

These are the sources we found during our day at Brimfield. If you didn't have a chance to go yourself, we hope these sources will help you locate the 30's-60's items we know you are all looking for!

The next show at Brimfield runs from June 30th through July 5th. Information may be obtained by calling 413-283-6149 for a taped message. You may also write to the Quaboag Chamber of Commerce to receive a "1992 Visitors Guide." Just send \$3 along with your name and address to *Guide-92*, Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 269, Palmer, MA 01069-0269.

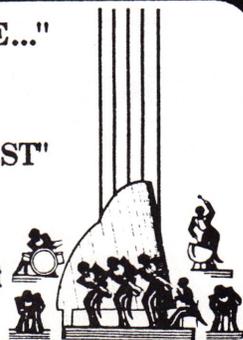
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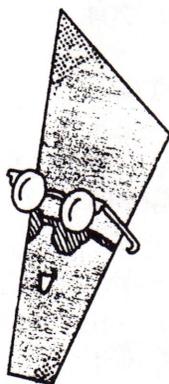
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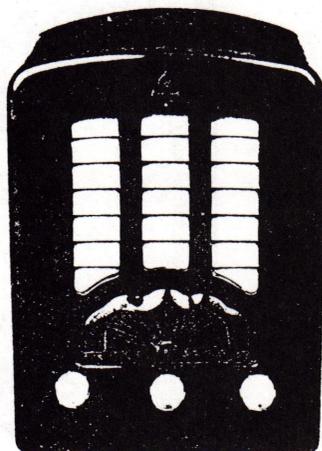
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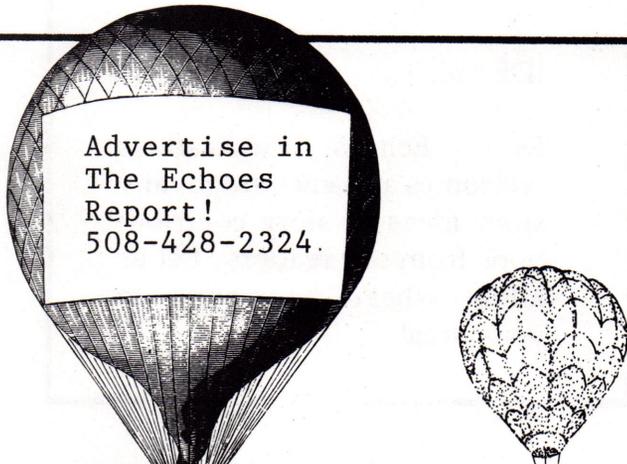
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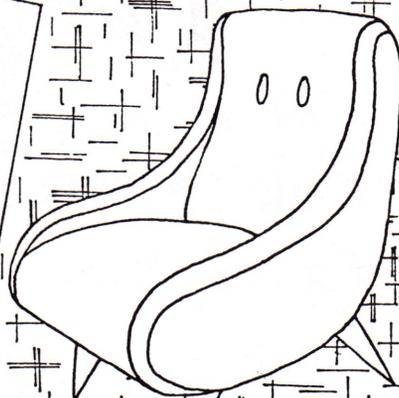
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