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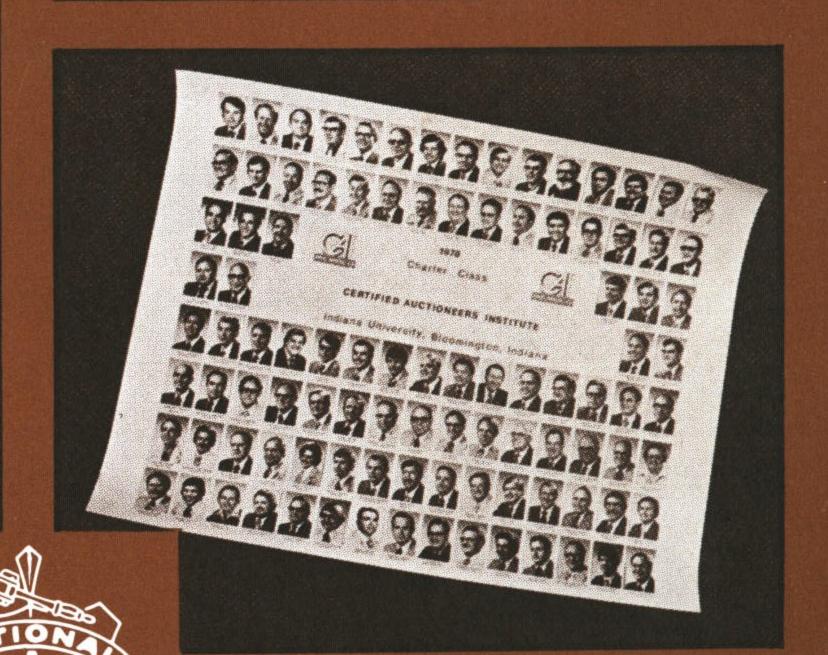
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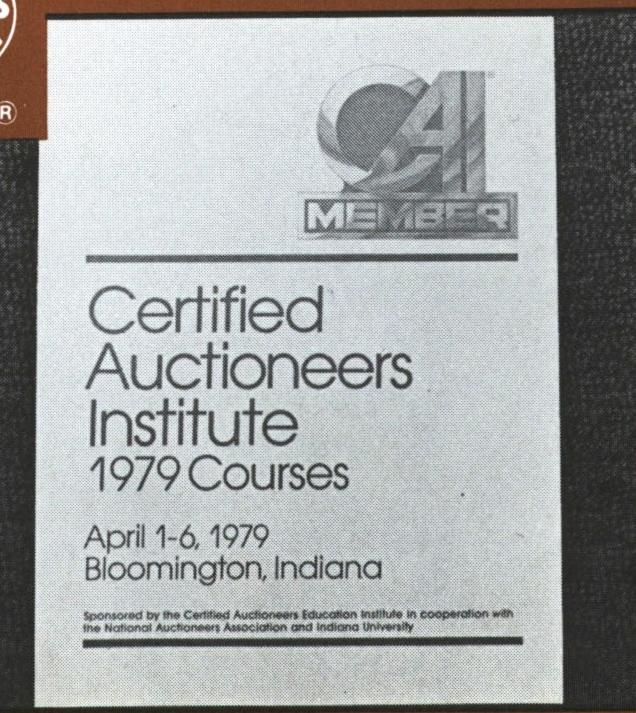
















Auctioneer Hat

Stetson "Wisp"

New Hats Well Received in Boston!

The annual convention in Boston is now history. Those not in attendance missed a really spectacular convention. As we told you we tried several new items and found what would sell and what would not. Our regular auctioneer hat line held up good and we sold many of the beautiful Silver Belly Felt hats as pictured above as well as a good supply of our Milan Straws in brim width: $2\frac{1}{8}$ ", $2\frac{3}{8}$ " and $2\frac{5}{8}$ ".

Our White Panama went over so good that someone stole our sample. It comes with 2½" brim.

What really took the day was the new Stetson "Wisp", pictured above. It is western in style, silver belly in color and is a real nice hat. The Marlboro and Stampede did not go over; therefore we are not adding either of these. The T-shirts were so-so; the beautiful Car Coats, with orlon collars, went over big and we are adding the Putty Colored Car Coat to the line.

The monogrammed jump suits did not do anything;

nor did the over-the-calf sox with the NAA emblem on them. The baseball-type caps did not do anything either.

Our sterling silver gold-plated gavel tie tacs, with man made diamonds, did quite well as did the sterling silver gold plated plain gavel tie tacs. Listed below is now what we have. We are expecting a price increase on all our hats before the first of the year so order yours today!

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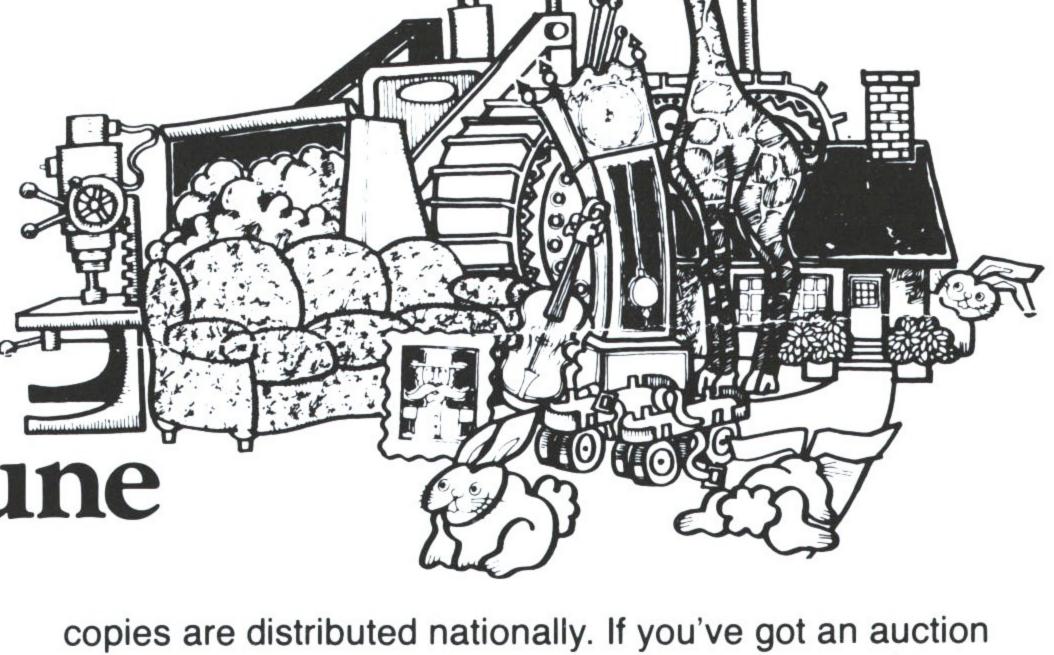
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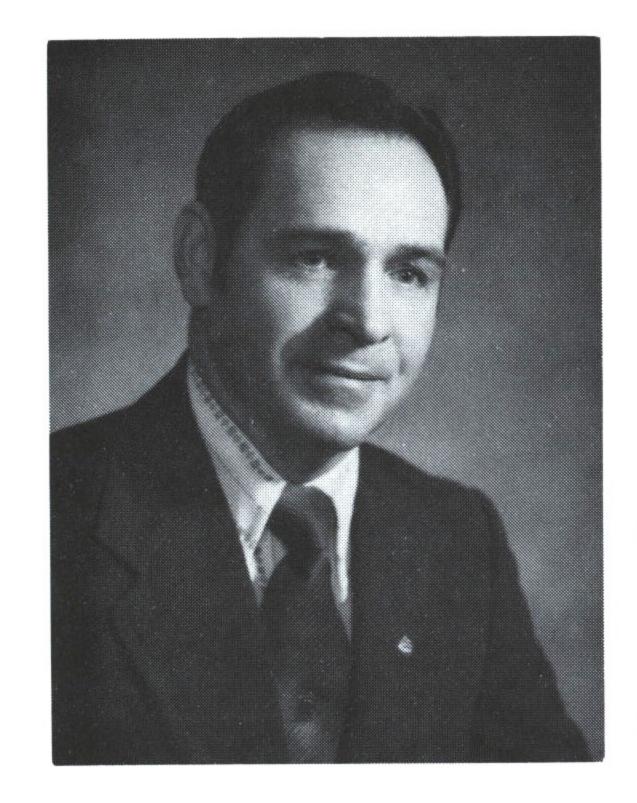
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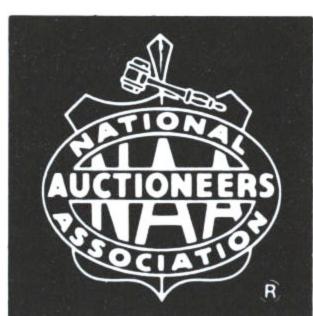


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1978 Was An Outstanding Auction Year; 1979 Indicates to be More Successful!

Now that the Holidays have come and gone, we can all be thankful for the joys that Christmas brings. As I reflect back on 1978 it was indeed a good year for us. I truly hope it was a prosperous one for all of our Association members.

This has been an outstanding year in our industry. Even with inflation as it is today, we are doing far better than decades ago. Many of you can remember when a farm auction would total \$20,000 and was considered outstanding back in the 40's.

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As many of you know, this is a slower time for the auction business in our area. This gives Pat and I a chance to attend more meetings and conventions. Although January is slower we have had more auc-

tions scheduled than the previous year.

January was a very busy month for us, as I was in St. Louis on January 16 and 17 for a C.A.I. meeting. As the month progressed we attended the Minnesota State Convention in St. Paul on January 21 and 22 and then the Las Vegas Seminar and board meeting in Las Vegas on January 29 thru February 1.

Pat and I enjoyed our trip to the Virginia State Convention in Virginia Beach, Virginia. We encountered a bit of sleet and rain in leaving Fort Wayne, Indiana, however, but enjoyed a good flight down and back. We do want to thank the Virginia Association

for the warm hospitality shown to us.

We also would like to apologize to the Wisconsin auctioneers for not being able to attend their State Convention. When we arrived at the South Bend Airport to depart for their convention in Madison, all flights were cancelled that day due to sleet, fog and rain. We then tried driving it by car and got as far as Michigan City, Indiana when we made the decision to return home due to freezing rain.

Again, we want to remind the association members of the seminars in Nashville, Tennessee. There still may be a spot open for you if you pick up the phone and call our Executive Director, Harvey

McCray in Lincoln. Please do it today!!!

Most often we are asked what changes one might expect in our profession in the years to come. My answer to that is, the passing of an auctioneer's license law by your legislators. Hopefully you will become involved. Contact your legislators, and express your views toward drafting a law before you become stunned when one was passed without your input and thoughts. Please try to work with your legislator to implement a license law, if one is pending, which will meet with your needs and improve the future of your profession.

Again, I must stress how we all can benefit by continuing our education. Please don't overlook the C.A.I. program at Indiana University, which will begin April 1, 1979. I feel this week long program can offer much to your success in the auction profession.

I also want to remind each of you of the important programs, which have been planned for the remainder of the 1978-79 NAA year. I already have mentioned the Nashville Seminars (February 19-21, 1979) and the Certified Auctioneers Institute (CAI—April 1-6, 1979) and need to remind everyone of National Auctioneer Week (April 22-28, 1979) and the 1979 NAA Convention in Denver, Colorado (July 11-, 14, 1979—Hilton Hotel).

Plan ahead for these events and activities and participate in all of them if you can.

Harvey C. Lambright, President

1979 Convention Fun Auction . . .

NAA Members Urged to Participate In This Important Convention Event

In just a few short months we will be gathering together in the Mile High city of Denver, Colorado, to enjoy another great NAA National Convention. There isn't an auctioneer in the country who can afford to miss this Convention! There is not another place in the world you can go to have fellowship with the number of auctioneers, members of your own Continued on page 5

THE AUCTIONEER

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NAA Meetings Schedule

Scheduling has been approved by the NAA board of directors and the following NAA Conventions have been announced by the board for future years.

NAA Convention Sites

- 1979 Denver Hilton Hotel, July 11-14, Denver, Colorado
- 1980 Opryland Hotel, July 30-August 2, Nashville, Tennessee
- 1981 Las Vegas Hilton Hotel, July 29-August 1, Las Vegas, Nevada
- 1982 Hilton Hotel, July 28-31, Atlanta, Georgia

1979 NAA Seminars

February 19-20-21 — Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee

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1979 NAA Fun Auction

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Where else can you learn from your fellow auctioneers? No place but Denver in July, 1979, and one of the many attractions of the 1979 Convention will be the Fun Auction conducted at the Denver Hilton Hotel — convention headquarters — on Thursday evening, July 12, 1979, at 7:00 p.m.

We want YOU to get involved in this auction! Bring items to sell and show how it is sold in your area. Make requests to your State Auctioneers Associations to bring items representative of your state and have your State Association president sell it!

The Fun Auctions in the past have all been great successes and a credit to the Association and the

CONVENTION DATES

February 19-21 — National Auctioneers Association Seminar. Opryland Hotel, Nashville. Tennessee.

March 2-3 — Montana Auctioneers Association, Yogo Inn, Lewistown.

March 24-25 — Kansas Auctioneers Association, Downtown Ramada Inn, Topeka.

March 29-30 — Illinois Auctioneers Association, Spring Convention, Rochelle.

April — Mississippi Auctioneers Association, Downtown Holiday Inn, Jackson.

April 1-6 — Certified Auctioneers Institute, Indiana Memorial Union, Bloomington, Indiana.

April 8-9 — Kentucky Auctioneers Association, Executive Inn Rivermont, Owensboro.

April 16 — New Hampshire Auctioneers Association, Manchester.

April 17 — Maine Auctioneers Association, 25th Anniversary, Senator Motel, Augusta.

April 20-21 — Arkansas Auctioneers Association, Spring Convention, Batesville.

May 5-6 — Missouri State Auctioneers Association.

May 6 — Alabama Auctioneers Association, Holiday Inn Downtown, Montgomery.

June 4 — Georgia Auctioneers Association.

June 7-8 — Wisconsin Auctioneers Association, Inc., Holiday Inn, Rhinelander.

June 10-11 — Tennessee Auctioneers Association, Ramada Inn, Jackson.

JULY 11-14 — NATIONAL AUCTIONEERS ASSOCIATION, DENVER HILTON HOTEL, DENVER, COLORADO.

October 27-28 — Iowa Auctioneers Association, Red Fox Inn, Waverly.

November 4-5 — New York State Auctioneers Association, Holiday Inn, Saratoga.

November 10-11 — Washington State Auctioneers Association, Yakima.

December 1-2 — Virginia Auctioneers Association, Manassas.

New Jersey State Society of Auctioneers meets bi-monthly all year — February, April, June, August, October and December. many auctioneers involved in them. Last year over \$12,000 was realized out of the generous contributions, and the excellent selling ability of the auctioneers involved.

We shall endeavor to top the performances of the past; therefore, we are making a few changes. We hope these changes will make it possible for us to reach a new high in returns from the Fun Auction since this added income at the Convention is what makes it possible to furnish the excellent programs you will enjoy in Denver and the low convention rates that will be available to you. Good Fun Auction returns will allow children 12 and under to be registered free.

Get your merchandise ready fellow auctioneers!!, and I submit a special challenge to the State Associations!!! Let's make this Fun Auction in Denver one to remember!!!

> Rex B. Newcom, NAA Director Chairman, 1979 NAA Fun Auction



In Memoriam...

LOUIS B. STAMBLER

Louis B. Stambler, NAA Hall of Fame recipient and long-time supporter of the NAA and its activities died of a massive heart attack, following a very serious heart operation. Lou, from Honolulu, Hawaii, died during the weekend of December 16, 1978 in Honolulu and he was buried in Los Angeles, California.

ROGER L. POTTER

Roger L. Potter of Tucson, Arizona, was reported deceased when his copy of THE AUCTIONEER was returned to the NAA Office by the Post Office. The date of NAA member Potter's death was May 29, 1978, but cause was not submitted.

CHRIS DAWSON

The Post Office has returned THE AUCTIONEER magazine which was addressed to Chris Dawson, 206 Howard Street, Waverly, Ohio, with the comment that Mr. Dawson is deceased. Information in the newsletter of the Ohio Auctioneers Association reported his death, but additional information on the cause was not made available.

HUBERT AMOS

Hubert Amos of Box 553, Scio, Ohio, has been reported deceased by the Post Office and his name was reported in the deceased list of Ohio Auctioneers Association members. Additional information on cause of death was not available.

E. R. BARRENTINE

E. R. Barrentine of Alapaha, Georgia, when invoiced for his NAA dues for the 1979 year, was reported deceased. Additional information was not submitted.



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For further information write us at the address above. Please include a description of the scope of your auction service and the extent of your real estate experience.

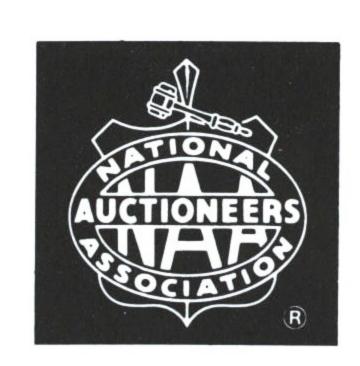
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April 1-6, 1979

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Late Registrations Possible To Nashville Seminar If Registrant Can Get Room at Opryland Hotel

Space is still available to NAA members who wish to attend the 1979 NAA Seminars program at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, providing the hotel still has rooms available. The Opryland Hotel held the room commitments until 30 days in advance of the Seminars, but may have rooms available if the late registrant RUSHES the hotel reservation form to the hotel IMMEDIATELY.

State Governors Will Be Asked To Recognize Auction Method of Selling **During National Auctioneers Week**

Members of the National Auctioneers Association through the cooperation and support of the State Auctioneers Associations, are being asked to observe National Auctioneers Week again in 1979 through programs, which will help create a good public image for auction activities.

Annually, National Auctioneers Week is observed during April and the dates of the 1979 observance is April 22-28, 1979. The National Auctioneers Week committee will review the NA Week program at the January 31-February 1 meeting of the board of directors, but "ground work" can be made early by NAA members to be certain the state governors, city mayors, the news media and publishers of national, regional, state and/or local magazines and newspapers will recognize the auction method of selling real and personal property in the publications.

The National Auctioneers Week committee is in hopes of having NAA members support the 1979 observance by working through State Associations' officers so that the state governors can be contacted early and have a resolution passed, which can be

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used when the Week is observed. A suggested resolution will be published in the March, 1979, issue of THE AUCTIONEER and State Associations can also revise, add to or reconstruct the suggested resolution to meet the needs of the State Association and/or the State Governor.

The National Auctioneers Association asked for nationwide observance of National Auctioneers Week several years ago and through the cooperative efforts of many NAA and State Association members, these observances have made many people aware of the value of selling via the auction method. The "National" association of auctioneers has added impetus to the profession and when governmental dignitaries — state, county and local — realize how well represented auctioneers are throughout the country, the good image of the profession will be the end results.

Use the suggested resolution when it appears in the next issue of THE AUCTIONEER magazine and work with the State Association officers to have National Auctioneers Week observed in your state. Take it upon yourself by combining your efforts with other NAA members in your county and/or city to have the observance recognized by your mayor or county officials.

Support the NAA's programs and goals by using the NAA logo on your advertising material, indicating that you are a member in good standing of the National Auctioneers Association. Support of good auction ethics will be recognized in your advertisements when you tell the public that you are a member of the National Auctioneers Association.

The auction method of selling real and personal property has created more interest now than ever before. The public has become aware of the value of auctioneers and the services they perform.

Use National Auctioneers Week as an "aide" to your local publicity and advertising campaigns—it'll reap rewards for your business in the long run.

Auctioneers are proud people! Make the public aware of your professional pride by supporting:

National Auctioneers Week, 1979 — April 22-28, 1979!

Members Urged to Participate In NAA Advertising Contest! Rules To Be in Next Issue

The board of directors of the NAA will meet at the end of January (January 31 and February 1, 1979) and one of the primary responsibilities of the board is to review and approve the Advertising Contest rules and procedures. The rules are reviewed annually to allow members the opportunity to submit their comments and ideas as to how the contest can assist the membership in general, but to provide recognition to as many segments of the auction profession as possible.

NAA members are urged to participate in the Advertising Contest. Without risk of being in error before the committee submits to the board the 1979 rules, one requirement is that the advertising recognize the members' affiliation in the National Auction-

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National Auctioneers Association

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

1979 Denver NAA Convention July 11-15, 1979



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Arrival Day/Date	-
Arrival TimeGuaranteed?	
Departure Day/Date	*
NOTE: The NAA Convention will begin on Wednesday	

NOTE: The NAA Convention will begin on Wednesday evening, July 11 and conclude, following the President's Banquet and Ball, near midnight, on Saturday, July 14. Suggested departure date from the hotel Sunday, July 15, 1979. NAA vacationers who will participate in the preconvention activities may wish to arrive in time for the first event, scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, 1979.

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All nominations should be submitted to the NAA Office (for offices of officers and directors) so that Executive Director Harvey L. McCray can copy the nominations and submit them to the Nominating Committee in ample time to have the committee review the nominations.

The nominations should include support letters from the State Associations (showing the State Association endorsement, if available) and a biographical sketch of the proposed candidate. A black and white glossy photograph — current photo of the candidate — should be included and win or lose, the photo will be maintained in the candidates permanent file in the NAA Office.

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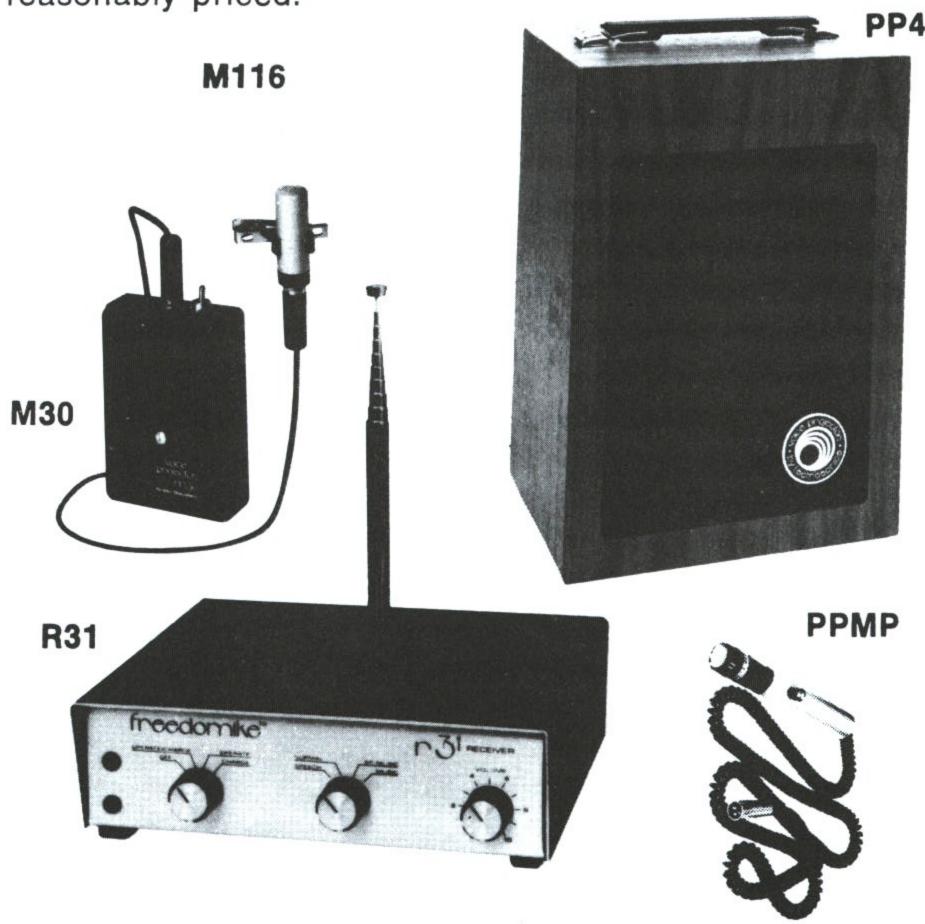
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The demand for qualified appraisers grows each year and no one is in a better position than the auctioneer to know current market value.

Although there are several types of personal property appraisals, including insurance, gift tax, etc., this article will deal primarily with estates.

Why the need for an estate appraisal? According to the Federal Estate Tax law the executor or administrator is required to file an inventory of the decendent's assets, both real and personal, with current fair market values. It is these values that the appraiser submits, which determines the amount, if due, of federal and state inheritance tax to be paid. This appraisal will also guide the heirs in making an equal property distribution. It also gives them a guideline as to what it will bring if sold at auction.

What is fair market value? Highest price estimated in terms of money that a willing and well informed buyer would be warranted in paying and a willing and equally well informed seller is justified in accepting if placed on the open market for a reasonable period of time and with both parties acting free of compulsion or duress.

Here is a format of appraisal:

Cover letter: This letter accompanies all appraisals and should state the appraisers qualifications and certifications, his disinterest as he is only acting as a third party, objective of appraisal (in case of estate appraisal merely stating that it is a fair market value approach to value) and above all the appraisers signature. It's amazing the number of appraisals I've seen without a signature.

Description of Articles:

1. First and foremost list the items separately and each with a number. Again, I've seen several appraisals listed as furniture in living room and a total or furnishings in residence and a total without a breakdown ie:

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- 2. Provide a reasonable description. If the specific item is a minor item (say a \$25.00 kneehole desk) then that's all that needs to be said. But if it is an oak, double pedestal, roll top with S slide and fitted interior worth \$750.00, you shouldn't write desk and a value. This should be done on all furnishings as well as equipment. If it is a tractor or automobile, the year, model, extra equipment must be listed. If an item is in below average condition that should be listed also.
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All auctioneers, whether they do appraisals or not, should maintain a library of books and should subscribe to various value guides, whether they be art, antiques, automobiles, farm equipment, etc. The value guides will not be the final judge as you must be, but at least they will offer you some guidelines.

When making an appraisal that includes many items, which you are totally unfamiliar with, don't try to fake it. Obtain some expert advice or turn down the appraisal.

Attorneys, banks and executors are looking for the same thing in appraisers as they do in auctioneers; PROFESSIONALISM. Being available and doing the proper job in appraisals could open the door to increased income for you.

It is advisable to join an association of appraisers just as you have joined the NAA. There is the Antique Appraisers Association headquartered in New York; the multi-disciplinary testing designation society, the American Society of Appraisers, headquartered in Washington, D.C. of which I am a senior member. It has designations in antiques, art, residential contents, real estate, machinery and equipment and other designations.

C. P. Terry Dunning, A.S.A., Director National Auctioneers Association Elgin, Illinois

Success of \$400,000 Dairy Farm Auction Attributed to Proper Preparation By NAA Director Jim Heike of Wisconsin

Uppermost in my mind at the time of this writing is the two day auction conducted a few days ago by my auction partner, Don Hanson, and me. It was the largest dairy farm personal property auction I have conducted in my more than twenty years in the auction business.

The total sale touched \$400,000 exceeding our appraisal by nearly 15%. When this happens, one cannot help but ask himself, "What made the sale this successful?" While we auctioneers tend to feel it is entirely attributed to our mesmorizing auction chant, careful analysis concedes that the key word is preparation.

It all began several weeks prior to the sale, actually the day the auction was booked. First of all, we had the full cooperation of the owner and his family. No sale can be really successful without this.

The weatherman also cooperated allowing several days with temperatures well above the freezing mark. This gave the owner an opportunity to clean the machinery with a high pressure hose and make needed repairs. A few days before the sale the machinery was attractively displayed in the proper sequence in a nearby field. Advertising was also extensive, covering a radius of approximately 100 miles, five to seven days prior to the sale date.



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Much of the credit for the success of the cattle auction must go to "Clarence," our capable and conscientious cow cleaner. He gave each cow a high pressure warm soapwater wash job. As customary, he brought along his bottle of "liquid wrench" as he calls it, and as usual the size of it was in direct proportion to the size of the herd. Being on the job at 1:00 a.m. on the morning of the auction to add his final touch was another important factor in obtaining a nearly \$1100 average on the 120 grade cow herd.

Careful attention was given to rearranging the cows in the stanchions according to size and type and to the order of sale. DHIA production records and other pertinent information was posted above each cow.

Early during the sale, a classy four year old, who before milking time would put Dolly Parton to shame, topped the sale at \$1950. I was sure that prices would falter when a pair of mature cows entered the ring with handle grips like a Harley Davidson. But several Amish farmers, who of course milk by hand, kept the market steady.

Interest in the young stock was also keen. One lot of 31 heifers, somewhat on the small side, bred

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thirty days, sold for \$720 each. A local cattle buyer with a faint Polish accent commented after observing the transaction: "Holstein heifers are like gold, but gold is high and people still buy it, why not heifers?"

On the second day, when the machinery and feed were sold, the crowd was even larger than on the first day. One farmer humorously commented that it reminded him of Wisconsin Farm Progress Days.

The John Deere 4400 combine seemed to highlight the interest and sold for \$34,500 to a Minnesota buyer; and the IHC four-wheel drive tractor was not far behind. When the sale was finished and one of the clerks finally pulled the handle on the adding machine for the last time for the grand total, my heart skipped a beat. The expression on the owner's face, when he was shown the total on the tape, made all the extra effort worthwhile.

It gave me a satisfied feeling of an auction well done that only an auctioneer can appreciate.



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Gordon and Paletz Featured . . .

Auctioneers Receive Good Publicity From News Articles Appearing in the Chicago Tribune in November of 1978

Two Chicago-area auctioneers, both NAA members, were given good publicity for their auction activities in the Wednesday, November 1, 1978 edition of the *Chicago Tribune* newspaper. NAA member Albert Paletz of Ace Auctioneers and Liquidators, Inc. was one of the auctioneers featured and his photo was shown, along with four others, offering information about a bike auction, sponsored by the Chicago Police Department in the International Amphitheatre.

Permission to use portions of the article were obtained by THE AUCTIONEER magazine and excerpts of the article written by Ruby Scott follow (Reprinted, courtesy of the *Chicago Tribune*).

Bike Auction

They all gathered to wheel and deal

"A MOTLEY LOT they were — some old, some new, all abandoned or unclaimed.

"One by one, they were placed on the auction block to be scrutinized by the crowd and then sold to the highest bidder, cash and carry.

"But those 'orphans' were getting a new lease on life. Nearly 330 unclaimed bicycles were put up for auction recently by the Chicago Police Department in the International Amphitheatre, 43rd and Halstead Streets.

"Whole families turned out to choose from 10-speeds, 3-speeds, and racing bikes, all sold "as is." Minors were not allowed to bid, but easily made their choices known through their grownup proxies.

"Professional auctioneers, from Ace Auctioneers and Liquidators, Inc., kept things moving along, and because the bikes had been available for viewing the day before and the morning of the auction, most of the buyers already knew which bikes they coveted.

"And in the spirit, the proceeds go to the Police Annuity and Benefit Fund."

Portions of the article were omitted, due to local references, but the article and Ruby Scott did a fine job of informing the public how effective the auction was. References were made, in the omitted portion of the article, how important it is for cyclists to keep their bikes locked securely and maintain a record of the serial numbers. Thousands of bicycles are stolen each year, and of those recovered, hundreds go unclaimed.

Though the auction was not desired, due to the manner in which the merchandise was made available, the auctioneers and the auction method served a worthwhile purpose.

The second Chicago Tribune article, which appeared in the same edition of the newspaper as did the bike auction information, was featured in the "Midweek Business Report" section of the paper



AUCTIONEER ALBERT PALETZ solicits bids on one of the many 10-speed bicycles up for sale at the Chicago Police Department's bike auction. (Photo courtesy of the Chicago Tribune.)

and under the heading, "People". The NAA auctioneer being featured was Michael M. Gordon, CAI, a well-known commercial and industrial auctioneer.

Portions of the article, written by Joseph Winski, (reprinted, courtesy of the *Chicago Tribune*) follow:

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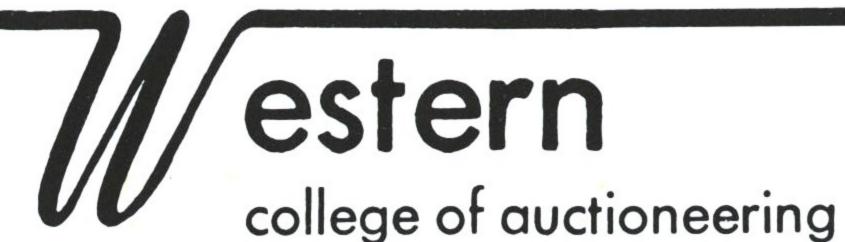
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"Getting the right buyers is the key, Gordon believes. 'A lot of the real old-timers don't think so,' he said. 'They rely on their regulars, people who follow them to every auction, mostly guys who are buying stuff to resell.

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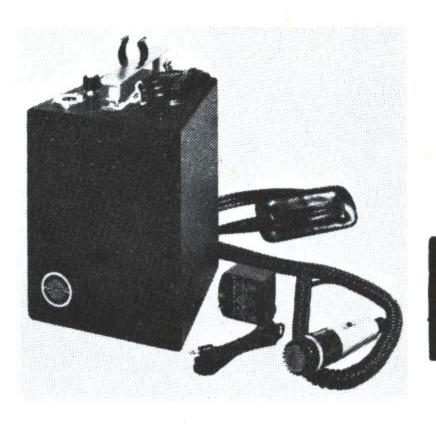
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1978), he sent out 12,000 circulars to South America, Central America and Canada as well as throughout the U.S. He put an ad in the Wall Street Journal and the Chicago Tribune.

"He looks for users because they will pay more than dealers who are buying for resale. You can spot the speculator, Gordon says; he's the one who makes a horizontal cutting motion with the hand that mean's he's offering half the price sought by the auctioneer. 'I ask them what that means,' Gordon says.

"More than 200 people showed up at the Good Humor auction, most of them users. Among the last to arrive is Gordon; he's in a tailored dark-blue, powder blue shirt and soft black loafers.

"Mingling with the crowd, he chats amiably, When he climbs to his seat on a wheeled platform, he becomes lord of the auction.

Gordon is one of the first industrial auctioneers to use bid takers in the crowd. 'You get some timid bidders,' he says. 'I instruct my men to watch for them. We slow down for the timid.' "

The article also used a reference by C. P. "Terry" Dunning, NAA past president and current director:

"'Mike's forte is his business sense,' says Terry Dunning, owner of Dunning's Auction Service in Elgin. He knows how to bring people in, how to organize an auction so it runs smoothly, and how to adjust to his buyers."

The article concluded with a comment by Michael Gordon: "I love the business. I hope when I go I'm up there on the stand taking a bid, and I don't even know what happened."

Appreciation is being shown to the *Chicago Tri-bune* for providing good publicity and information about the auction method of selling and for allowing THE AUCTIONEER magazine the opportunity to share with the NAA membership the manner in which both Albert Paletz and Michael Gordon were publicized.

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Fur Auction Prices Remain High; December Auction Grosses \$61,000

The Northeastern Indiana Chapter (No. 7) of the Fur Takers of America sponsored a fur auction on December 16, 1978, at the Whitley County 4-H Center in Columbia City, Indiana and after NAA auctioneers Harvey C. Lambright, CAI (and NAA president) and Kirby L. Bollinger, CAI — both of the auction firm of Lewis & Lambright of LaGrange, Indiana — concluded the sale, the gross sales were near \$61,000.

Approximately 12 fur buyers attended the sale. The \$61,000 gross sales figure made this the largest fur auction (dollar volume) held in the area to date. The January, 1978 fur auction grossed in the vicinity of \$58,000, with several more lots of fur consigned then than there were during the December, 1978, auction.

The December prices were substantially higher, which raised the gross amount of the auction. The

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January, 1979 auction is expected to command high prices also, according to all the present predictions.

Some of the top prices obtained in December included red fox pelts as high as \$84 each and grey fox pelts up to \$55 each. Muskrat furs did not break any records at the auction, but did remain very strong with a high of \$6.25 per pelt.

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Racoon pelts reached an all time high of \$64 per pelt. Good, wild mink were topping the market from \$19 to \$29 per pelt.

Each winter season seems to be bringing larger fur auctions and higher prices. The auction method of marketing raw fur is relatively new in the Columbia City area and is just beginning to become popular. It has taken approximately six years for the fur auctions to become popular, but it appears they will be very popular for many years to come.

Kirby L. Bollinger, CAI, Member National Auctioneers Association Howe, Indiana

A Report from Kruse . . .

Newport Beach Car Auction Establishes Three Records

Several cars sold for more than what has ever been paid for them at the sixth annual Southern California Collector Car Auction, which was held in Newport Beach, California, November 25 and 26. The auction with sales of \$780,000, was one of the most successful sales conducted this year by Kruse Classic Auctioneers of Auburn, Indiana.

The record-setting prices were \$17,800 for a 1959 Jaguar XK 150 roadster; \$17,500 for a red 1958 Cadillac Eldorado convertible, and \$15,000 for a completely restored Chevy Bel Air convertible.

Other high prices at the two-day event include \$40,500 for a gold 1976 Rolls-Royce in excellent condition; \$38,500 for a reconditioned 1969 Rolls-Royce with a complete mechanical overhaul, and \$33,500 for a "racing red" 1957 Ferrari with beautiful white upholstery.

More than 400 classic, antique, and special interest cars were sold at the auction. A restored 1955 Ford Thunderbird, once featured in Motor Trend magazine, sold for \$18,500; a silver 1977 reproduction of an Auburn roadster, for \$17,500, and a 1951 Jaguar Mark V convertible for \$13,000.

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New NAA Membership Pamphlet . . .

NAA Membership Program's Goal is to Provide Added Funds to Association and Help Develop More and Better Services for NAA Auctioneers

More and improved services to NAA Auctioneers is the goal of the membership program of the National Auctioneers Association. The new NAA membership pamphlet (inserted in this issue of THE AUCTIONEER magazine) is being distributed to each NAA Auctioneer in hopes he will use it to obtain a new, qualified member in the Association this year.

Numbers are not important, unless the new members are qualified auctioneers and those who will live up to the Code of Ethics of the National Auctioneers Association. However, it is estimated that there are many, many good auctioneers in business in the United States (and Canada), who will benefit from the services, which are now being offered and will be offered to the NAA members by the Association.

New members also can benefit the Association. New ideas, new methods and procedures and new life all are important aspects to association services. The overall goal of the NAA is to create a favorable image for the auction method of selling

real and personal property and to develop the NAA auctioneers into better business administrators.

Membership in the National Auctioneers Association is by invitation. No one is accepted unless he is sponsored by another NAA member in good standing. Therefore, it is highly important that the current members look for, talk to and ask the qualified auctioneers to join the NAA. Look for the auctioneer or auctioneers with whom you personally will enjoy being associated in your chosen profession.

The membership pamphlet offers information about the NAA — programs and services. These programs and services will be added to when funds are available and this is the reason for the recent increase in dues (from \$20 to \$30 per member per year) and the need to sign up qualified new members.

Remember, when the auction profession grows in dignity, so will your business and it takes a cooperative effort by everyone concerned to develop new services and new programs.

State Associations With Reciprocal Membership Agreements with the NAA

Many State Associations have a reciprocal membership agreement with the National Auctioneers Association — to join one or the other, you must belong to both. These agreements were made after the board of directors of the State Associations approved the agreements and asked the NAA to support the membership reciprocity.

The majority of the State Associations, which currently offer reciprocity with the NAA will either collect both the NAA and State Association dues, or allow the NAA to collect both dues and return the State Associations' amounts to them after they are received in the NAA Office. A few State Associations have special qualifications to meet before membership in either the NAA or State Association is accepted.

Listed below are all states with membership reciprocity with the NAA and those, which have special membership requirements. This list is being submitted, to offer the NAA membership information in this regard. Shown also are the current dues amounts of the State Associations and the billing periods for each:

Colorado: \$10 — January Florida: \$25 — open Iowa: \$20 — January Kansas: \$10 — July Kentucky: \$10 — January Montana: \$10 — April Nebraska: \$10 — July Nevada: \$20 — July Oregon: \$25 — open Wisconsin: \$15 — July. Use the attached NAA Membership pamphlet and hand it to a qualified auctioneer with whom you will be proud to be associated.

The Tennessee Auctioneers Association also has a reciprocal agreement with the NAA, but any and all membership applications should go through the TAA Secretary, Hubert D. Songer, 1602 Jones Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37130. The annual dues of the TAA is \$10 and the billing month is July.

The Pennsylvania Auctioneers Association's reciprocal agreement, which was approved by the PAA membership several years ago, requires that any and all members of both the PAA and NAA go through the PAA Secretary, Clay Hess, RD 2, Collegeville, PA 19426. The amount of the annual PAA dues will be made available after contacting Secretary Hess, as well as the billing month.

Qualifications in both Pennsylvania and Tennessee include having an auctioneers license before the auctioneer is eligible to join the Association(s).

The NAA board of directors will review any and all requests for membership reciprocity by State Associations in the future. Additional information about membership requirements in the NAA can be obtained by writing the NAA Office, 135 Lakewood Drive, Lincoln, NE 68510.

Harvey L. McCray, Executive Director National Auctioneers Association

Congress Reviews IRS Ruling On Employee Individual Contractors

By Terry L. Evans, Chairman Legislative Committee Tennessee Auctioneers Association

No matter how intensely we in the auction business work it seems that we can't avoid all of the potholes in the business road. This time the pothole is in the form of the Internal Revenue Service.

For the past several months the IRS has been auditing real estate brokers, truckers, insurance salespeople, auctioneers and the like to determine if they are actually employees or individual contractors. If they are in fact employees, then the firm must pay Social Security and unemployment taxes on income, and withhold Federal income taxes; if they are classed as individual "independent" contractors, they are responsible for these taxes themselves.

As you can see, for the IRS to determine that auctioneers are employees in the firms they serve means increased cost in overhead, additional book-keeping, and the need for higher fees to take up the slack. The hope for relief in our favor is in sight.

Congress decided to give these borderline professions a breather, at least for the time being. A new 1978 law forgives pre-1979 taxes assessed against firms by the IRS as long as there is a reasonable basis for treating employees as independent contractors. The law also prevents the IRS from

publishing any new rules or regulations on the status of independent contractors until 1980.

The burden of making sure the Congress enacts regulations that the auction profession can live with will be placed on the shoulders of the State Associations and the NAA to see that proper action is taken. Our efforts can mean the difference in the dollars that finally get in your pockets.

For now the whole issue is on "hold" until the 1979 Congress. It can be expected that the entire subject of the Independent Contractors vs. the IRS will be decided legislatively rather than by IRS rules. With the subject in the hands of the Congress, we can reasonably assume the laws promulgated by our elected officials need our influence and support.

There are measures that the auctioneers can take to help prove that their auctioneers work independently. One is to have a contract with your auction help and the second is to reinforce the contract with affidavits signed by the auctioneers. Sample contracts can be obtained by sending \$2.00 to Tennessee Auctioneers Legislative Committee, P.O. Box 190, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee 38464.

We hope that this information will be of value to all auctioneers, especially those who own their own firms. Your interest will ultimately mean the difference in the final outcome of this situation.

Additional material on the IRS-Independent Contractor subject has been submitted to THE AUCTION-EER magazine and will be featured in a subsequent issue.

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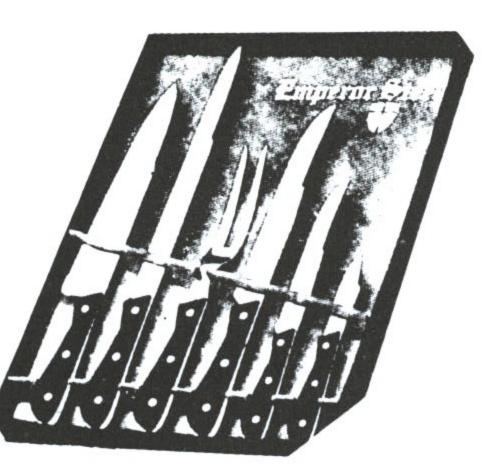
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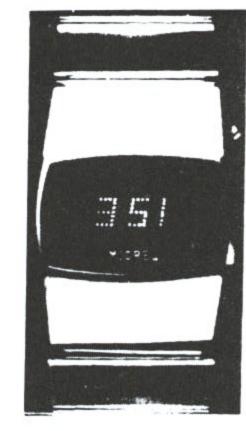
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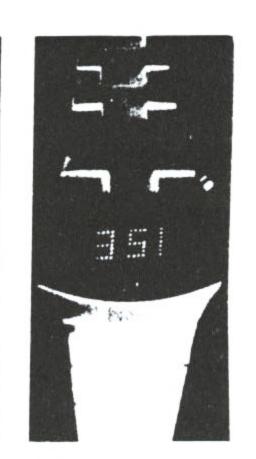
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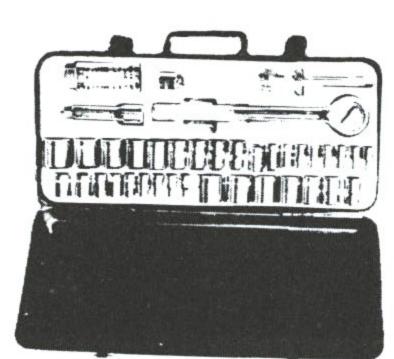
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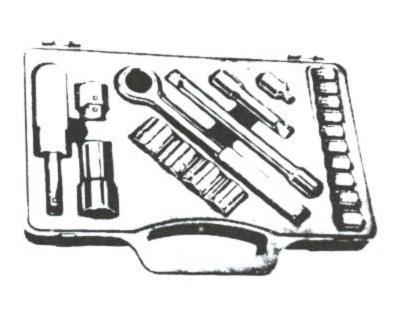


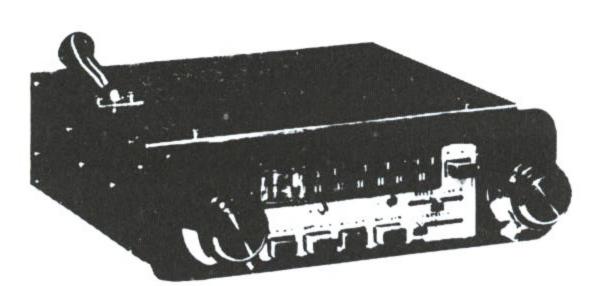










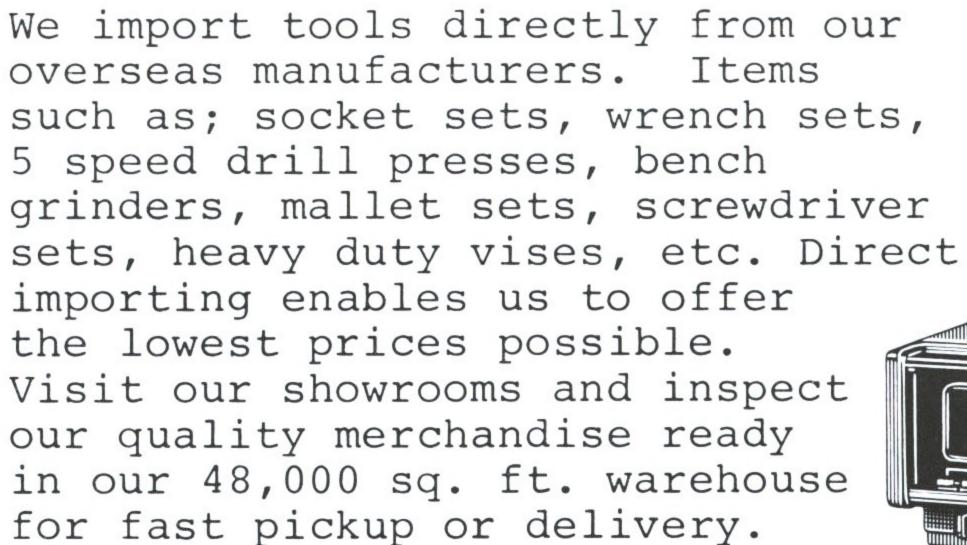


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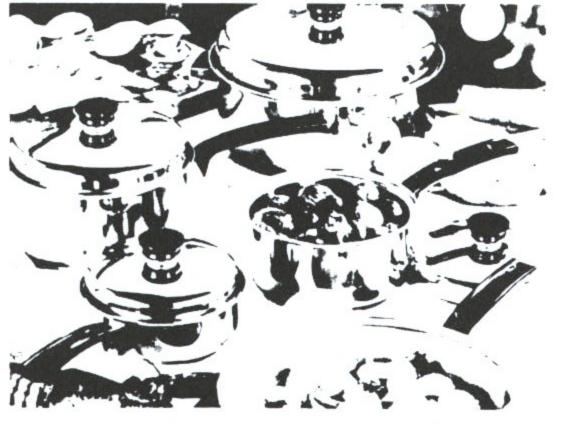
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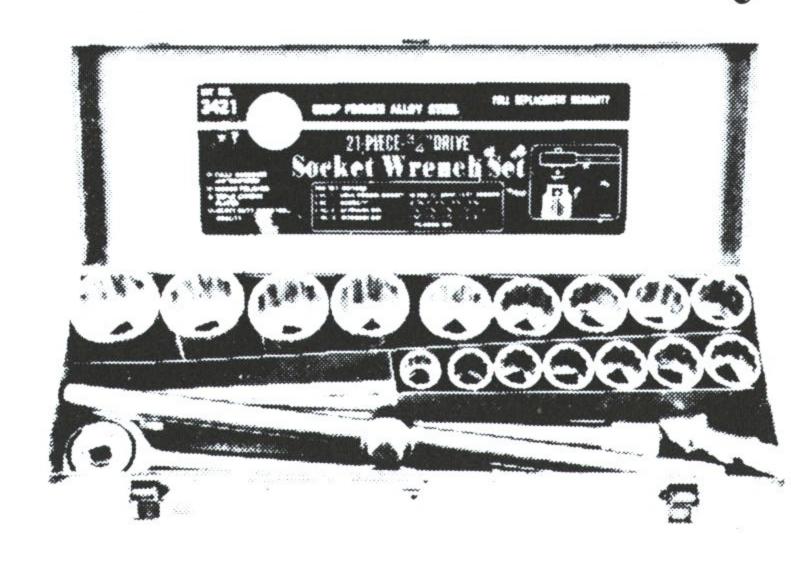
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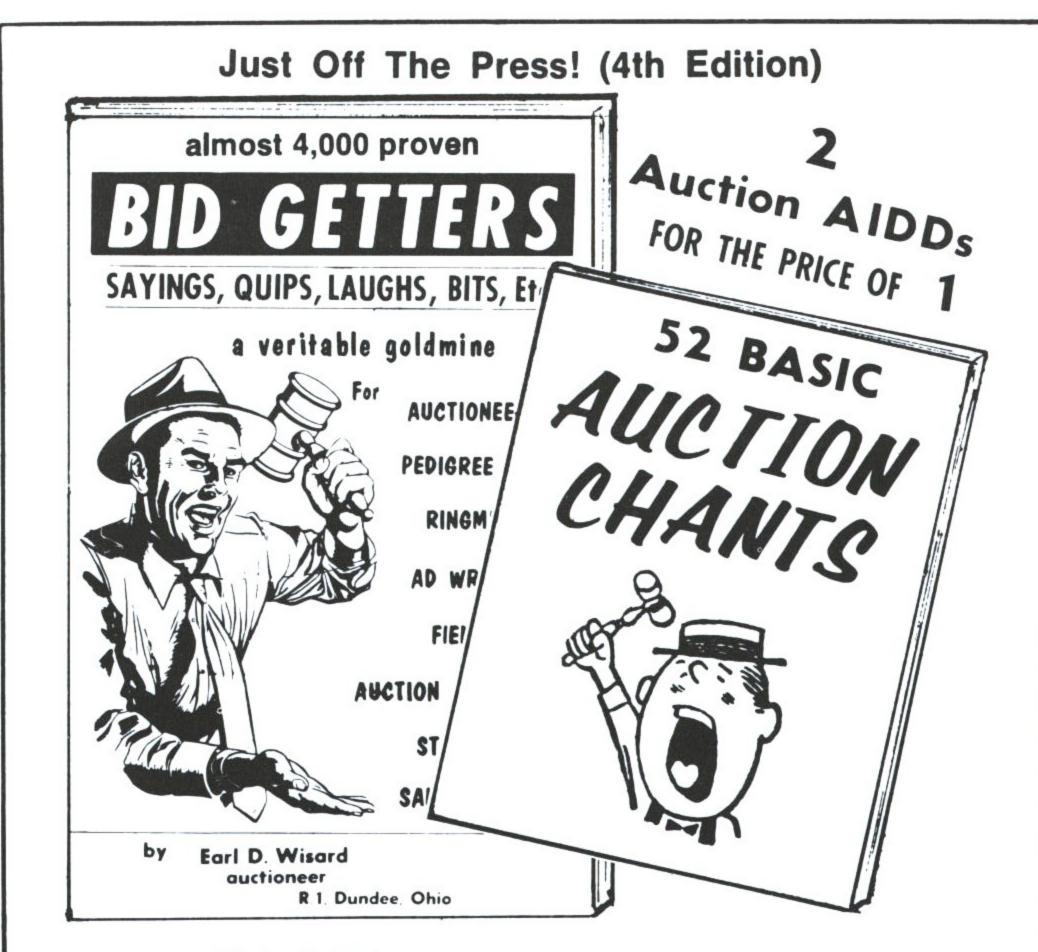
I would like to begin by wishing everyone a happy and prosperous New Year! We have had a pleasant and relaxing holiday season, including a couple of snowfalls and unusually cold weather for Oregon. However, it is time now to get back to work, to begin laying groundwork for achieving our 1979 goals — and to prepare the "inevitable" taxes.

In the past couple of months we have completed the remodeling of our office making for a much better working atmosphere and improved image we reflect to our clients, not to mention how neatness and organization promote efficiency. So, 1979 already looks as if it will be a great year!

Looking back at 1978, our whole family will relish the memories of Boston for years to come. For a week after the convention we visited in the New England States and revisited our favorites that were included in the convention tours. We also reacquainted ourselves with relatives in Connecticut whom we haven't seen for over 15 years and were extremely happy when they came to join us in Oregon this Christmas.

Oregon auctioneers and their ladies and guests were recently treated to a slide presentation of the Boston Convention activities by Helen Wood of Roseburg, OR. I cannot help but feel that Oregon auctioneers will not want to miss the next convention in Denver. We are looking forward to it and to seeing again the many friends we have made.

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NALLOA Becomes Official! Receives Incorporation Papers

NALLOA — the National Auction License Law Officials Association — has become a not-for-profit corporation in the State of Nebraska. NALLOA president John L. Friedersdorf, Franklin, Indiana, and the NALLOA board of directors completed all of the necessary requirements to have incorporation papers submitted to the Nebraska Secretary of State and the legal requirements have been satisfied.

NALLOA was formed by representatives of those states, which require auction/auctioneers license laws and it is hoped that the organization will be valuable to all auctioneers who need information about the license laws in the states with NALLOA

representation.

The purpose of the NALLOA organization, as explained by NAA member Friedersdorf, and as stated in the papers of incorporation (Article III of the Articles of Incorporation), are:

- a. Continued protection to the public, consisting of both consumer protection and client protection;
- Improved communications between states, which have auction license laws, for the purpose of upgrading the auctioneering profession;
- c. Encouraging and implementing reciprocal agreements between states with auction license laws.

Two meetings were held by the NALLOA board of directors during the 1978 NAA Boston Convention. During the first meeting, held on Thursday, July 20, discussion was held on the opportunity to incorporate and a review of the by-laws was made. Several matters affecting the procedure of incorporation were discussed as well as amendments to the NALLOA by-laws.

Officers of NALLOA include John Friedersdorf, president, Indiana; Glenn Webb, vice president, Tennessee; and Charles Switzer, secretary-treasurer, Kentucky.

Attending the meeting were Helen Wood of Oregon; Pete Stewart of Pennsylvania; Hugh Miller of Indiana; Gary Day of Oregon and C. W. Bordon, Kentucky. Others may have been present, but their names were not included in the meeting minutes.

Tom Battle of Indiana University discussed auction examinations as used by the Indiana Board of Auctioneers. He made an explanation of the latest revisions and formats for the examination and questions were answered by him in regards to auction license examinations.

On Friday, July 21, a second meeting of NALLOA was held and this one was open to those attending

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the NAA Convention. NALLOA representatives shared the states' methods of testing, issuance of licenses, reciprocal agreements with other states, and general rules and regulations.

Representatives of several states showed interest in having good license laws adopted in their states and NALLOA representatives offered their assistance. Many suggestions were given from those with license laws and each state having some variance in their laws were of great help to those attempting to obtain licensure.

Twenty-eight states were represented and 68 individuals were in attendance at the second NALLOA meeting. Interest was greater than the size of the room, which is an indication of the interest being shown to NALLOA and the assistance NALLOA representatives can offer those auctioneers who are interested in having legislation passed, which will benefit the auction business and the general public. A request has been made to have a larger room availabl for the Friday (July 13) meeting at the Denver NAA Convention to allow more auctioneers talk with the NALLOA representatives.

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Entire Sawmill Town Sold At Auction By NAA Member Trageser and Associates

Vern Trageser, industrial auctioneer, who was assisted by Brian Trageser and Ronnie Pelletier of New Hampshire sold out the Moose River Lumber Co. and the town of Holeb, Maine on October 28, 1978. Everything was sold right down to the camp blankets and cots used by the loggers in the bunkhouses.

The restaurant, equipped to feed up to 200 people, also was sold out. The restaurant served its last meal to the more than 500 people who were in attendance at the sale. Bidders and prospective buyers attended from approximately seven states and Canada.

Many French Canadians attended the sale and as the auctioneers chanted, and the ringmen yelled, the mill superintendent, with a bad case of stage fright, translated the bidding into French. The bidding on the big Cat generators was lively and two of the generators were sold to Canadians. One stipulation was that none of the six generators could be removed until the sale was over as this was the source of power for the town.

The day dawned cold and damp and a trace of snow laid on the roof tops. The sawmill town is located back into the woods, a good long 18 miles from



BRIAN TRAGESER calls for the bids while Vern Trageser (right) checks his material (left) and Ronnie Pelletier — all NAA members — serves as ringman during the auction of sawmill equipment in Holeb, Maine. Bidders attended from seven U.S. states and Canada to see the entire town of Holeb sold at auction.

the main highway. As the sale moved along the crowd moved and changed according to what was being sold.

At 11:00 a.m. the sawmill was run and demonstrated for the lumbermen interested in this type of equipment. The hunters in most cases after looking over the various buildings and houses for sale (some were being sold for salvage removal) settled down in the building they were interested in bidding on for a hunting and fishing camp. The area is noted for this and the hundreds of lakes in the area are dotted with camps.

It is not unusual to see moose walking around, as they are protected and seem to sense it. On sev-



NAA AUCTIONEERS Vern Trageser and Ronnie Pelletier search for bidders of the Cat generators, sold during the "closeout auction" of the Moose River Lumber Co. and the town of Holeb, Maine. The man between the two auctioneers was the sawmill superintendent, who translated the bids into French for the many French Canadians, who attended the auction and later bought two of the generators.

eral occasions, when the men were driving in and out and setting up the sale, they drove by moose feeding along the edge of the roadway.

It was a very interesting and varied type sale as is the case lately. The equipment sold well for record high prices. Ronnie Pelletier was one of the hosts at the Boston Clambake Convention and he was one of the New England hosts who helped provide a very successful fun auction at the 1978 Convention.

Vern Trageser and crew left Maine the following Sunday morning on their way to Pennsylvania for another sawmill sale. The firm specializes in sellling and appraising machinery and industrial sales.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Accompanying the above article about the sale of the entire town of Holeb, Maine and the Moose River Lumber Company by Vern Trageser was a copy of the article, which appeared in the NORTHERN LOGGER AND TIMBER PROCESSOR magazine. Though highly interesting, space will not allow the reprinting of the article, which described how Holeb, Maine was developed and some of the activities for which the sawmill activities are noted.



RONNIE PELLETIER calls for the bids as Brian Trageser serves as his ring man during the auction of one of the camp buildings, which was sold during the Maine auction. Several sportsmen attended the sale of the lumber town of Holeb, hoping to buy the houses for their recreational activities.

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San Antonio, Texas auctioneer Ruben V. Reyes, brother to NAA member Humberto "Bert" V. Reyes, became the second auctioneer in history to sell more than \$1 million worth of cattle of one breed in less than four hours at the "Hill Country Brangus Association Sale", held on Saturday, December 9, 1978.

Bert Reyes, had sold more than \$1 million worth of Simmental cattle in less than four hours on February 2, 1974.

Ruben V. Reyes sold 104 bulls and 1,700 commercial heifers for a total of \$1,107,000. The average price for the 104 bulls was \$2,620 and the total figure was \$271,000.

The 1,700 commercial heifers sold in lots of 10 and 20, brought \$836,000.

One of the coldest days of this season didn't stop buyers from crowding the auction area where there was standing room as the annual Hill Country Bull Sale proved to be the highest selling range bull sale in the history of the breed.

Virginia Real Estate Auctioneers Association Is Incorporated; 26 Members Join New Group

The State Corporation Commission of Virginia has issued a charter of incorporation to the recently organized Virginia Real Estate Auction Association. Twenty-six members form the Association and the members represent most areas in Virginia.

The newly elected officers include NAA members Stanley King of Wytheville, president; Stephen Sheets of Roanoke, vice president; and Earl Bland of Cave, secretary-treasurer.

Eligibility for membership is determined by interest in selling real estate at auction and holding brokers or salesman's license from the Virginia Real Estate Commission.

The purpose of the corporation is to upgrade the real estate auction business in Virginia through education and cooperation; to try to solve the problems created by stringent sub-division laws and other related problems and fellowship among professionals of like interest.

More and more Virginians are turning to auction as a method of marketing real estate as, in most cases, it will bring a better price at auction than by any other method.

A case in point was a Tazewell County hill farm, which King-Bowen & Shewey (all members of the NAA) sold 139 acres for \$445,000 or \$3,200 per acre. Most of it was steep pasture land. Two fairly level

One neglected area, which the Association hopes to cultivate, is the sale of commercial and business property by auction.

Earl Bland, Secretary-treasurer Virginia Real Estate Auction Association, Inc. P.O. Box 1074 Harrisonburg, VA 22801



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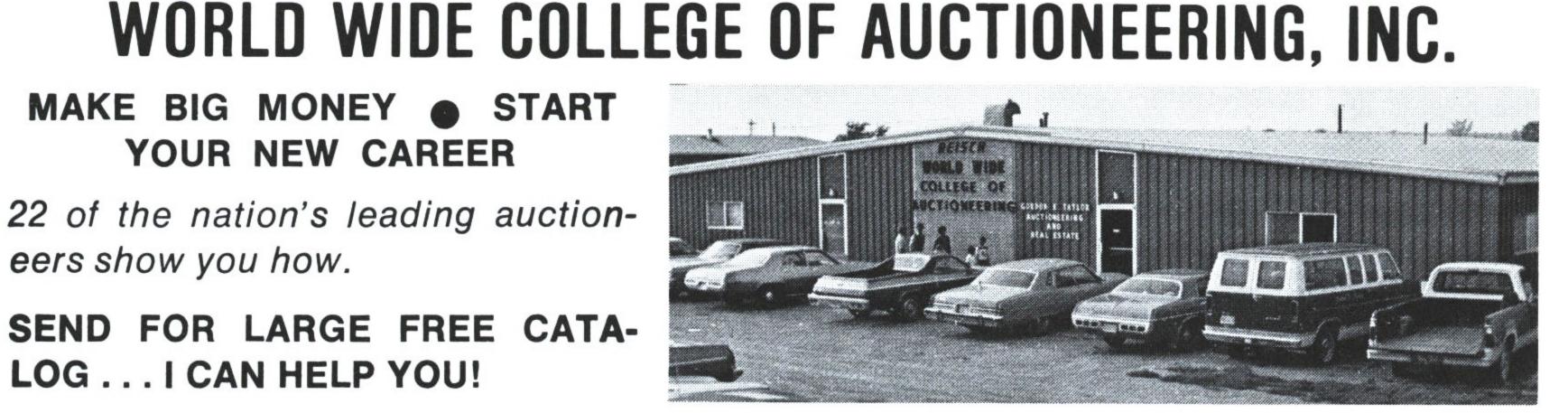
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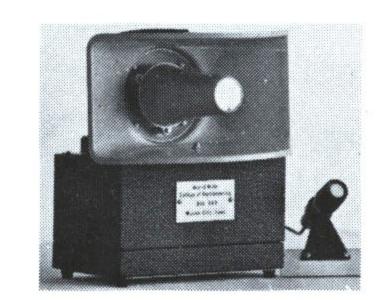
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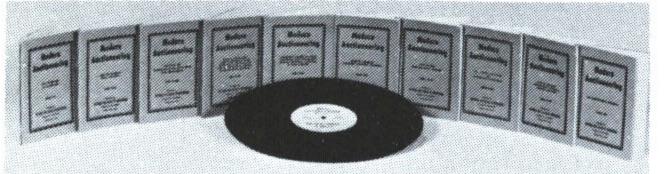




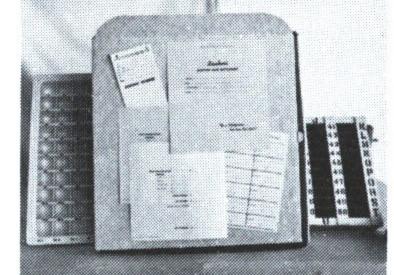
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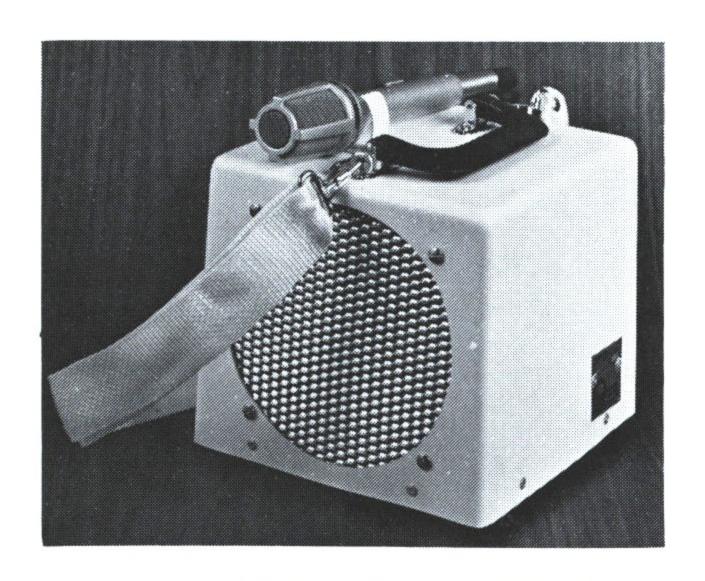
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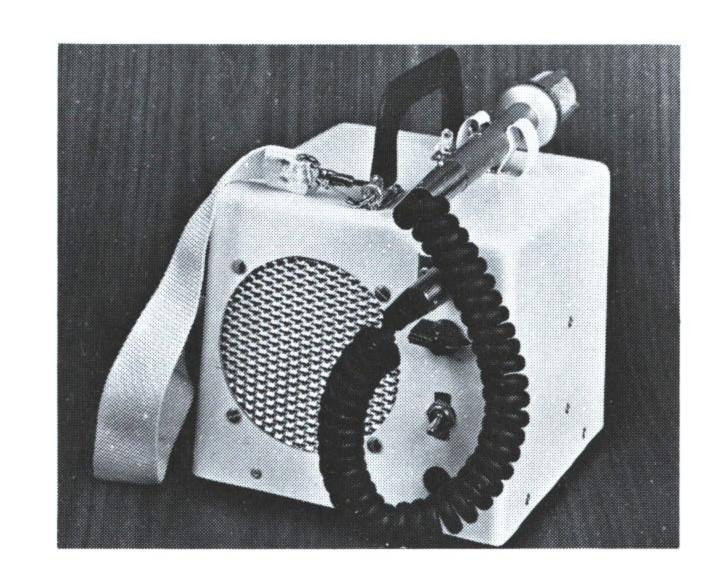
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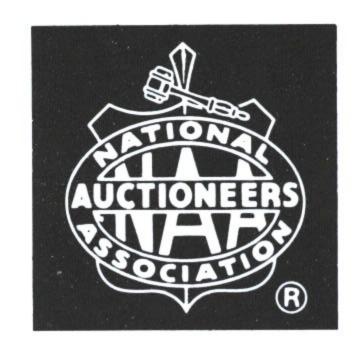
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Spotlight On Auctioneers

Front Page Newspaper Article Creates Attention to Jim Hill's Twice-weekly Auction in Florida

Jim Hill, NAA member from New Smyrna Beach, Florida, recently had some very expensive advertising offered him at no charge to his auction firm. Publicity on his auction activity took up nearly twothirds of page one in the New Smyrna, Edgewater (Florida) DAILY JOURNAL in the October 17, 1978 issue.

The article, entitled "Looking For A Bargain?" was written by Ronald Siegel and permission to use portions of the article were offered to THE AUCTION-EER magazine by the NEWS-JOURNAL Corporation.

The article described how Jim Hill became interested in the auction profession ("He says he decided to run auctions one night when a little voice woke him up and told him to be an auctioneer. He had never even been to an auction previously."); how he had to increase his business from one auction weekly to two per week ("He used to hold only



NAA MEMBER JIM HILL points to one of his bidders during an auction sale at his warehouse in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. (Photo courtesy of The News-Journal, Corp.)

one auction a week, except during the busy winter months, when visitors from the north wintering here swelled the attendance ranks at this auction as they sought inexpensive methods of furnishing their temporary abodes. But now the auction has grown to the point where he has to hold two auctions a week all year long, except during the dog days of June and July."); how he learned the business ("He took a six month home study course, and then attended a three week training program at the Missouri Auction School, Kansas City.") and general comments from several auction-attenders, who frequent Jim Hill's auctions.

The article also stated, "Used household items



SPELLBOUND CUSTOMERS keep their eyes open for bargains at Jim Hill's twice-weekly auctions in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. (Photo courtesy of The News-Journal Corp.)

predominate at the sale — from kitchen utensils to refrigerators and from used bedding to television sets. But unusual items are also sold, such as an old spinning wheel or a pair of used barber chairs. At a recent auction, a speedboat was sold.

"Goods are turned in and picked up for sale all week long from residents throughout the area. They all hope to gain more cash by selling the items at auction than they perhaps might at a garage sale or by selling the goods themselves. Hill picks up items for free, and sells them on consignment — with the donor getting 70 percent of the sale price, and Hill pocketing the other 30 percent."

The spotlight is on auctions throughout the United States, due to the interest being shown on the auction method of selling real and personal property. Jim Hill's publicity is one more way to promote the value of the auctioneer and his method of obtaining good prices for saleable merchandise.

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Auctioneers in the Spotlight . . .

Behind an auctioneer's chant lies a world of knowledge

The headline above created interest in the auction profession and NAA member Linda Loy Aaron when it appeared in the Sunday, October 22, 1978 edition of the St. Petersburg Times and the Largo-Seminole Times, two popular Florida newspapers.

Reprints of the article, including photos of the auctioneer at work, are used by Linda in her sales promotional program. Portions of the article are reprinted, with permission from the St. Petersburg Times:

"When Linda Loy Aaron steps up on a podium and belts out an ear-piercing, attention-getting whistle, you better believe she's not whistling Dixie.

"She is a professional auctioneer and appraiser, and she can shout out those seemingly faster-than-sound, tongue-tying chants with the expertise of a veteran.

"Go ahead, say it. Is that all she does for a living?

"It's a question she said she is asked over and over again, and she doesn't get miffed hearing it one more time.

"'People have the mistaken idea that all I do is go in and sell,' she said. Not so. 'For every hour on the (auction) block, I have worked — at the very least — a 10-hour or 12-hour day.'

"Above all, Mrs. Aaron is an astute, successful businesswoman. It wasn't handed to her on a platter. It took years of study, hard work and experience."

The newspaper article offered information about Linda's background, including: graduating from the University of Louisville with a degree in fine arts and music; graduate work at Indiana University; taught music in the Milwaukee public school system; then a career in live sales promotion as a model.

She and her husband spent a year in Europe while he was writing a book with the Danish Ministry of Justice (Linda became interested there in the current and fair market values of antiques and fine arts.)

She worked as an apprentice with the Wall Galleries in Milwaukee before she and her husband moved to Florida. She has gone to various accredited schools to properly learn the mysteries of auctioning registered livestock and horses (earlier in the article, it stated: "She is very much at home with the horsey set, but she's not adverse to spending a day in the midst of nasty-smelling bovines — it's part of the job, and she really enjoys it.") commercial



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"I present to them what I feel are fair prices," she said, 'then the job of preparing for the auction begins. The finer the merchandise, the closer this operation is supervised. I have people come in to clean the merchandise, do an inventory, tag each item and set everything up in an orderly sequence.

"'After the time and place is arranged, I arrange for advertising and have brochures made up if the auction is important so that interested buyers can preview the items in advance. A brochure means researching the history of who each piece has belonged to so it can be listed in the brochure — it's called a provenance."

"The time spent on the actual auction is a drop in the bucket compared to the preparatory work, Mrs. Aaron said.

"Her fee is a contracted percentage of the day's sale. After all, the auctioneer is the reason the merchandise is sold!"

Linda Loy Aaron, through her professional approach to the auction method of selling, has created a new interest in the definition of "auctioneer"; not because she is a lady (many, many successful lady-auctioneers have become well known for their business-like approach to the business) but because she is dedicated to the principles of good business. Auctions to her are a serious business and the publicity given to her in the news article confirmed her dedication.

A copy of her Bid Number Card was included in the material submitted to editor Harvey L. McCray and after reading the information submitted, it is obvious that Linda Loy Aaron is well informed and capable of providing a very good, business sense to the





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A good image is important to the successful auctioneer and Linda Loy Aaron has added that one important aspect to auctions.

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Colonel Fisher's wardrobe includes a gray-wine gown, a silver-belly hat, and a pin-striped suit. Name your weapon, and he's ready with Bible, gavel, or deed; all of which seem to fit his hand equally well. Whether quoting Scriptures, crying a sale, or citing contingencies in a contract, his versatile expertise is evident. The watchwords, "Say, bid a five", may mean he is encouraging you to make a pledge to the church budget, up your offer on a cut-glass bowl, or negotiate for a piece of acreage.

Yet he prefers a casual informality when discussing his roles with anyone. The comic-line, "You doesn't have to call me Doctor, Colonel, or even Mister. You can call me Benny", truly applies to this evangelist-auctioneer-broker.

Colonel Fisher is a native of Pompano Beach, Florida. He was educated at Stetson University, Deland, Florida; Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee; University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky; and Reisch World Wide College of Auctioneering, Mason City, Iowa.

A member of the Florida Auctioneers Association, and the National Auctioneers Association, he is a registrant with the Florida Real Estate Commission, and belongs to the "International Platform Association", the world's most recognized fraternity of public speakers. He has appeared on radio and television, and has shared the dais with such well-known

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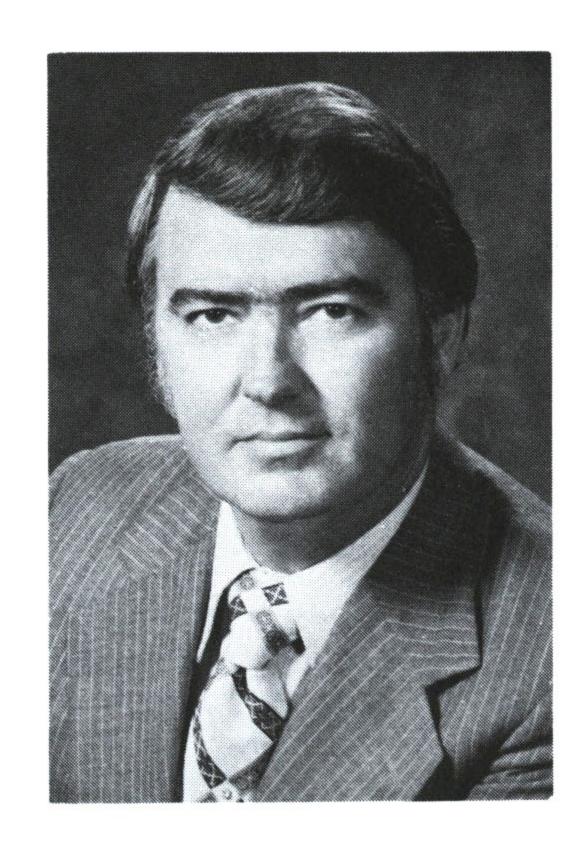
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Although a very busy man, there is still time for the large number of benefit auctions which Colonel Fisher conducts every year. A few of those organizations for which he has raised charitable funds are: Pompano Beach High School; Highlands Christian Academy; Palm-Cove Beach School; Boca Raton Henderson School; Junior League of Women; Ocean Chapel; and Sheridan House (whose unique programs have been acclaimed by the courts as an example by which other such institutions across America have patterned their plans for the treatment of teenagers in trouble). Director Bob Barnes said, "If it had not been for Colonel and Mrs. Fisher, we would have had to close our doors!"

The Fishers have been married for twenty-three years, and they have two sons; Louis III, a Pre-Law student at the University of Florida; and Lamar, a Pre-Dental student at Palm Beach Junior College. Colonel Fisher presently resides in Pompano Beach, Florida.

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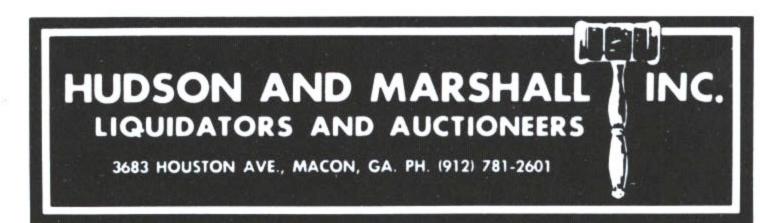
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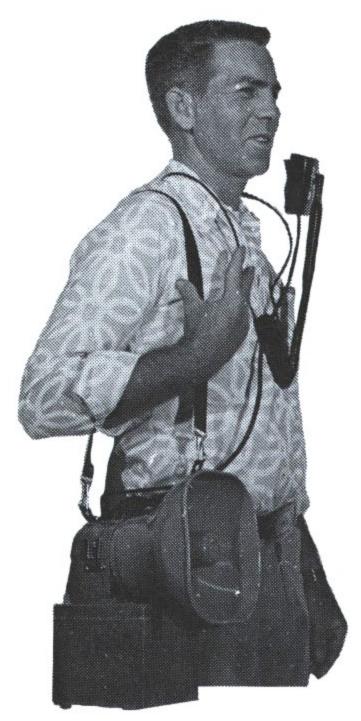


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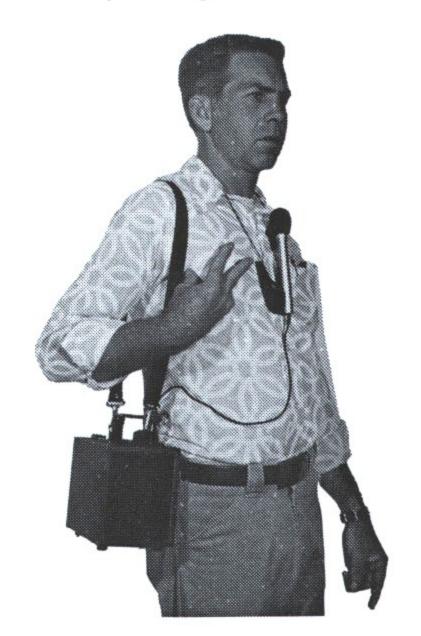
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With a total of eighty-four in attendance, the Tennessee Auctioneers Association observed its 20th Mid-Year meeting on December 3 and 4 in the spirit of its original organization — that is in good fellowship and enjoyment of wonderful associations with all.

The Early Bird gathering on Sunday evening was especially an enjoyable evening in the true Christmas spirit, highlighted by the singing of Christmas carols to the music of an accompanying band provided by Harold Dies. We were especially glad to have our good friends John and Patti O'Connor pay us a surprise visit, having driven down from Owensboro, Kentucky to attend and to later catch a plane out of Nashville. A further highlite of the Sunday evening activities was the Fun Auction, conducted by the men for the Ladies Auxiliary. In this Fun Auction excellent prices were bid on hand work made by the ladies of Christmas items. The ladies as well as the men are looking forward to hosting the NAA Convention in Nashville in 1980.

Jerry Kiddy, of Lawrenceburg, was the 1978 Program Chairman and had arranged a very interesting and informative program. Terry Evans gave a very excellent report of the activities of his Legislative

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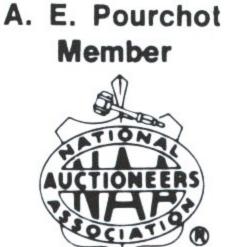
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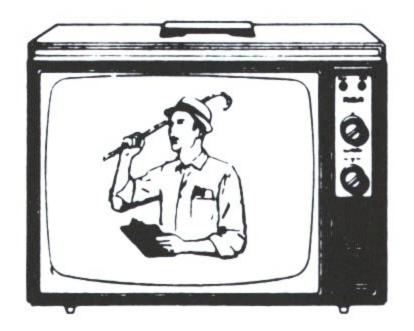
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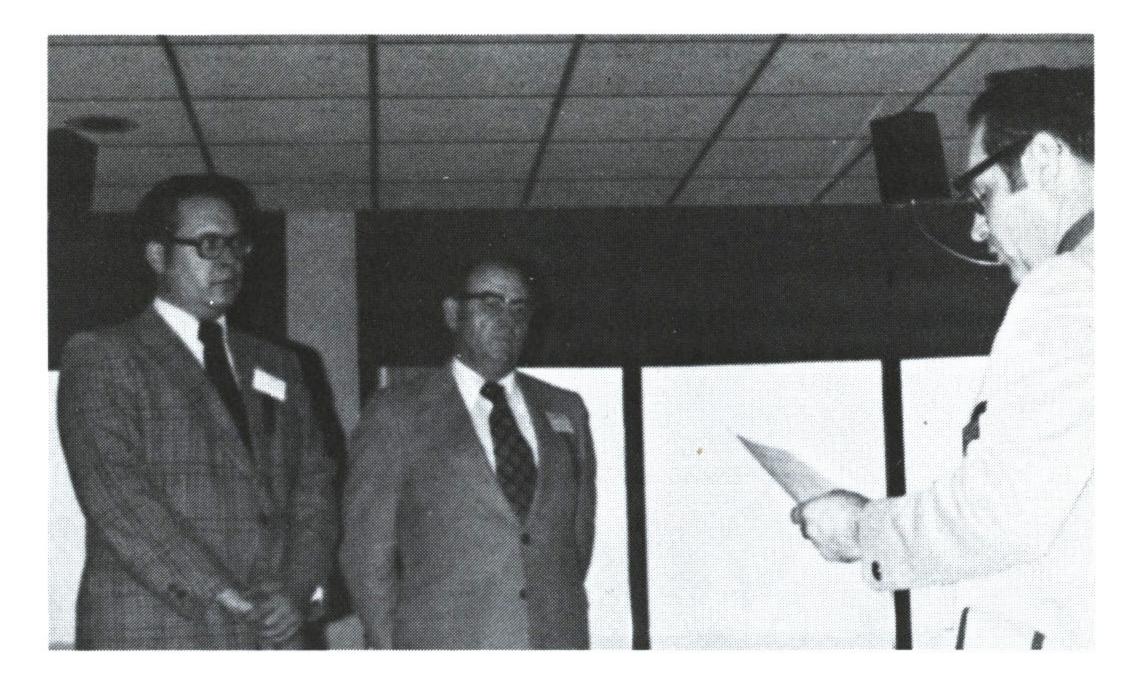
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An "Early Bird" social event in the Kynite Suite of the Oceanfront Cavalier Hotel, Virginia Beach, Virginia, heralded the opening of the 21st annual convention of the Virginia Auctioneers Association. The meeting was held on December 1.

The President's Luncheon, which officially opened the December 2 and 3 activities, was held in Orion's Roof, a roof top facility which overlooks the ocean and surrounding beach area. President J. Stuart Desper and City Manager Sam Clay welcomed 37 auctioneers, their families and guests, to the Virginia Beach convention site.

Workshops included Advertising by Mr. William



NAA PRESIDENT Harvey C. Lambright (right) installed the newly elected officers and directors of the Virginia Auctioneers Association during the VAA convention in Virginia Beach on December 1 and 2. Pictured during the installation, from left to right, are vice president Stephen G. Sheets, Roanoke and president Howard R. Herring of Dyke.

Gaspar, President, Gaspar Advertising Agencies and CAP Publishing Company; Farm & Heavy Equipment by Jack Peoples; and Real Estate by Jason C. Horney and Jim Owen. The CAI program was outlined by the Convention Chairman, Vincent J. Kopek, CAI.

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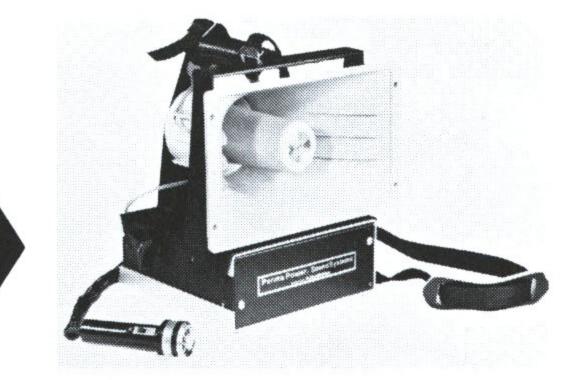


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The evening social and candlelight buffet were held at the Sandpiper, a neighboring club which also overlooks the ocean. The buffet was concluded with presentation of awards by NAA Director H. Layton Laws, Jr. Awards for the advertising contest were presented to: Gaines Dickenson, Francisco Auction Co., Horney Brothers Land Auction Co. (2); J. G. Sheets & Sons (3) and Guy Townsend (2). The "Auctioneer of the Year" award was presented to J. Stuart Desper.

The group then adjourned to a posh side room (which was immediately dubbed Parke-Bernet South) for the FUN AUCTION at which two of the guests joined the auctioneers in demonstrating their chants and selling skills. Spirited bidding added \$847 to the association's coffers.

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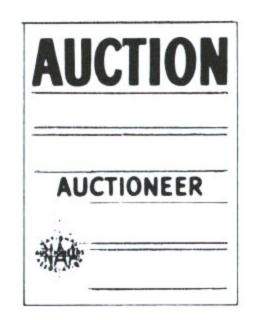
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A continental breakfast signaled the opening of the second day's activities in "Orion's Roof".

Despite icy runways, groundings, forced overnight layover and lost luggage, our indomitable and dynamic NAA President, Harvey Lambright and his lovely wife, Pat, arrived at the conclusion of the Memorial Service. After his very thought provoking address, on the future of the auction business, Harvey auctioned his gavel and directed the proceeds to the VAA treasury. The national membership has every right to be proud of its president — a truly outstanding and dedicated auctioneer.

The business meeting and the convention were concluded with NAA President Harvey Lambright installing the newly elected VAA Officers: Howard Herring — President; Stephen Sheets — Vice President; and three-year members of the board of directors: "Dick" Heatwole and Denver Browning. Mrs. Stuart (Jeanette) Desper remains Secretary-Treasurer.

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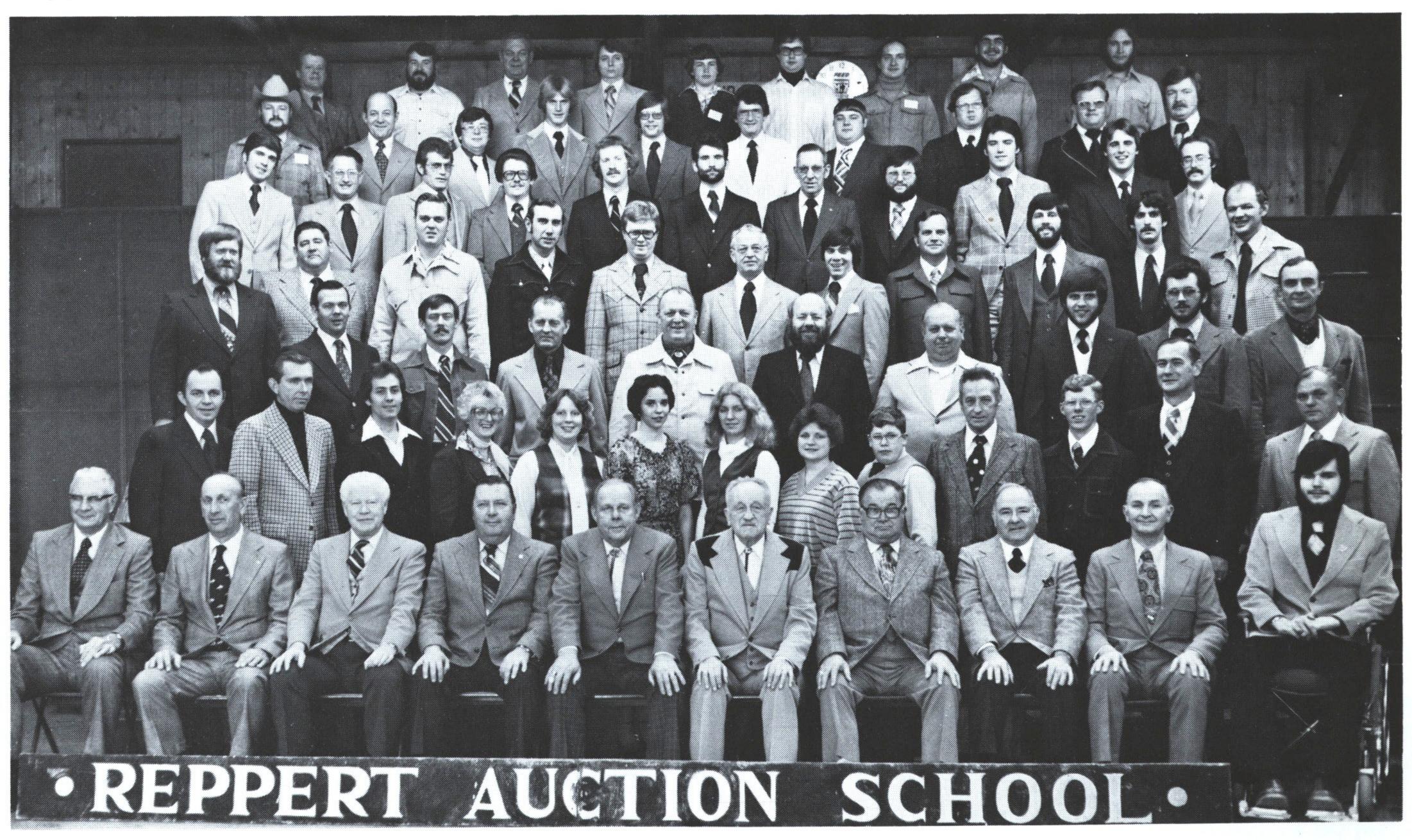
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MISSOURI AUCTION SCHOOL COMPLETES NOVEMBER AUCTION SCHOOL CLASS



A LARGE CLASS attended the November, 1978, auction school class at the Missouri Auction School, Kansas City, Missouri. Photographed with the students were several instructors/administrators of the school, who included, left to right: Bottom row, fourth from left Bob Carney, Ontario, Canada; Dean Cates, Missouri; Lana Domann, Kansas; Gary Ryther, Missouri; Dale Vaughn, Missouri; Karen Swofford, Missouri; Boyd Michael, registrar, Missouri; Richard M. "Dick" Dewees, president, Missouri and Aoni Theison, secretary, Missouri. Instructors not present when the photo was taken include: C. E. "Chuck" Cumberlin, Colorado; Wayne Allen, Missouri; Dave Kessler, Ohio; Marvin Waterhouse, Iowa; John Wood, Missouri; Bill Morgan, Kentucky; Verlin Green, Kansas and Bob Purinton, Kansas.

Reppert School of Auctioneering Concludes November 27-December 15 Auction School



DECEMBER 15, 1978 was the concluding date of the auction school session at the Reppert School of Auctioneering, Inc., Decatur, Indiana. A large class, shown above, completed the session and space will not allow the naming of the entire class. The instructors present for the photo included, left to right, seated: Robert Anderson, lawyer, Decatur; H. D. Darnell, Kentucky; Gene Slagle, Ohio; Phil Neuenschwander, Indiana; Roland Reppert, M.D., president of Decatur; Q. R. Chaffee, dean, Pennsylvania; Paul Martin, Pennsylvania; Hobart W. Farthing, Ohio and Ed Sprunger, Decatur. Not pictured are John Almberg, Illinois; Ron Chaffee, Pennsylvania; R. B. Miller, M.D., Indiana and N. B. Sager, Montana.

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Jim Graham School of Auctioneering Holds October Session



THE JIM GRAHAM School of Auctioneering of North Palm Beach, Florida, submitted the above photograph, showing the increased number of students in the fairly new auction school. NAA member Graham is seated in the center of the front row and the other instructors and/or administrators of the school were not identified.

Western College of Auctioneering Holds Winter Term on December 4-16



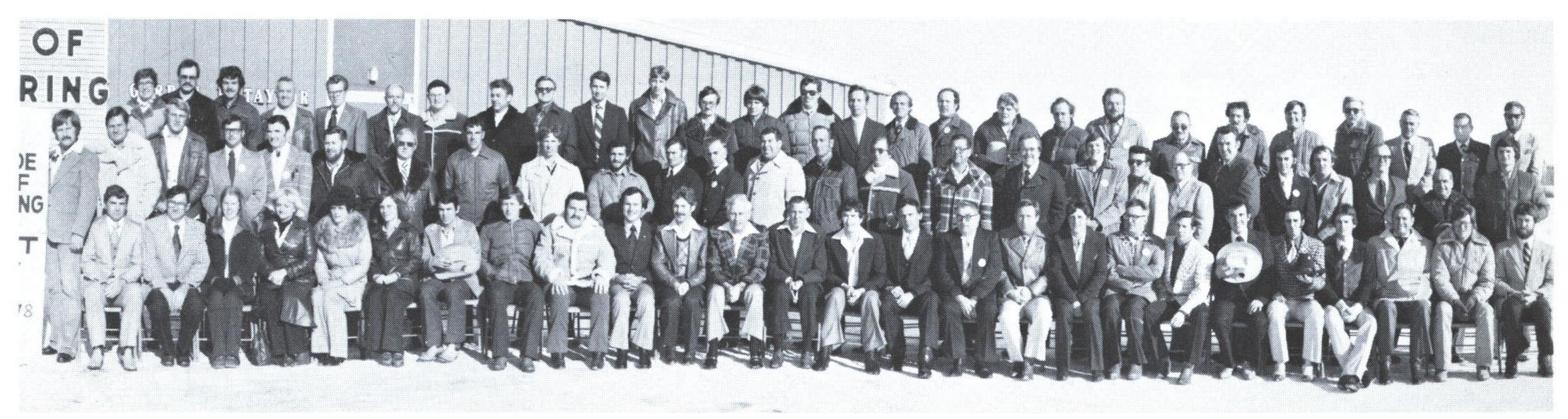
CLASSMATES OF THE WESTERN College of Auctioneering of Billings, Montana, stand behind the instructors for this photo, taken during the December 4-16, 1978 session of the auctioneering college. Instructors seated in the front row include: Eric Schenfeld, Port Orchard, Washington; Lorraine Diver (school secretary), Billings; Bob Thomas (president), Billings; Jack Bowser, Molt Montana. Kerry Schott of Denver, Colorado is in wheelchair and next to him is Edith Hagen (registrar), Billings; and Bill Hagen (executive secretary), Billings. Standing on the first row, left, is Larry Stokes, Port Orchard, Washington; and Gene Gabel of Billings. Standing on the first row third from right: Stan Bucholz, Lehr, North Dakota. Not present when the photo was taken: Robert E. "Bob" Musser, Cody, Wyoming; Ron Granmoe, Glendive, Montana; Jack and Jerry Ellis, Roundup, Montana; John Mandeville, Bozeman, Montana; Tige Thomas, Billings; Warren Smith, Williston, North Dakota; and Ray Granmoe, Glendive, Montana.

Reisch World Wide College of Auctioneering Completes December Class



A LARGE CLASS OF AUCTIONEERS completed the December, 1978, term and width of the photo determined the need to show the class in two sections. The instructors present during the photographic session are identified in the third panel, which also shows the school name on the building and the promotional sign. Pictured in the "instructors' panel" are, left to right, seated in the front row: instructors Jon Mitt and Bob Lambert and Gordon E. Taylor, president and owner of the school. Seated at the right of the sign, same order, are instructors Preston Droog and Dean Thompson.





NAA Member Burkheimer "In The Jailhouse Now"

The December, 1979, issue of THE AUCTIONEER magazine featured an article about the plight of NAA member R. C. Burkheimer of Elkton, Maryland, who was to face sentence by a Federal judge for selling firearms without the \$10 Department of Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms license. Auctioneer Burkheimer has since corresponded with NAA Executive Director Harvey L. McCray, offering him the results of the sentence.

The following letter was submitted to the NAA Office by R. C. Burkheimer on December 14, 1978:

"I have enclosed a clipping of the front page of one of our local papers. I guess I have achieved some prominence in my fifteen years in the auction profession. As I have been given front page or Section A of most newspapers. It is disturbing finding my name this way facing an 18 month jail term and \$2,000 fine. But I was charged with seven gun violations; carrying a possible 35 years in jail and \$35,000 fine. Eighteen months and \$2,000, I find somewhat of an improvement.

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"In my ten years or better membership in the National and State Auctioneers Associations and since I have been one that has traveled in the auctioneer profession, I've always been an advocate of State Auctioneering Licensing laws rather than county, municipality and in some areas townships or burroughs. More than ever I'm more inclined to be in favor of a statewide licensing agency. Ignorance is no excuse of the law! But, if I were granted a license by a state agency, I feel that they would be given and should be their responsibility not only to govern but to monitor and enforce the laws regarding an auctioneer.

"As of this date, I am not certain what the future holds for me but the fifteen years that I have enjoyed and the friends that I have made throughout our great country will not be forgotten and will not be overlooked. Judge Kauffman in setting the sentence said (I will quote from the Wilmington Journal) 'Federal District Court Judge Frank A. Kauffman, in setting sentence, told Burkheimer that his sentence would have been doubled had it not been for the excellent character witnesses that the court received.'

"I want to extend my thanks to those members of the National Auctioneers Association who forwarded letters in my behalf to Judge Kauffman and extend my thanks to you and your staff for the support and words of moral encouragement when they were so needed. In closing there is one thing that the NAA was built on and I hope that every auctioneer takes to heart and remembers: "In Unity There Is Strength"."

With the letter. NAA member Burkheimer submitted a copy of the news article (page one, Wednesday, December 13, 1978 edition of THE CECIL DEMOCRAT, Elkton, Maryland), which described the reasons for the 18-months sentence and \$2,000 fine. The news writer printed the same letter, which appeared in the December issue of THE AUCTIONEER magazine.

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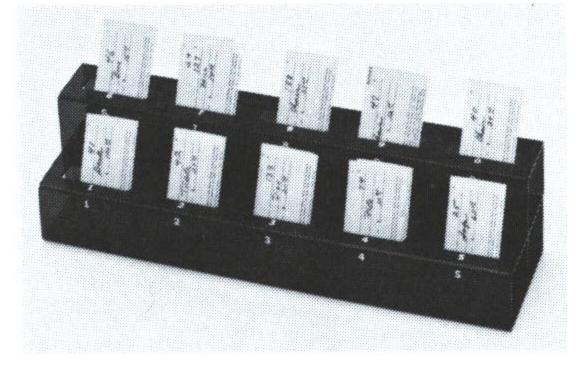
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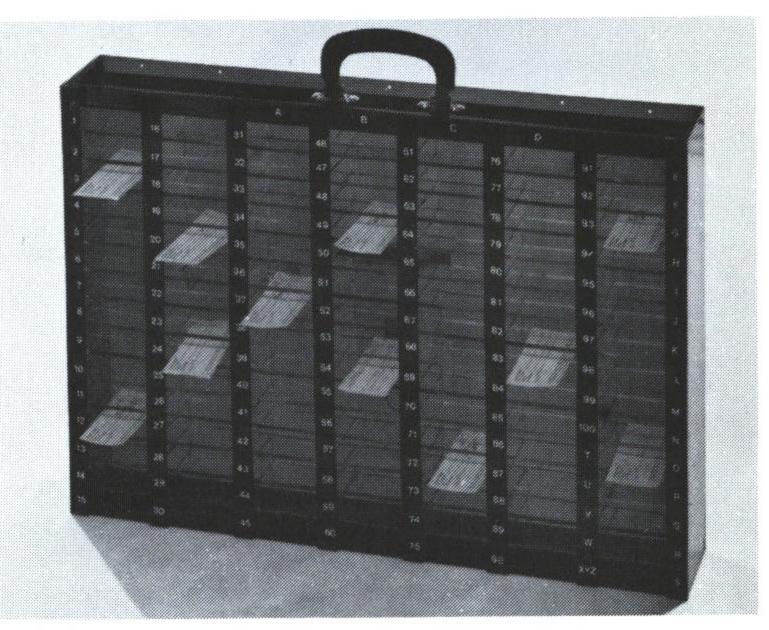
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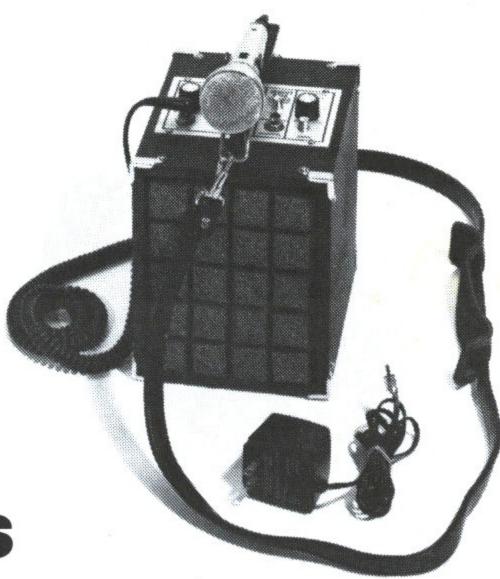
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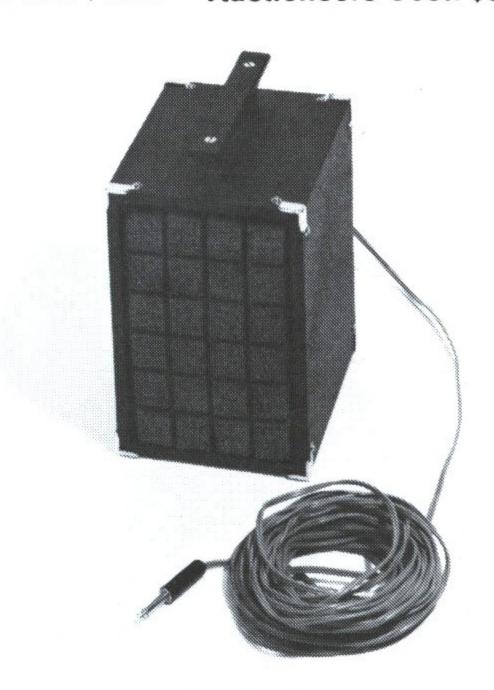


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