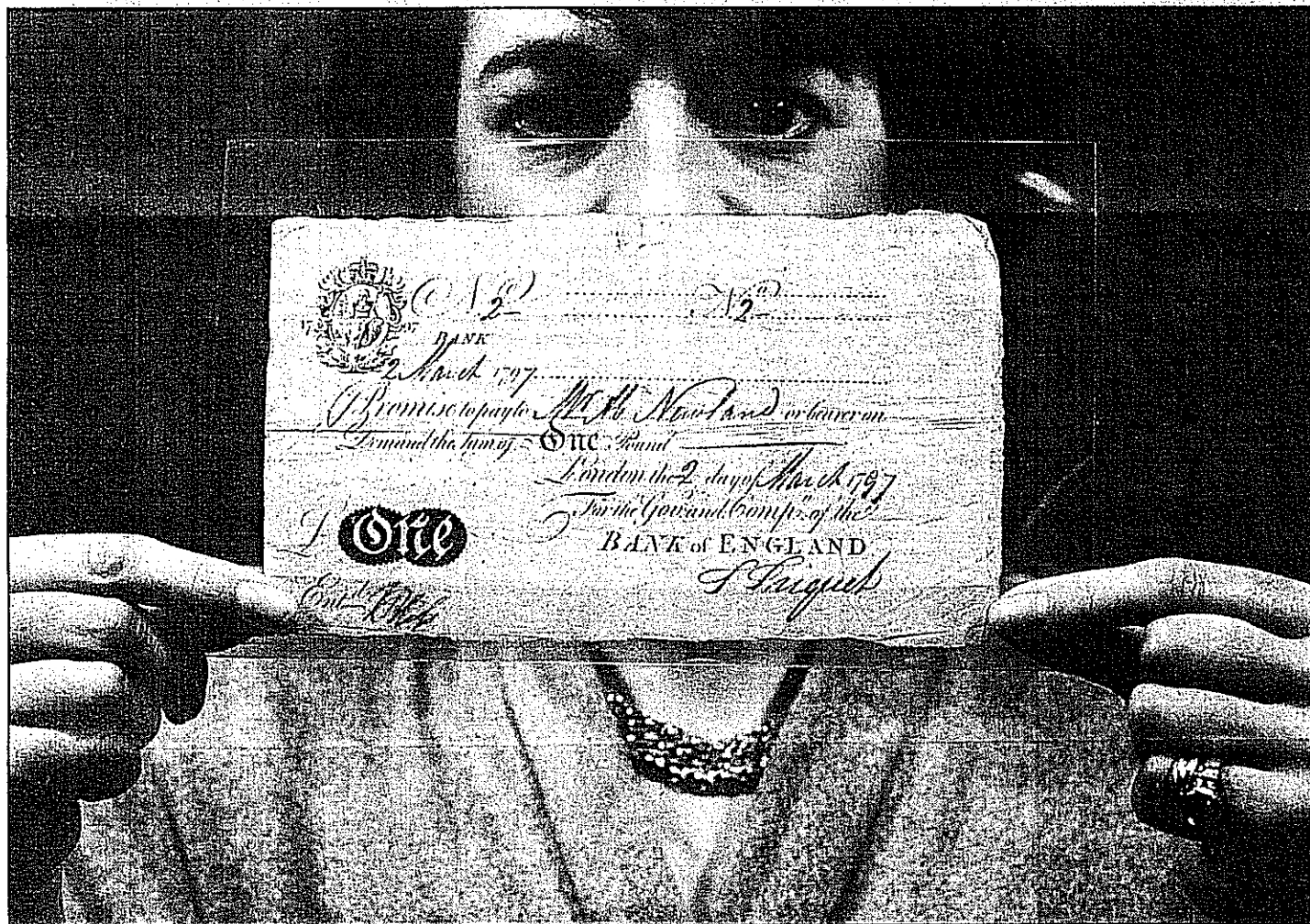


## Rarity pushes up value of Bank of England's oldest pound note by £51,999



Iona Sale, of Spink & Son, displaying the second pound note issued and the oldest in existence. Dated 2 March 1797, it fetched £52,000 when it was auctioned at Christie's last night. It was bought by Lou Manzie, from Southend, Essex, who said: "This is a real prize, a substantial piece of history. I expected to pay around £30,000 for it, but I think £52,000 is a good price."

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