

From Mrs. Marion Hartung, Emporia, Kansas

Nearly a year after the armed robbery in which my entire private collection of Carnival and about half of my selling stock was stolen, a few pieces have been recovered.

Although it involved the cooperation of the Los Angeles police and the Aetna Insurance Company, the main credit is due to the alertness and perseverance of dedicated California collectors — Don and Connie Moore.

Last April on their way to the HOACGA meeting in Kansas City, they stopped in Emporia and spent some time looking at the collection. And as advanced collectors, they were especially interested in some of my rare and choice pieces. After their return home they were offered several of these by a California dealer. Don immediately recognized that they had come from my collection,, and due to his insistence and follow-up on the matter, a small group of glass was recovered. This is a perfect example of how we collectors can be of help to each other, and I shall always be grateful to the Moores.

Among the glass recovered was the only known large footed plate on cobalt blue in Fan-Tail pattern, and a very choice pitcher in purple Thistle pattern. Other items were a white Northwood Peach water set, a green N Grape Punch set, several choice pieces of white and pastel blue, and one piece of red.

While this is only a small fraction of the glass stolen, I rejoiced over every piece. Should any collector be offered my large purple Persian Garden Chop Plate - last heard of in Wyoming - I would be so grateful for word of it.

signed, Mrs. Marion T Hartung
