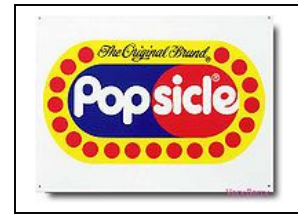


Things we collected in the 1940's and 50's

I was thing about pop sickles this morning and how, as a kid, I enjoyed this summertime treat. Then I remembered that one of my hobbies I started was collecting popsicle bags and sending them in after you had collected a certain number of bags. You would receive a prize/gift. The one special thing that I got was a collection of postage stamps.

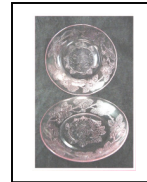


This started me on my way to collecting them, thought out my life. Much of it has increased in value after 50+ years.



This also reminded me of collecting Planter's peanut bags, which I used to get my mother and myself a pair of blue plastic Mr. Peanut salt and peppershakers. With Cereal tops you could get Decoder rings or a compass.

Also there were dishes in oatmeal boxes, boxes of laundry soap, flour sacks, chicken feed sacks and other things sold in grocery stores and feed stores. This glassware was known as Depression Ware and was used by most families as everyday dishes. Fire king was a type of bake ware, which was Pyrex and was clear or a light blue glass. There are probably 50 or more patterns of Depression Ware.



It came in a lot of difference colors of glass and some that was called milk glass. My Grandmother and Mother called it cheap glassware, which it was.

This dishware was also a promotional at movie theaters. Going to the show on weekend, you would receive a glass, pitcher or a dish to be used at home.

My sister's and I have been collecting this Depression Ware, now for over 30 years. Leona inherited a set of moonstone milk glass Depression Ware from my Grandmother. Sarah collects pink glassware called Dogwood and I collect a square diamond shaped Depression Ware called Windsor. I have it in both pink and clear. I have a complete 12 place setting in the clear valued at about \$1500. So collecting old thing can not only bring back memories, but also have great value.

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