

Olds Trumpet #416

Olds trumpet #416 appeared on Ebay in 2023 from a descendent of the second owner. An interesting search about its history ensued.

- 1915 Philip Pelz (1864-1942)(photo 1) is in San Francisco to conduct the orchestra for the Pan American Exposition. He was the conductor for the Russian Imperial Court Band for Czar Nicholas II (Pacific Pharmacist, 1915).
- 1922 Pelz is a music director and composer living in Portland, Oregon (city directory).
- 1931 Pelz purchases Olds trumpet #416 and has it custom engraved (photo 2).
- 1942 Pelz dies in Tacoma Park MD on October 24 (Find-a-Grave). He was in Washington DC to assist government officials in organizing an orchestra to be used in the war. He left a son, Mischa Pelz (1893-1944), a conductor of a civic orchestra in Portland (obit, *The Billboard*).
- 1942 The trumpet is sold to Larry E. Prigg (1926-2008)(photo 3) from Vashon Island, Washington (inscription on bell). How he acquired this is a mystery. He uses this in a jazz band while on a Navy ship in WWII.

Larry teaches elementary school for 32 years then retires to teach part-time as a substitute band teacher. He had a life-long passion for jazz music and the trumpet. He had a band called "Resurrected Swing" (obituary).

- 2023 The trumpet is sold on Ebay for \$950.

