

Raleigh Antique Bottle and Collectibles Club

# Bottle Talk

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A very rare early 1900's ICY-O soda vending machine recently found by RBC member Robert Creech

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# BOTTLE TALK FEATURE OF THE MONTH

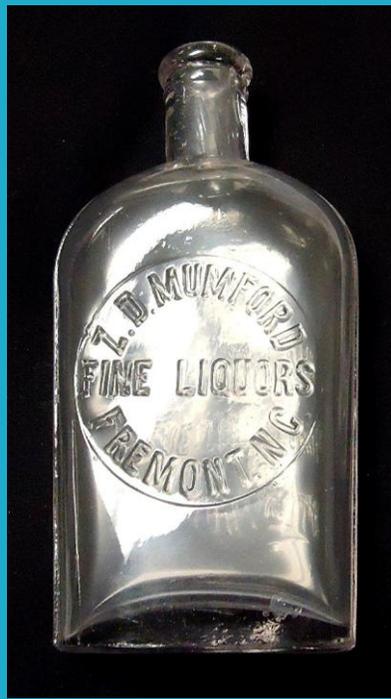




Since the first Coca-Cola was put in a bottle, manufacturers have been racing to find the best way to vend the new product. In the 1920's coolers of all types were being produced by various companies. All were seeking to gain a large market share of the new vending industry created by the introduction of bottled sodas. Coca-Cola used by far more vending machine manufacturers than anyone else but most of the smaller companies could not compete and disappeared over the years. Even today some of the most obscure manufacturers are being rediscovered.

According to Robert Creech, the ICY-O machine featured in this issue of BOTTLE TALK, likely is the most intact non-Coca-Cola ICY-O machine found in recent years. The only thing missing from this machine is the top crank handle. The machine was discovered in a packhouse behind an old country store near the communities of Micro and Selma, NC. The ICY-O soft drink machine is very rare and not too many exist today.

# SHOW and TELL



The Z.D. Mumford flask is an extremely hard to find bottle. It appears to hold about 6 1/2 ozs. instead of the usual pint. (8 ozs.).



This 'unusual Whisk Broom' figural flask was shown by Tom Walsh.

Excerpt from the 'Goldsboro Headlight' newspaper on October 22, 1896 about the opening of a new business in Freemont, N.C.. "Z.D. Mumford has just opened a new saloon where he keeps a choice stock of Liquors and Cigars. Everything of best quality, no adulterations."

This nice early whiskey flask was shown by Joe Williams.



This nice Joh. Humbser, Bavarian stein is from the collection of Tom Walsh. This stein was made in 1909 and has a flip-up pewter lid. An identical stein sold at a N.Y. stein auction in 2014 for \$216.00 which was far less than pre-auction estimates.

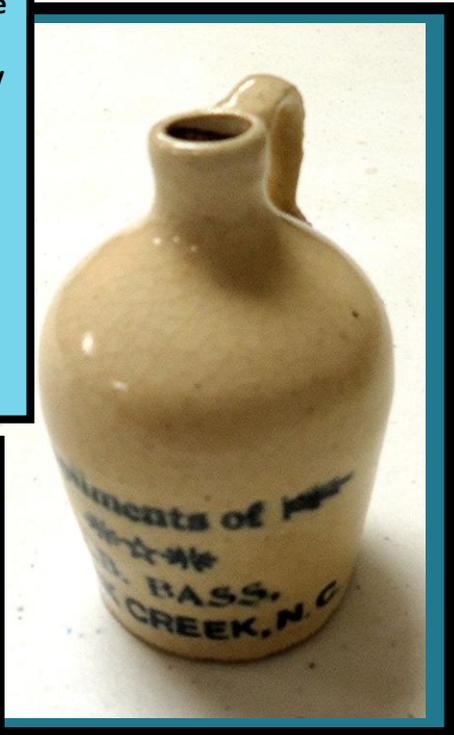




You probably have seen a lot of Pepsi Cola cartons over the years made of everything from cardboard to metal. I am not a Pepsi collector but I have seen a lot of six pack carriers. I think this is the first one I have seen made from masonite. The colorful double dot Pepsi Cola logo painted on all four panels makes it really stand out. This nice carrier was presented by Tom Walsh.



Donnie Medlin presented these two rare mini jugs. Both are rare but the E.B. Bass jug from Black Creek, NC caught my eye. A jug like this was shown by member, Jack Freeman, on September 7, 2000. At that time Jack said he believed this to be a 'one of a kind' jug. He also said he had turned down a \$650.00 offer for this little jewel. Well Donnie, It looks like you have a couple of keepers to add to your growing NC whiskey collection.





You are looking at an aqua quart Lafayette profile canning jar with the original closure. This jar usually sells from 800 to 1100 dollars depending on condition. The pint size might very well go for three times that much. Thanks to Joe Williams for bringing this nice item to 'Show and Tell'.





These two nice North Carolina flasks are new additions to Donnie Medlin's collection. The pint J.H. Hettleman and the Star Saloon are extremely hard to find. The Star Saloon flask is an unusual 1/2 pint size making it a very desirable to collectors .

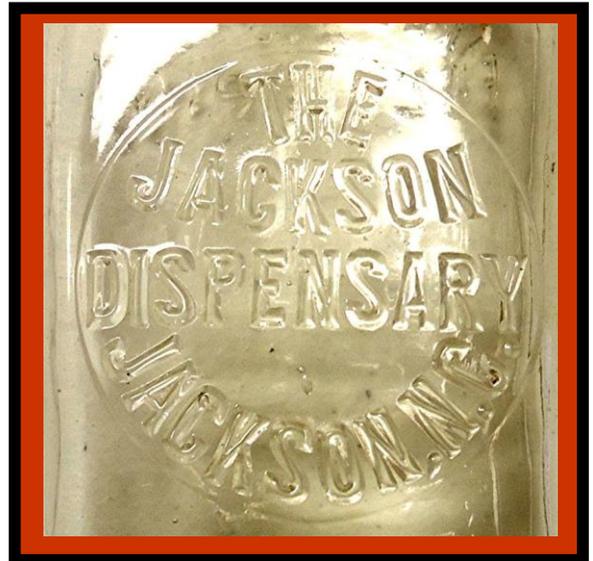
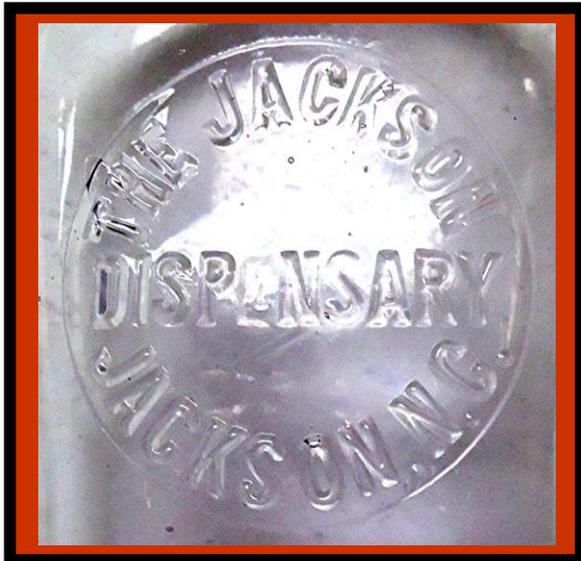
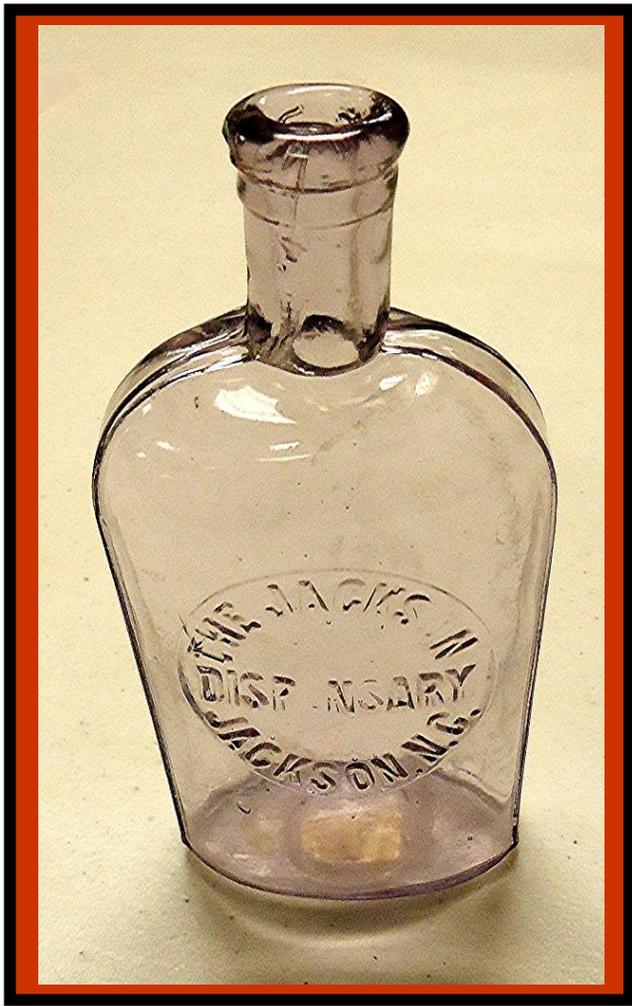
A 1901 article in the RALEIGH MORNING POST states that J.H. Hettleman was put on trial in Raleigh for selling liquor to minors. Some things never seem to change.



Top left: This very nice quart cathedral ink was presented by Tom Walsh.

Top right: This quart McDonald canning jar was part of a collection recently bought by RBC member Lonnie Blizzard. I'm sure you will be seeing more of his finds as he digs through those boxes.

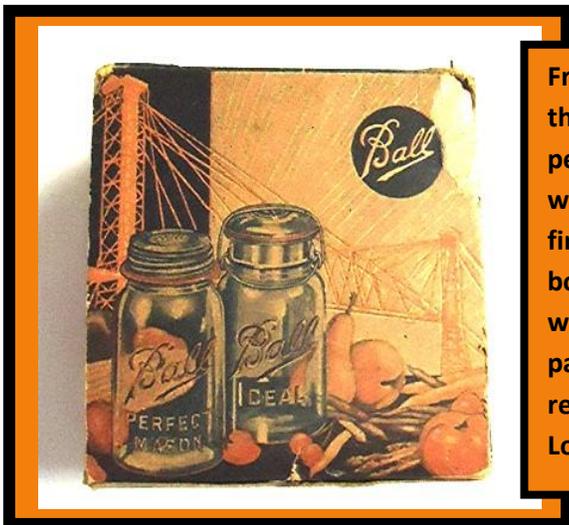
Left: Almost every bottle collector at one time or another has had a Christo bottle or two sitting on their shelf. Christo items are highly collectible especially if they are in pristine condition like this small tip tray. This nice piece is going to sit on the shelf at Donnie Medlin's house.



Donnie Medlin has two new additions to his collection. The bottle on the left is unusual since it is a 6 1/2 ounce bottle instead of the more common pint size. The one on the right has a very unique slug plate design making it an extremely desirable item. Finding one of these Jacksonville flasks is pretty tough. Finding two is pretty remarkable.

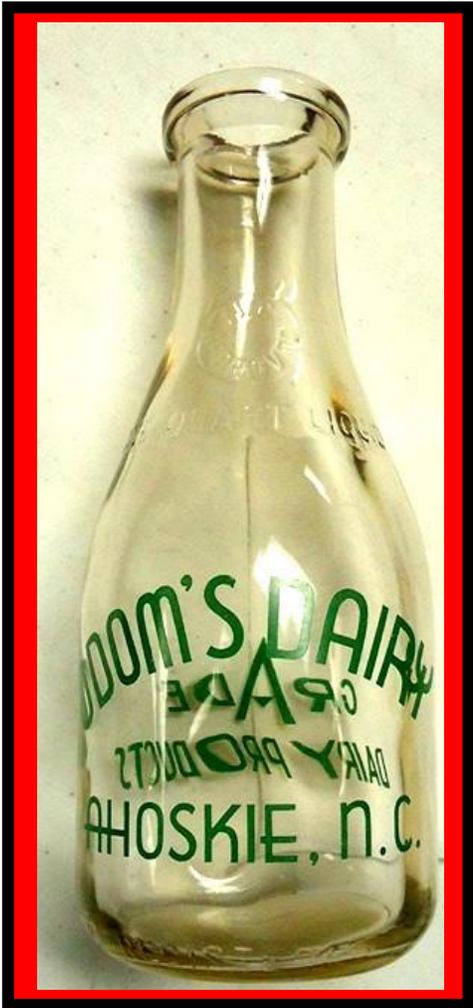


If you are a poker player you know that three of a kind is better than a pair. When you collect whiskey flask you are always looking for the 1/2 pint, pint, and quart to make a set. Toisnot, N.C. Dispensary bottles are pretty rare but Donnie Medlin seems to have the knack for finding those hard to find items. Donnie recently acquired this nice set to his collection.

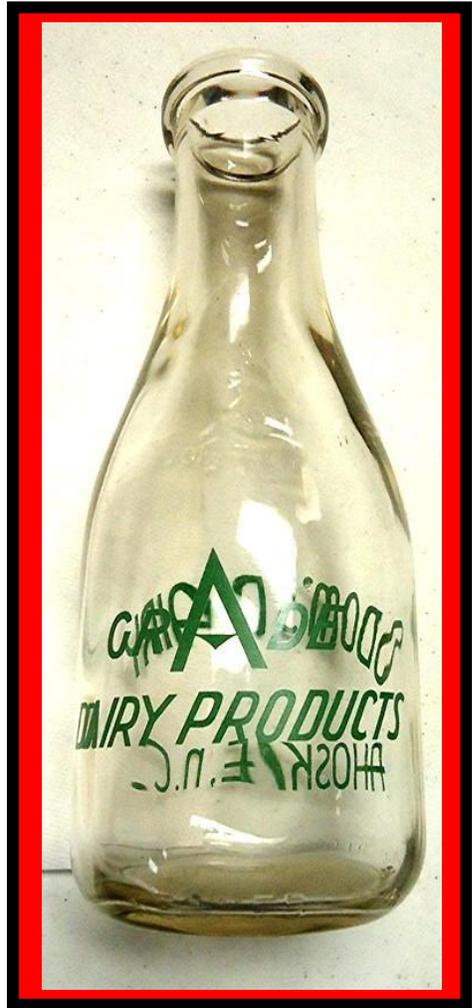


From time to time you see these tiny Ball jar salt and pepper shakers but you will look long and hard to find a set in the original box with original paper work. This nice item was part of the jar collection recently purchased by Lonnie Blizzard.

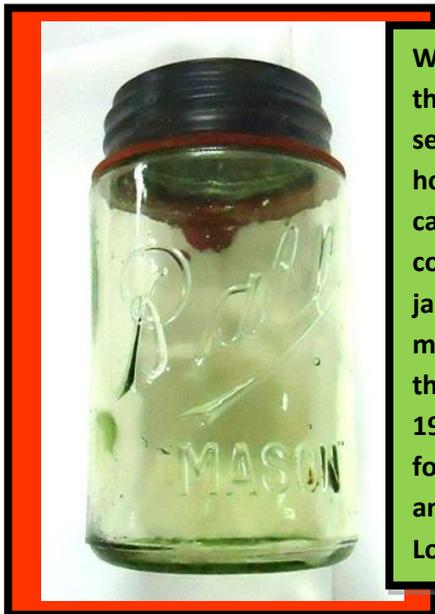




No! I don't drink milk. I eat flowers.

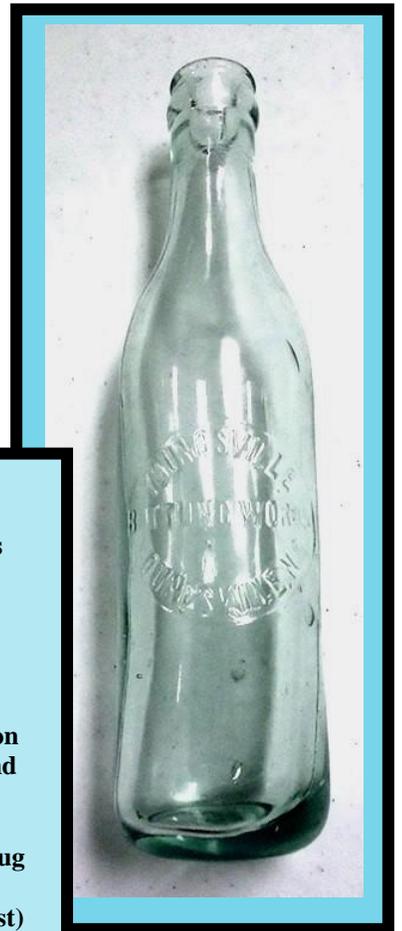


This ODOM'S DAIRY milk bottle was shown by Donnie Medlin. Donnie is not a big milk bottle collector but this one has close family ties. This is not a very rare or super expensive bottle but sometimes the value of an item can't be determined by what it sells for. Sentimental value is priceless.



Was this BALL originally a RALL? Was there ever a RALL jar company? There seems to be a slight disagreement on how the crazy looking "B" on this jar came to be. The best explanation I could find is the weird embossed BALL jar was made with a reworked ROOT mold that Ball Brothers acquired when they purchased the ROOT Company in 1909. Jars were made at the plant for four years. Do you have a better answer? This is another nice jar from Lonnie Blizzard's growing collection.

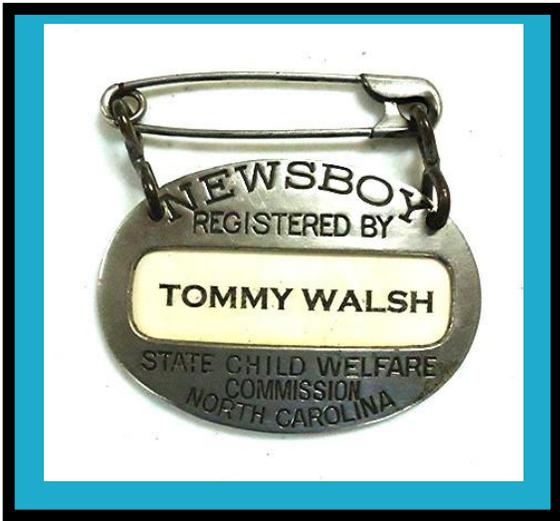




Eddie Conway has found a good digging spot for Youngville Bottling Works bottles. His collection of Youngville bottles may be the best around. So far he has five embossing variations and still digging.

**Youngville Variations:**

1. Center slug plate and is the most common with REGISTERED on back heel (clear or amethyst color)
2. Center slug plate and an empty rectangular slug plate on the reverse heel with REGISTERED on front shoulder and THIS BOTTLE NOT TO BE SOLD on front heel (aqua color)
3. Empty center slug plate (for a label) and rectangular slug plate on the front heel embossed YOUNGSVILLE BOTTLING WKS YOUNGSVILLE, N.C. (clear/ amethyst)
4. Rectangular slug plate on front heel with YOUNGSVILLE BOTTLING WKS YOUNGSVILLE, N.C. and on reverse: REGISTERED on shoulder, empty center slug plate, and THIS BOTTLE NOT TO BE SOLD on heel (clear/ amethyst)
5. variation #1 but green color



Tom Walsh presented this unusual collectible piece from the early 1900's. If you sold newspapers in N.C. you were required to wear one of these NEWSBOY badges. It seems like an idea we could use today to stop people from stealing papers and selling them on the roadside.



Waxed Cone Shaped  
Containers from Marshall  
Clements collection

## CONE SHAPED WAXED PAPER BOTTLES

Wilbur L. Wright of Washington D. C. was granted two patents on [August 18, 1914](#) for cone shaped, waxed paper bottles that took a disc type closure typically used in milk bottles. This patent was used on milk cones made by The Paper Vessels Company of Baltimore, Maryland. Later the name was lengthened to The Purity Paper Vessels Company. The company called their wax cones the Pavesco Sanitary Paper Bottle.

Wright was issued another patent that covered milk cones on [January 1, 1918](#) that he assigned to the Sealright Company of Fulton, New York. The cones pictured here were made by the Sealright Company and were designed to be single service. In fact the middle cone above says that the penalty for reuse was 25 dollars. This statement was common on many wax milk containers although we have no idea who enforced this penalty. They were heavy paper dipped in wax. The wax protected the paper from moisture and did not affect the milk. They had a metal lip and used a regular milk cap. Both companies sold them in half pint, pint and quart sizes. Sealright Pacific, LTD., located in Los Angeles, was the western representative of Sealright and advertised these wax cartons to California dairies in 1936.

A 1931 Sealright advertisement suggested using these containers for delivering milk to factories, offices, apartments, schools and other places where breakage on glass bottles was high and where bottle collection was difficult. Health authorities also recommended their use in hospitals to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. They were not accepted as well as glass milk bottles although they were used by several dairies. Also since they were paper and designed to be thrown away they are not as common as glass milk bottles. We have even seen wax milk cones like this proclaiming that they could be used as megaphones when they were empty. This was definitely an attempt to persuade mom through the kids.

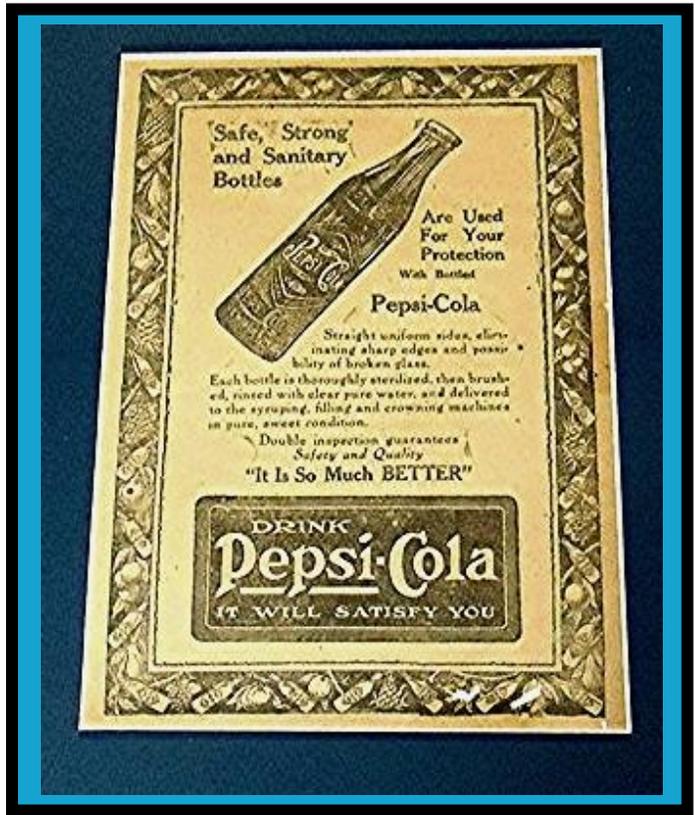
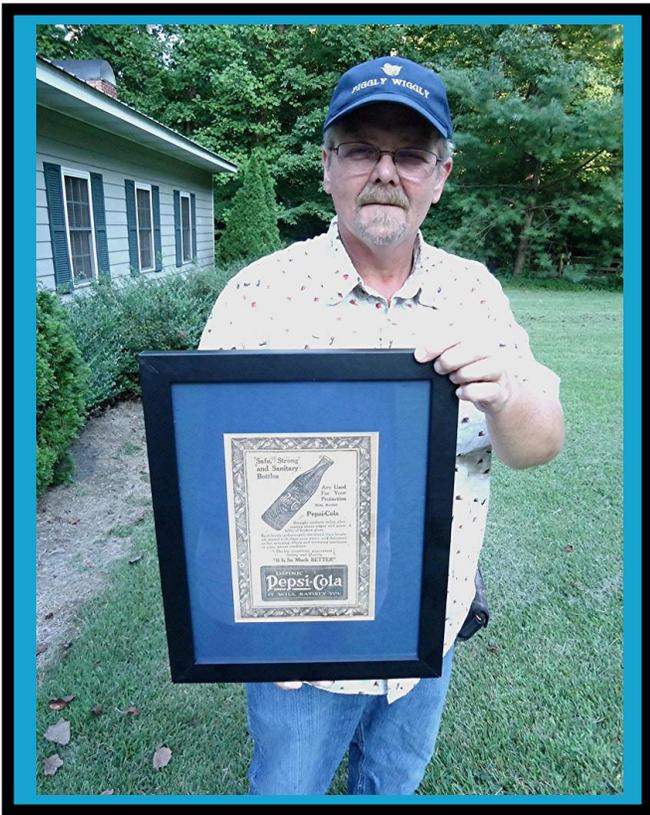
Montgomery Wards sold this style of wax milk bottle in their 1947 catalog. The price was \$2.75 per 100 quart bottles and \$4.15 per 200 pint bottles.

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These were not the first patents for a wax or paraffin coated milk cone however. We have seen an advertisement for The Janisch Fibre Bottle from June of 1915 that advertised a milk cone that was patented on March 28, 1911. The bottle must have been so new that they misspelled Janisch. The patent was granted to Maximillian Janisch of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The one unique thing about this patent was that wood was the material suggested for the bottle lip although the advertisement suggests the neck was metal. These cones were made and sold by Wisconsin Fibre Bottle Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They advertised that the bottles could be filled and capped on machines designed for glass bottles and they used an ordinary disc cap. We have also seen an announcement for the Minnesota Fibre Bottle Company that opened in April of 1916 and had the capacity to produce 200,000 of these Janisch Fibre Bottles per day. They advertised that the Janisch milk cones were recommended by the milk commission for delivery of certified milk in Minneapolis, Minnesota. By 1917 the U. S. Fibre Bottle Company of Milwaukee Wisconsin was advertising these containers and on December 31st of that year this company was succeeded by the Wisconsin Paper Products Company also located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

*The above article is from [dairyantiques.com/Wax\\_Milk\\_Containers.html](http://dairyantiques.com/Wax_Milk_Containers.html) If you want the complete story on WAX MILK CONTAINERS you should visit this very informative site. You'll be pleasantly surprised at what you find.*





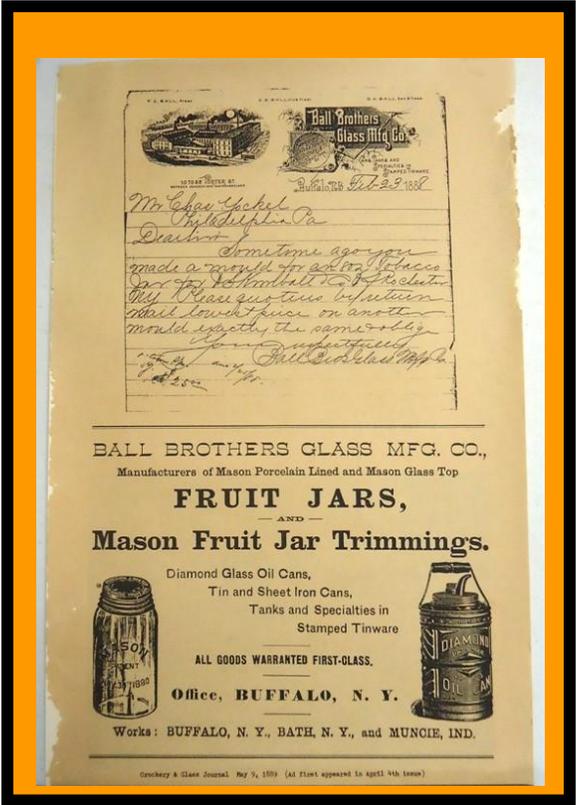
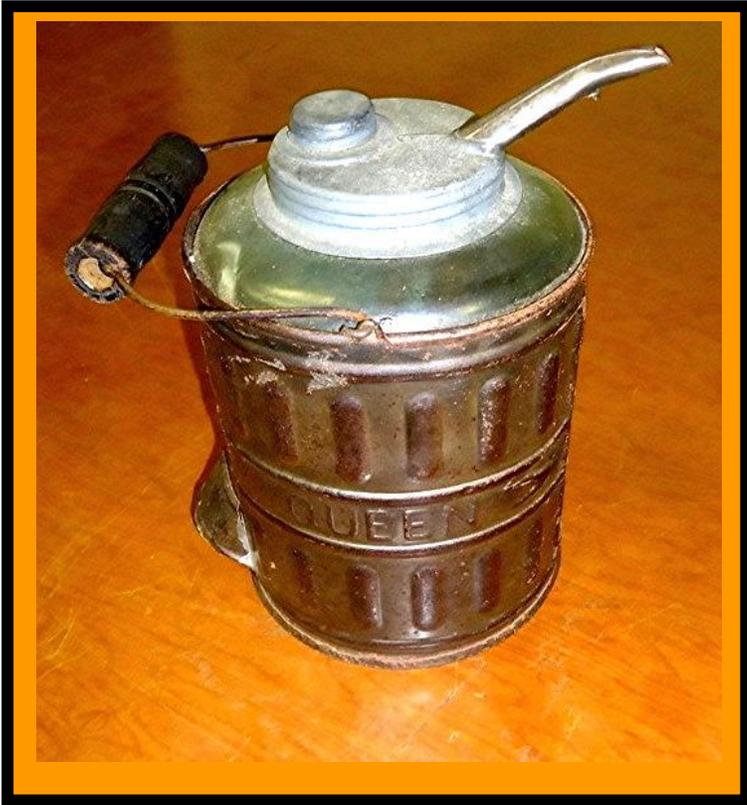
Dean Haley picked up this 1908 newspaper ad at the local flea market. The bottle pictured in the ad is a triple scrip, paper label bottle from New Bern, NC. Dean had this nice ad professionally framed to preserve it for years to come. Will he sell it? Sure he will, but it will not go cheap.



The most recent new member of the RBC, Bill Dollar, brought this 1956 lap Coca-Cola TV tray to 'Show and Tell'. Welcome to the club Bill.



Tom Walsh brought another of his colorful lithograph advertisement pieces to 'Show and Tell'. This beautiful lithograph is from the 1880's - 1890's era. This type of old lithograph advertisement is very rare and highly collectible.



Lonnie Blizzard brought this very interesting gallon oil jar/can to our September meeting. These oil jars were easy to handle and were used to fill lamps and burners around the home or farm. On the right is a 1909 letter from Ball Bro's Glass Co. to a mold making company in Philadelphia requesting the price on a specific mold. Below are examples of four other jar/cans of the same era. These cans are quite unique and collectible.



## READER FEEDBACK

**Hi Marshall - another great newsletter. I haven't forgotten about that Burlington Pepsi article, but wanted to comment on a few of the items contained in this newsletter that might interest your readers.**

**Due to my pharmacy background, I was drawn to the card table created by the NC Pharmaceutical Assn. in 1952. One of the advertisers was Justice Drug Company of Greensboro. It is interesting to note that my research has uncovered that Lunsford Richardson of Greensboro, owner of L. Richardson Drug Company, L. Richardson Wholesale Drug, and Vick Family Remedies Company was the 3rd Pepsi bottler signed by Caleb Bradham in the fall of 1905. The Greensboro Pepsi bottling operation was set up inside the Vick Remedies Company building. Alas, Richardson didn't last long in the Pepsi business, selling his interest a year later. Richardson also sold his wholesale drug business to R. L. Justice of Greensboro, so that he could concentrate on his growing Vick Remedies business, which evolved into Vick Chemical Company, whose leading product happened to be world renown Vick's Vapo-Rub.**

**In this same edition, there were photos of E. R. Mixon & Co. bottles. your Pepsi followers already know that E. R. Mixon was an early Pepsi Bottler and wholesale grocer in Washington, NC, but they may not know that Mixon was the 2nd Pepsi bottler signed by Caleb Bradham in the summer of 1905, just behind Thad W. Thrash of Tarboro, NC. Most likely, that Mixon bottle contained Pepsi-Cola sometime during its career.**

**Jeff Fitzgerald**

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Jack is also looking for items from Lenoir, N.C.

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# Upcoming Shows

**10 October 2015** (Saturday) **Memphis, Tennessee** – **30th Annual Mid-South Antique Bottle, Advertising & Collectibles Show** at the Agricenter International, 7777 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38120, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Collectors from 15 States, Early Admission Available, Admission: \$5, [Memphis Bottle Club on Facebook](#), Chow Chairman: Gene Bradberry, 3706 Deerfield Cove, Bartlett, Tennessee 38135, 901.372.8423 or 901.359.8428  
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**17 October 2015** (Saturday) **Savannah, Georgia** – **Tommy Mitchner Antique Bottle Show**, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm at Keller's Flea Market, 5901 Ogeechee Road, (Hwy 204, one mile from I-95), Savannah, Georgia. Contact: Gene Autry, 912.663.5585 or Ken Nease, 912.739.7355

**18 October 2015** (Sunday) **York, Pennsylvania** – **The York Bottle & Advertising Show** at the York Fairgrounds in York, Pennsylvania, inside the Old Main Building, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, 175 tables, Admission on \$3 for a day of fun, Info: Holiday Promotions 410.538.5558, [holpromo@yahoo.com](mailto:holpromo@yahoo.com)

**07 November 2015** (Saturday) **Jacksonville, Florida** – **Antique Bottle Collectors of North Florida 48th Annual Show & Sale**, Saturday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm; early buyers Friday, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm \$20. Free admission on Saturday. Fraternal Order of Police Building, 5530 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida, Contact: Mike Skie, 3047 Julington Creek Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32223, Tele: 904.710.0422 or Corey Stock 904.268.9316

**14th annual Greensboro Antique Bottle & Collectibles Show & Sale on Sunday Nov 22, 2015 indoors at the Farmer's Curb Market, 501 Yanceyville St, Greensboro, NC 27405. Public admission 9am-3pm for \$1. Free appraisals. Dealer setup 7am-9am, No Early Buyers. Info: Reggie Lynch (704) 221-6489. [www.antiquebottles.com/greensboro](http://www.antiquebottles.com/greensboro)**

**8 & 9 January 2016** (Friday & Saturday) **Palmetto, Florida** – **47th Annual Suncoast Antique Bottle, Artifacts, Fossils & Collectibles Show** will be held January 8th (1:00 – 7:00 pm, Early Buyers \$25, 3:00 to 7:00 pm) & 9th (9:00 am to 3:00 pm) 2016. Same location; Bradenton Area Convention Center, Palmetto, Florida 34221. Call or e-mail for details on setting up. [OriginalSABCA@aol.com](mailto:OriginalSABCA@aol.com) 727-804-5957 (George) or 941-722-7233 (Linda or Bill) **FOHBC Member Club**

19 & 20 February 2016 (Friday & Saturday) **Columbia, South Carolina** – 43rd Annual South Carolina Bottle Club Show & Sale at the 600 Beckman Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29203, Contact: Marty Vollmer, 803.754.4463, [martyvollmer@aol.com](mailto:martyvollmer@aol.com), [southcarolinabottleclub.com](http://southcarolinabottleclub.com), **FOHBC Member Club**

13 March 2016 (Sunday) **Baltimore, Maryland** – The Baltimore Antique Bottle Club's 36th Annual Show & Sale, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. For contracts call: Andy Agnew, 410.527.1707 or e-mail [medbotls@comcast.net](mailto:medbotls@comcast.net), [baltimorebottleclub.org](http://baltimorebottleclub.org) at the Physical Education Center, CCBC-Essex, 7201 Rossville Blvd. (I-695, Exit 34) Contact: Rick Lease, 410.458.9405, [finksburg21@comcast.net](mailto:finksburg21@comcast.net) **FOHBC Member Club**

The show schedule published in BOTTLE TALK will generally list shows of interest on the east coast. It is not meant to be a complete list of all upcoming shows.

## READER NOTICE

The next issue of BOTTLE TALK will include October, November and December. It will be emailed to you at the end of December.



Ad from a late 40's Durham City Directory

# BLAST FROM THE PAST



## ICY-O

To some people, this looks like an early washing machine rather than a soda machine. It was made by the Icy-O Company, Inc., of Charlotte, North Carolina and is strange looking to say the least. The large crank handle on top, when turned, allowed the customer to view the cold sodas. This "drum" is divided into quarters which are filled with ice and water. The lower door is for empty bottles. These machines were also sold to Dr Pepper, Pepsi-Cola and possibly others. This Icy-O also came in a model that held only 72 bottles, but this is the more common size.

### SPECIFICATIONS

Capacity: 120 bottles  
Tank: Galvanized steel  
Size: 44" high  
34" in diameter  
Means of cooling: Ice  
Produced: Mid 20's

Rarity: 5.0  
Average condition: \$2,250.00  
Fully restored: \$3,600.00