

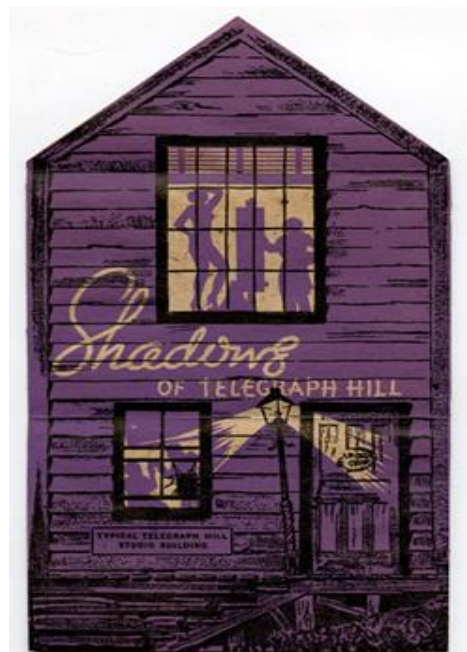


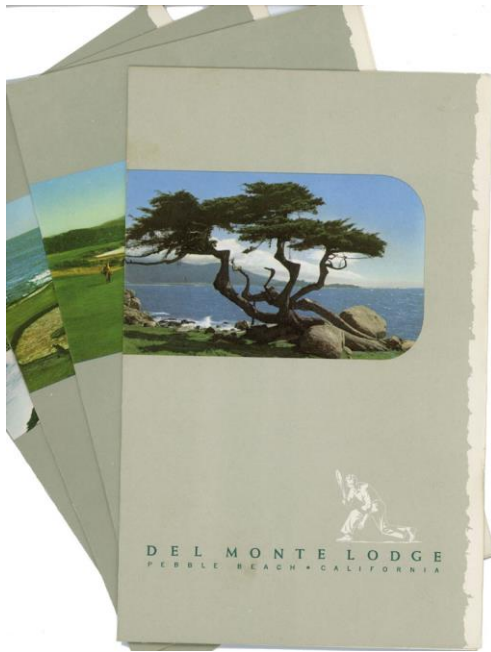
## VINTAGE MENUS: A LIST

The following listing is comprised of vintage menus, most from restaurants in the United States, but British, Canadian, and Mexican restaurants are also included. The menus are listed in reverse date order, starting with a quartet of 1967 menus from the Del Monte Lodge in Pebble Beach, California, and resolving with the 1926 Myrtle Bank Hotel in Kingston, Jamaica. A number of the menus represent Polynesian-themed restaurants, a mid-twentieth century vogue that, in some menu listings, conflated Chinese food with the South Pacific. Occasionally a menu's emphasis is directed toward offerings from the bar, while others are decidedly discrete: "Could we suggest a glass of wine before dinner?" The menus represent a 40 year span and, for the most part, are in good to very good condition. It should be noted that, very occasionally, a spontaneous gag reflex might overwhelm the unsuspecting reader.

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CALIFORNIA - PEBBLE BEACH) **Del Monte Lodge**  
**Pebble Beach California (Menus)**

Del Monte Lodge. Pebble Beach, CA. **1967.**

Four 1967 Del Monte Lodge menus 9 3/4 x 6 1/4 inches, each with a distinctive color photo on the cover representing the Lodge and environs, with emphasis on the golf course. The menus, dating back 50 years, are in very good clean condition.

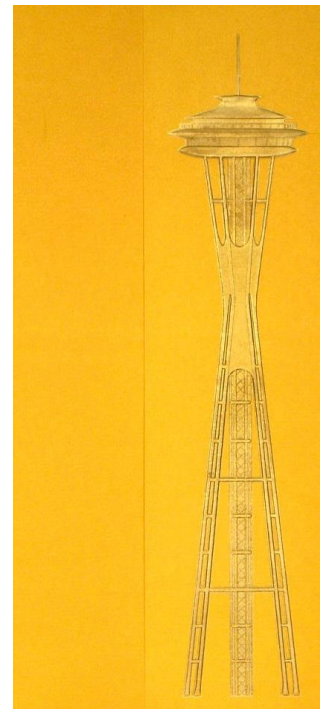
Full course dinner is priced at \$7.00. On verso of front cover are paragraphs touting the world-famous Lodge and its facilities, followed by text stating "A complete set of these Menus is yours for the asking." Evidently someone asked: the quartet comprise engaging menu souvenirs. [Stock #54205] **US\$ 80.00**

WASHINGTON - SEATTLE / SPACE NEEDLE) **The Space Needle**  
**Restaurant.**

Western International Hotels Company. Seattle. No date. Ca. **1963.**

Exceptionally clean luncheon menu from the iconic Space Needle Restaurant in Seattle, with unused mailing envelope and gold coaster featuring an embossed image of the famous tower. The menu identifies Kurt Wuest as Chef de Cuisine (in that position from the restaurant's 1962 opening) and features "luncheon selections" in the \$2.50 to \$3.50 price range. A folding flap on the menu features a golden embossed image of the Space Needle with, on verso, a drinks menu (Mixed Drinks \$1.25, Highballs \$1.00, etc). Rear of menu states: "Opened on April 21, 1962." Menu in excellent clean condition. The mailing envelope bears the insignia "The Eye of the Needle" with, beneath, "Seattle, Washington U.S.A."; no zip code follows. (Zip codes were introduced in 1963.) The mailing envelope shows creasing at the flap end but, overall, is clean and quite serviceable.

At bottom of interior panel of menu is the notice "Souvenir copy of Menu ready for mailing .75"; evidently this menu is an example of the "souvenir copy..." [Stock #54181] **US\$ 115.00**





**FLORIDA) Frances Langford's Outrigger Restaurant.**

Outrigger Restaurant. Jensen Beach, Florida. No date. Ca. mid 1960s.

Ponderously sized menu, 17 1/2 x 11 1/2 inches featuring the streamlined luncheon options available, states the menu, on "Fashion Show Days." Menu features such gourmet treats as Chicken Chow Mein, Hawaiian Tomato Surprise Moko, and Deluxe Jumbo Hamburger Imperial, priced in the \$3.00 to \$4.00 range. Photo of the former Hollywood entertainer featured on the front cover. Good condition, with some light creasing.

Interesting photos on the menu's interior; these include pictures of Langford's hubby number two, Ralph Evinrude, of outboard motor, snow mobile, and chain saw fame. [Stock #54206] US\$ 80.00

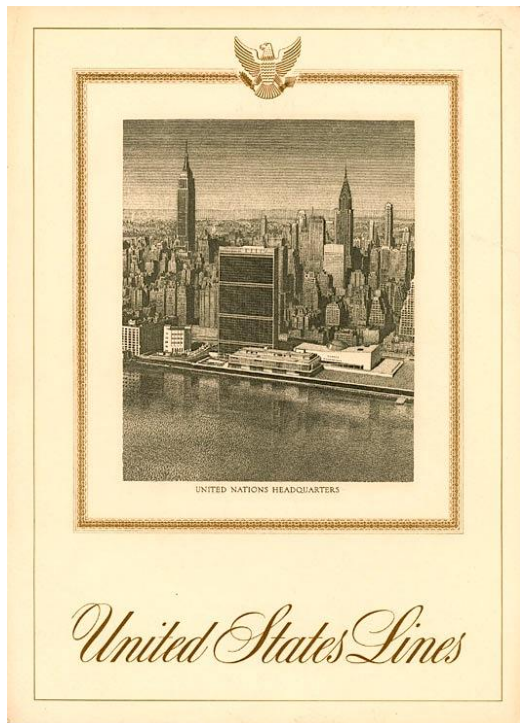
**OREGON - PORTLAND) Steve Crane's Kon-Tiki.**

Steve Crane Associates. Los Angeles, California (?) No date. Ca. 1960s.

Irregularly shaped Polynesian-themed menu with image of the sun king Kon-Tiki on the front cover. Crane was briefly a film actor in Hollywood in the mid-1940s but moved on to establish a successful restaurant in Beverly Hills and in 1958 initiated a network of restaurants with elaborate Polynesian decor in partnership with Sheraton hotels (this particular menu is from the Sheraton Motor Inn, Portland, Oregon). The menu is for the Luncheon Buffet with prices starting at \$1.25. As with many themed restaurants, the money was in the bar. Crane, who was briefly married to actress Lana Turner, retired from the restaurant business in the late 70s.

[Stock #54208] US\$ 65.00



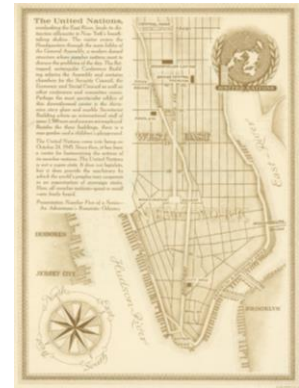


NEW YORK - NEW YORK CITY / UNITED STATES LINES ) **United Nations Headquarters.**

United States Lines. New York. 1960.

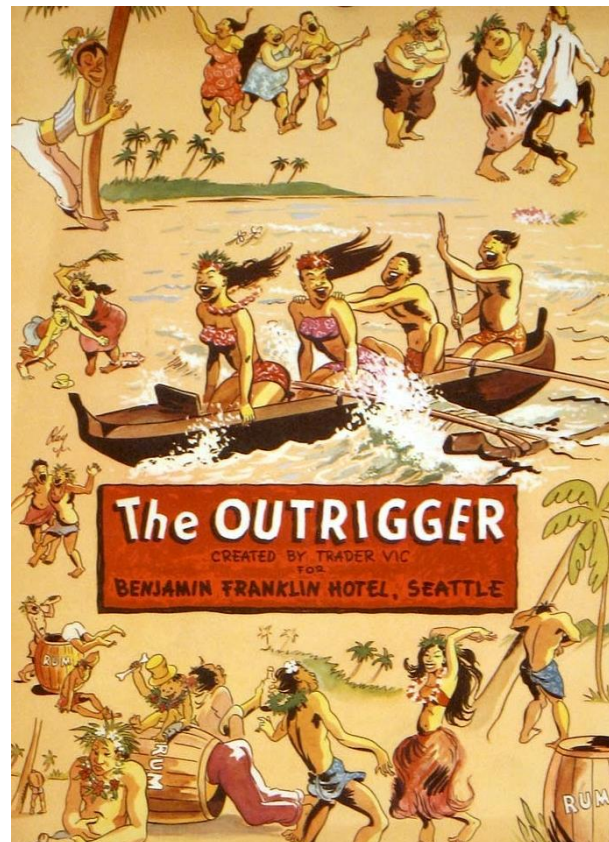
Attractive menu, 11 x 8 1/2 inches, featuring a steel engraving of the United Nations Building in New York on the front panel, and a brief history of the United Nations with a map of Lower Manhattan, locating UN headquarters, on the rear panel. Two short tears (archivally repaired) to fore-edge affecting both panels, visually very faint, otherwise good clean condition. Interior of menu is dated Monday, January 23, 1961.

Text on rear panel, dated 1960, reads: "Genuine Steel Engraving. Steelograph Company. 1 Broadway N.Y. 4." A most interesting and attractive vintage menu. [Stock #53233] **US\$ 75.00**



WASHINGTON - SEATTLE) Kay, William F. (illus). **"The Outrigger" Drinks Menus.** Trader Vic's. Emeryville, CA (Headquarters). 1952.

Two ephemeral menus (Drinks and Food) from a Trader Vic's restaurant located in the Hotel Benjamin Franklin (demolished in 1980), Seattle. The chain restaurant opened in 1948 and closed its Seattle operation in 1991. The two menus appear to date from the early to late 1950s. The earlier, 12 x 8 3/4 inches, with four pages, features a cartoon cover. The later menu, 12 1/2 x 9 1/2 inches, with 6 pages, differs from the earlier in terms of price: "higher," in a word. Both menus are clean and bright and very collectible. Also included with the two menus are a color post card of The Outrigger interior and a folding mailer (post card size opening to two columns of drinks, with prices) from Trader Vic's, Honolulu, post marked 1955. [Stock #54209] **US\$ 165.00**

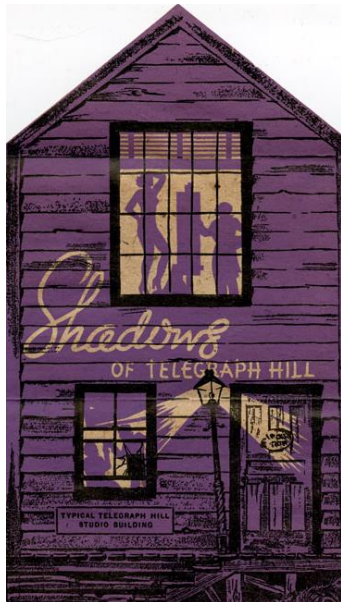
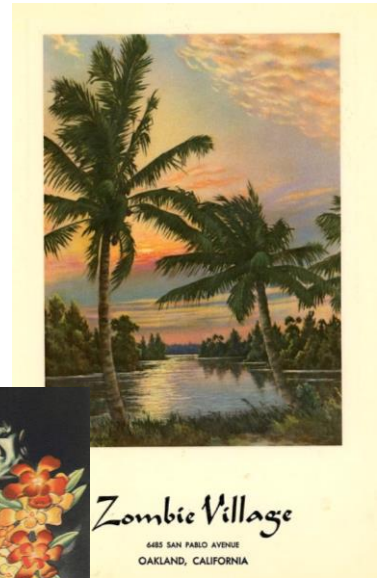


CALIFORNIA - OAKLAND) **Zombie Village.**

Ca. 1950s.

Menu, 11 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches, for the South-Seas styled restaurant in Oakland, California. Menu features Chinese dishes, Sandwiches, Steaks and Chops, Fish, and much more. Coffee, 10¢, Soup du Jour, 25¢, Omelette, 75¢. Missing is the drinks menu, which presumably was the Zombie's "main attraction"; the titular drink was made with brandy and rum and various juices and dates from the 1930s with origins at Don the Beachcomber restaurants. Very good clean condition, with three unused postcard-size mailers that open to what was missing on the menu: drinks. These delights, topping out at \$3.00 each, included "Skipper's Downfall," "Tabu" (limit one to a customer); "Head Hunter"; and of course the "Zombie (Our Own--Without Comparison)."

An unusual combination of menu and three unused postcard size mailers featuring South-Seas themed drinks; an interesting collection. [Stock #54211] US\$ 125.00



CALIFORNIA - SAN FRANCISCO ) **The Shadows of Telegraph Hill.**

No date. Ca. 1950.

Advertising mailer, black and purple ink on brown paper, approximately 10 1/2 x 17 1/2 inches folding as issued to 4 1/4 x 6 inch mailer.

Includes "famous special dishes"; price of a large bottle of wine is 90c.

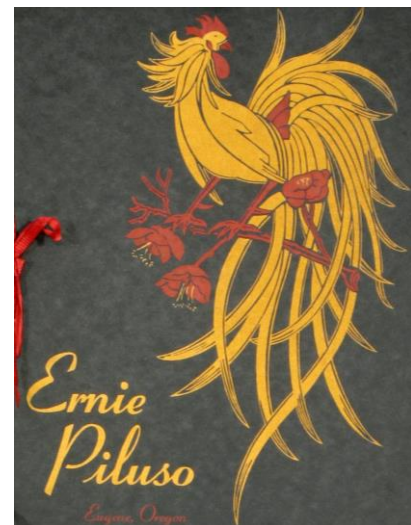
[Stock #46737] US\$ 60.00

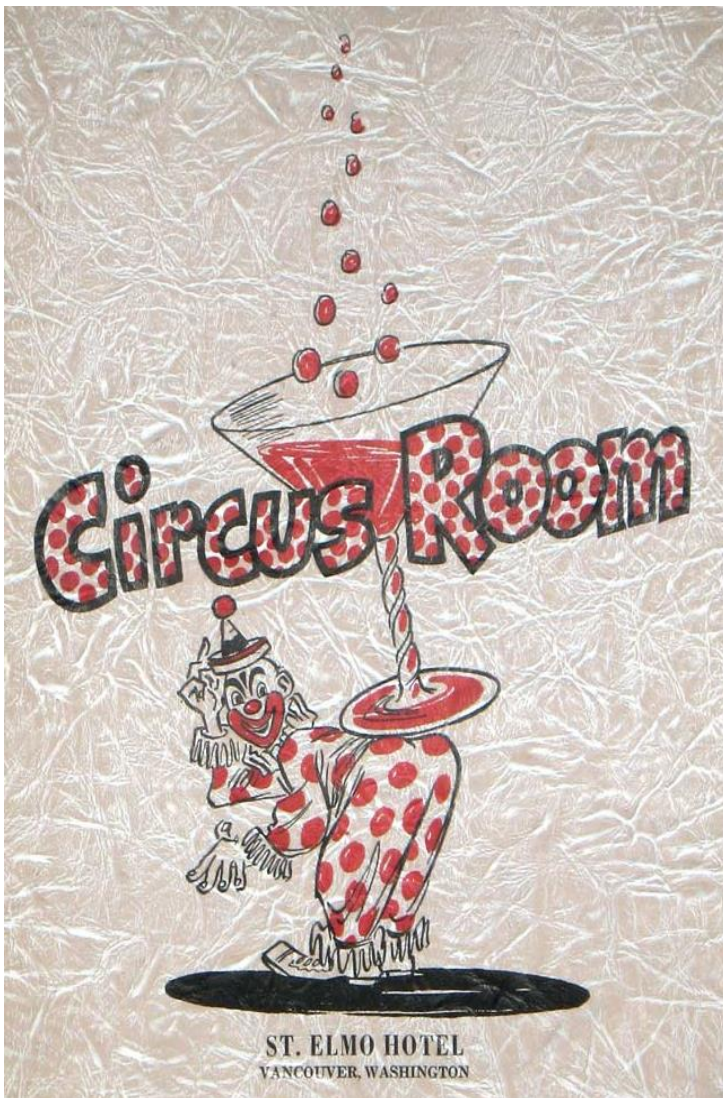
OREGON -EUGENE) **Ernie Piluso.**

Piluso's. Eugene, OR. No date. Ca. 1950s.

Classy menu 11 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches for noted wrestler Ernie Piluso's restaurant in Eugene, Oregon. No address or date given. Prices (Thick English Lamb Chops \$1.75) suggest mid-1950s. Good clean condition.

[Stock #54210] US\$ 45.00





WASHINGTON - VANCOUVER )

**Circus Room.**

Circus Room. Vancouver, WA. 1949.

Menu, 13 x 10 inches, for a restaurant and bar located in the St. Elmo Hotel, a circa 1900 hotel in downtown Vancouver, Washington. The menu reports that the "Chocolate Soldier," one of the alcoholic beverages listed on the menu and priced at 63¢ was "Awarded prize as champion cocktail of Europe for 1949." By whom this great honor was bestowed is not revealed. The Circus Room's existence was clearly facilitated by passage of Washington State Initiative 171 in the Presidential Election of November 1948. The Initiative authorized the sale of liquor by the drink in restaurants, hotels, clubs etc. A modest listing of Chinese dishes comprises the food offerings on the menu; the bulk of the menu's listings are devoted to alcohol: Scotch, Bourbon, Gin, etc. etc. plus a special listing of "Tropical" beverages, for example the Zombie ("A man's drink, as only a lumberjack can handle this") or the Scorpion ("Served in a huge bowl for two people"). Menu in very good clean condition, presumably from the first year of operation. The cover of the menu features a circus clown balancing an oversize cocktail glass on his

butt...presumably indicative of the good times to be had at the St. Elmo. [Stock #54212] US\$ 65.00

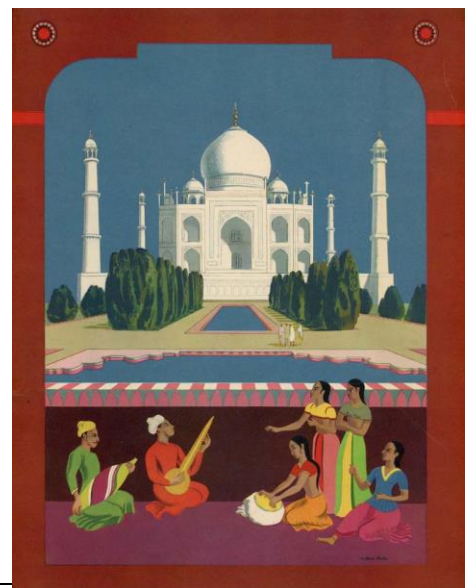
AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES) Sheets, Millard (illus).

**S. S. President Wilson Maiden Voyage (Menu)**

American President Lines. California. 05-09- 1948.

Attractive S. S. President Wilson menu, 11 x 8 3/4 inches, for the vessel's Maiden Voyage with Honolulu its destination. For some reason the Millard Sheets artwork on the cover, depicting the Taj Mahal, was deemed appropriate for this inaugural voyage. A very light crease to top free edge of rear cover; overall very good clean condition.

An attractive menu by an esteemed artist. [Stock #54254] US\$ 65.00





CANADA - ONTARIO) **Childs Restaurant.**

Childs (Restaurant). 1224 Peel Street (Niagara Falls, Ontario). **1948.**

Menu for Childs Restaurant (Ontario, Canada) printed on verso of a folded panoramic view of Niagara Falls. Menu features a staple-attached listing of "Club Luncheons Including Dessert and Beverage" priced between 40¢ and 70¢. Text regarding "not responsible for personal property" etc. printed in English and French. Menu dated 1948. Good condition.

[Stock #54213] **US\$ 38.00**

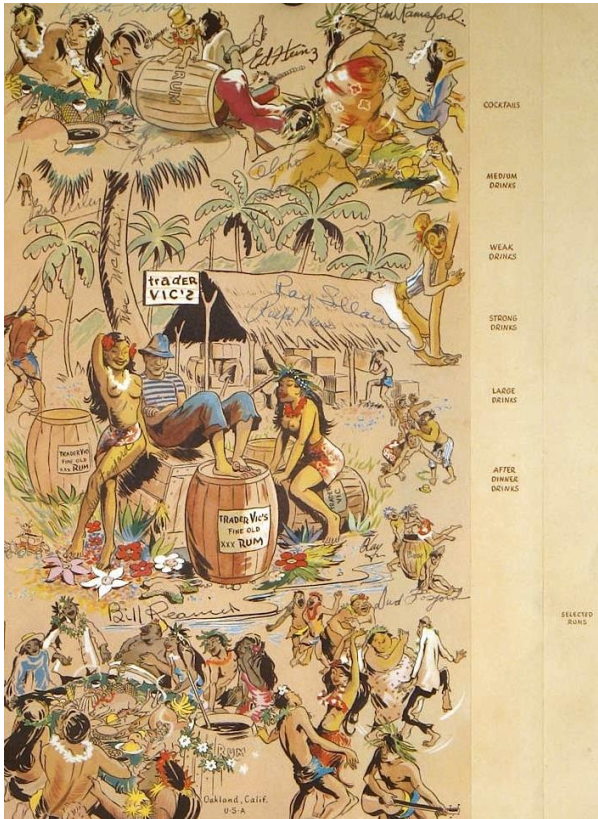
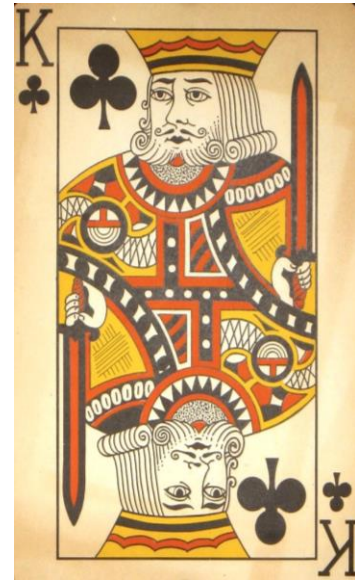
OREGON - PORTLAND) **King O' Clubs Theater Restaurant.**

King O' Clubs Restaurant. Portland, OR. No date. Ca. **1948?**

Menu 12 1/2 x 8 1/2 inches featuring an image of the King of Spades playing card on the front cover. Text on rear cover suggests folding the menu and putting it in the mail. Message and address panels provided, with area indicated for a 3¢ stamp. The "Theater Restaurant" advertises shows at 9:00 pm and midnight, with cocktail service beginning at 11 am. Menu features entrées priced between \$2.50 and \$4.00 (including cocktails, soup, and dessert). A short drinks offering lists wine and beer. Rear cover notes "Wyn Walker and his Orchestra"; also "Tommy Smith Singing MC" and "Irene Lambeth, Owner and Manager." Good clean condition.

[Stock #54214]

**US\$ 85.00**



CALIFORNIA - OAKLAND) Kay, William F.

(illus). **Trader Vic's.**

Trader Vic's. Oakland, Cal. **1947.**

Imposing 1947 drinks menu for Trader Vic's with cover art by William F. Kay. Drinks are organized by size (Small, Medium, Large), by potency (Weak, Strong). Also a listing of Hot Drinks is provided. Rear two pages offer a selection of rums from around the world. Essay on rear cover begins with the sentence "It is always with great pleasure that I look back and reminisce on the important part that Rum has played in the molding of empires." The cover art by William F. Kay has been augmented with the signatures of a dozen or so men, presumably at a fraternal get-together where rum provided a central focus. Otherwise, menu in very good clean condition.

Printed notation at bottom of menu states "Oakland, Calif. U.S.A." [Stock #54215] **US\$ 95.00**

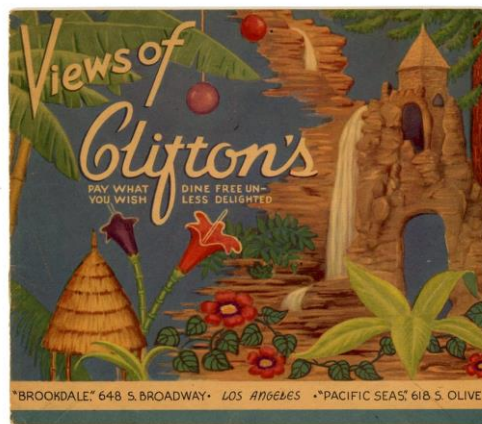
CALIFORNIA - LOS ANGELES / MENU) **"Views of Clifton's" Restaurant.**

Pictorial California. Los Angeles. No date. Ca. 1946.

Photo-illustrated booklet, 5 1/4 x 6 inches, 24 pp., featuring the highlights of Clifton's two Los Angeles restaurants:

"Pacific Sea's Restaurant" on Olive Street and "Brookdale" on South Broadway. Sepia-tone photos of both restaurants depict bizarre decor, including ersatz waterfalls, a "little chapel for meditation" (holds 2), a neon palm tree, live organ music, a rain hut with showers every 20 minutes; also a short-haul tour bus (20 miles around LA for 15 cents) and much more. Booklet advertises "Pay What You Wish" for meals, "Dine Free Unless Delighted"; also a five cent "multi-purpose meal (no charge for those without funds)" and so much more your head will spin plus recurring bad dreams are inevitable. Booklet bright and clean and in very good condition.

Text on rear cover advises that several services (including "free sherbet") have, alas, been "modified until ration and tax restrictions lifted" (i.e. don't ask for the freebie). Rear cover also has two areas where staples were once attached, perhaps holding "a colored photograph of a view of Los Angeles," as described on a WorldCat listing (two libraries only hold the item) for a 1951 iteration of the booklet. Quite possibly it is some other gratuitous item that is missing. In sum: an unusual and mind-numbing piece of ephemera in very good condition. Scary. Scarce. [Stock #54216] **US\$ 145.00**



CALIFORNIA - HOLLYWOOD RESTAURANT)

**The Wooden Shoe Restaurant.** Hollywood, CA. 1941.

The die-cut menu, shaped like a Dutch wooden shoe (12 1/2 x 5 inches folded), features dinner choices priced between 75¢ and \$1.50. Dinners include soup, salad, main course, two veggies, bowl of red cabbage, dutch potato dumping, bread and butter, choice of dessert, cheese and crackers, tea or coffee, etc. Notice on menu states: "Prices of dinners which include ingredients imported from the Netherlands or the Dutch Possessions are subject to change without notice due to conditions beyond our control." One side of the folded menu is formatted to facilitate mailing, and address details have been filled out in pencil, while inside the menu, a note from "Flora & Carl" features lines in pencil flowing from their 75¢ and 85¢ menu choices. Although postage stamp is missing, cancellation mark is present, dated June

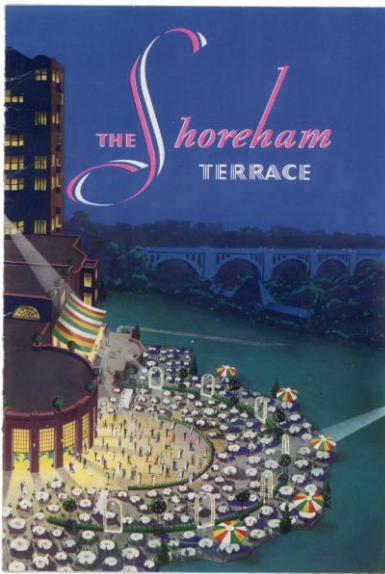
17, 1941, six months before Pearl Harbor--and the onset of "conditions beyond our control." [Stock #54255] **\$ 75.00**

OREGON - PORTLAND) **Pago Pago.** Portland, OR. No date. Ca. 1940s.

Pago Pago menu featuring a jade configuration on the front and rear covers with, on rear cover, an inset photo of the stage used by musicians, the bar, and at a further remove, tables for diners. The menu opens to two pages featuring Chinese food with, at rear, an additional two pages announcing "Delicious American Dishes" plus the coy "May we suggest a glass of wine before dinner?" In his book "Portland Confidential" Phil Stanford states that the venue, operated by a man named Al Winter, fronted a full-service gambling operation on the second floor and that Winter moved to Las Vegas in 1950 and was one of the principals in founding the Sahara casino/hotel on the strip. The menu is a handsome production in very good clean condition. [Stock #54217] **US\$ 115.00**







WASHINGTON D.C.) **The Shoreham Terrace.**

The Shoreham. Washington, D.C. 1939.

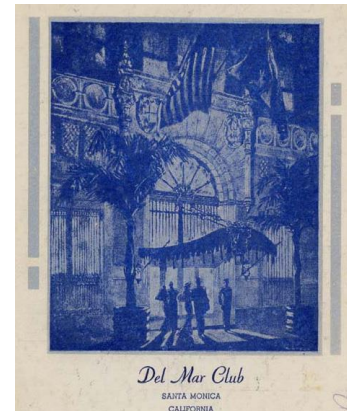
Attractive menu, 11 x 7 inches, very good condition, with artistically rendered color cover depicting the Terrace at the Shoreham Hotel at night, seen from above and at a distance. The Terrace features a centrally located circular dance floor replete with formally attired couples supposedly having a good time. A colossal number of tables for diners surround the dance floor, the white tablecloths suggesting invasive mushrooms. Menu is dated July 8, 1939. Interior of menu, with slight spotting, features a \$1.00 luncheon menu with, opposite, the á la carte dinner menu (chocolate éclair 25¢). An uncommon item.

Menu printed by the National Capital Press, Washington. [Stock #54218] US\$ 110.00

CALIFORNIA - SANTA MONICA ) **Del Mar Club Santa Monica California.**

Del Mar Club. California. 02-26- 1936.

À la Carte menu for the Del Mar Club of Santa Monica, 11 x 7 1/2 inches. Blue-tone image on front cover illustrates the sumptuous entrance, with uniformed attendant. Two pages of menu items on the interior (most in the \$1.00 and under range) with a 70¢ Plate Luncheon offering described on a small sheet clipped to top of menu's second page. Notice on menu states "Tipping of Employees Is Positively Prohibited." Menu has been marred with scribbled initials and numerals, otherwise very clean with time-toning to rear cover. An uncommon menu reflecting depression-era pricing. [Stock #54221] \$ 85.00



LOS ANGELES RESTAURANT EPHEMERA) **Lucca In Los Angeles (Menu and Brochure).**

Lucca Restaurant. Los Angeles. 1933.

Pictorial brochure, 11 x 8 1/2 inches, 8 pp. including covers, plus a separate menu (5 3/4 x 3 3/4 inches opening to 5 3/4 x 11 inches), for Lucca (Restaurant) located on the SW corner of Western Avenue and Fifth Street in Los Angeles (a location now occupied by a Carl Jr. fast-food and drive-through). Both items in very good clean condition.

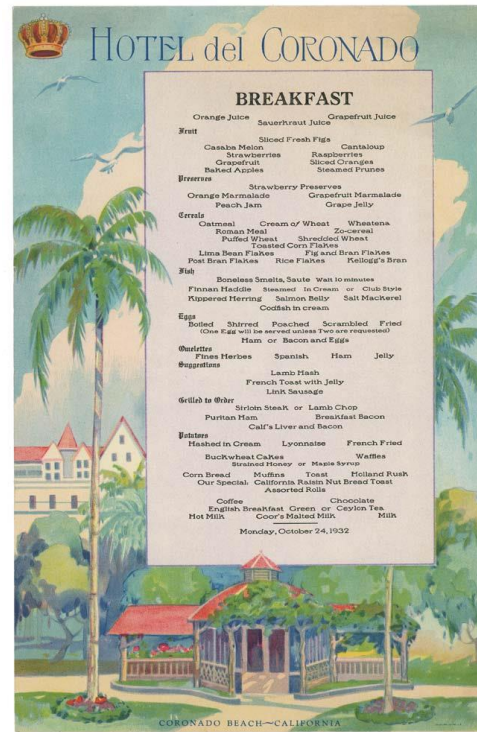
Brochure promotes Lucca's 65¢ luncheon, \$1.00 Dinner, and 75c "Famous Supper" (10 p.m to 2 a.m.) Photo on cover depicts the friendly staff while within photos illustrate the kitchen, pastry shop, and

the restaurant's elegant exterior. Rear cover advertises the Lucca in San Francisco. The folded three-panel leaflet menu, designed for mailing, opens to abbreviated dinner offerings featuring 10 hot or cold entrées. Last interior page of brochure features uplifting messages from Calvin Coolidge and Franklin D. Roosevelt, and also the reassuring message from the management: "If you are a steady patron of Lucca's you will notice the complete absence of common gastric disturbances." [Stock #54256] US\$ 95.00

CALIFORNIA - SANTA MONICA) **Hotel del Coronado Breakfast.**

Hotel del Coronado. Coronado Beach, California. 10-24-1932.

Depression-era breakfast menu, 10 1/2 x 7 inches, for the Hotel del Coronado. No prices given; breakfast presumably part of the package. Very light horizontal fold; blank verso. Menu produced by Union Litho, Los Angeles. [Stock #54222] US\$ 45.00

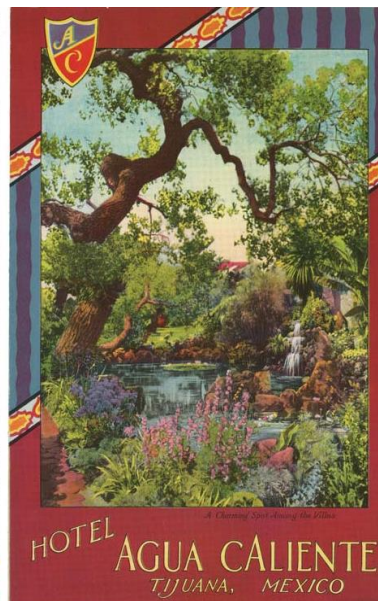
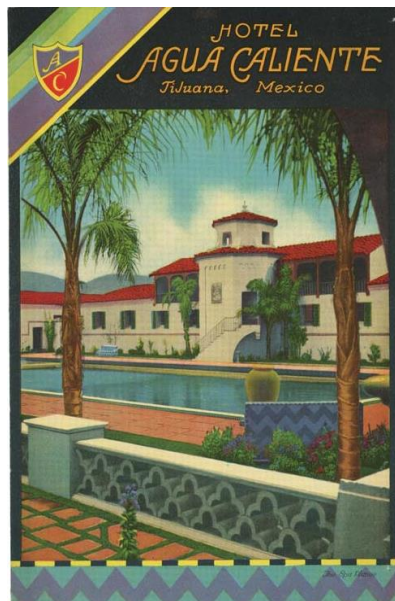


MEXICO) **Hotel Agua Caliente.**

Hotel Agua Caliente. Tijuana, Mexico. 1932.

Two colorful menus, 10 1/4 x 7 inches, for the Hotel Caliente dated 1932. Two interior pages feature, on left page, information on the golf and country club and opposite, a dinner menu, priced at \$2.50. Rear page features photos of the hotel, golf course, and race track. Horizontal fold to one menu, imperceptible on front cover. On the second, a hand-written comment in English, splashed across two interior pages, signed by the Mexican composer María Grever.

Two uncommon Mexican menus from the famous spa, with one signed by the well-known composer. [Stock #54223] US\$ 125.00





ENGLAND – LONDON / MENU) **Restaurant Frascati.**

Frascati's London's Floral Restaurant. Oxford Street, London. No date. Ca. 1930.

Ribbon-bound menu, 11 x 7 1/2 inches, with tipped-in front cover photo of the Winter Garden Restaurant within the Frascati premises. Four pages of text wax lyrical regarding the glories of the restaurant. "Frascati's! Whisper that name in the ears of a million exiles--and what a gleam will kindle in the tired eyes, what a yearning become urgent in home-sick hearts!" The menu's four page text is descriptive only--no listing of food or drink is offered. Presumably a substantial (and constantly changing) insert would provide listings relating to these provisions. Menu has small spot at top of front page and an area of light spotting on rear cover. Tipped-in photo image on front cover has 1/2 inch tear in upper left corner and light crease (barely noticeable) starting at this flaw and extending to photo's bottom edge. A small illustration showing traffic and pedestrians on the first page

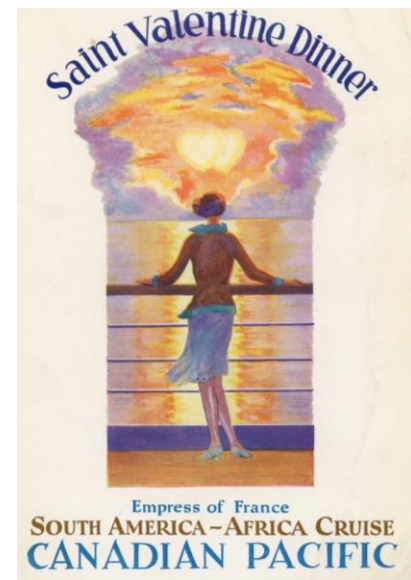
suggests, based on clothing and vehicular traffic, a circa 1930 date. An uncommon ephemeral item, with issues noted. [Stock #54224] US\$ 110.00

CANADIAN PACIFIC / MENU) **South America--Africa Cruise Canadian Pacific.**

Canadian Pacific. Liverpool, England (?) 1928.

Vintage menu (St. Valentine Dinner, February 14) from a 1928 "Empress of France" Canadian Pacific Cruise. The ship's maiden voyage took place in 1914. Rear cover of menu features the "Valentine Musical Program" with selections from Verdi, Strauss, Saint-Saens, and others. Light "bump" to bottom free edge corner. Overall very good clean condition.

[Stock #54225] US\$ 30.00



JAMAICA / MENU) **Myrtle Bank Hotel, Kingston Jamaica.**

United Fruit Company. Kingston, Jamaica. 1926.

Luncheon menu, 7 3/4 x 5 1/2 inches, dated March 11, 1926, photos on one side of menu and luncheon choices on verso. The hotel dates from 1918 and advertised over 200 rooms. Soft horizontal fold, otherwise good condition.

Menu states "Owned and Operated by the United Fruit Company." [Stock #54226] US\$ 48.00

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