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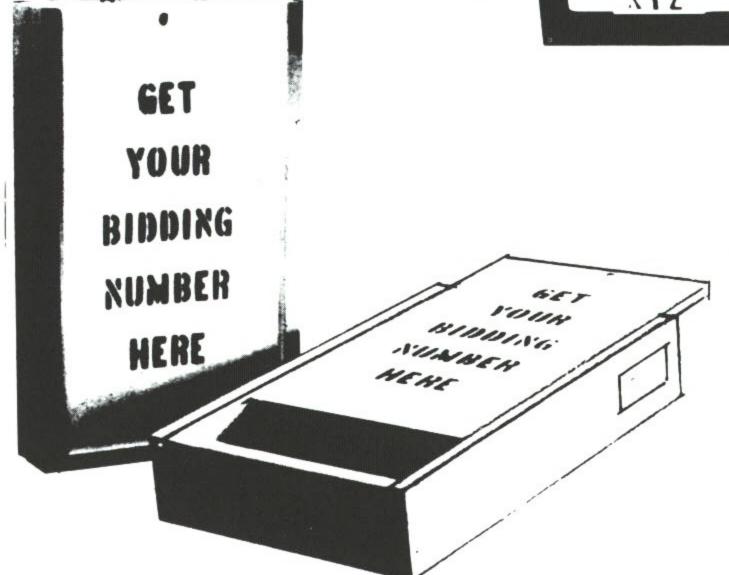
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A Happy and Prosperous New Year!

To all of you, I wish a Happy and Prosperous New Year! 1976 has to have been the most rewarding year of my life; having been elected president of the NAA and being designated "1976 Farm and Land Broker of America" by the Farm and Land Institute of the National Association of Realtors. All of this honor in one year is almost too much.

But that's not all! I became grandfather of twin grandsons, thanks to Ken and Carol Erickson; my oldest grandson became a teenager; and my granddaughter had her ears pierced for her 11th birthday.

Irene and I attended the Florida State Auctioneers Association Convention in Orlando on December 12-13. The day we boarded the plane to fly to Florida we had quite a large farm sale in the morning - the weather was 14 degrees below zero - and when we stepped off of the plane in Orlando, it was 81 degrees - nearly a 100 degrees difference (when we figure the wind chill factor, which was 33 degrees below at the sale, it was more than 100 degrees difference).

The Board of Directors and Committees of the NAA meet January 4-5, 1977, in Lincoln, Nebraska at the National Head-quarters for our mid-winter meeting. Many decisions will be made that will affect the future of the NAA, such as future educational programs; our programs for the 1977

Seattle Convention, and more. I hope you have included several of these events in your plans for the future.

All this is really what makes it all more worthwhile. Very few people ever complain about their associations or their churches if they become involved and participate in the functions. Anyone who would like to see changes in their association should express their thoughts to one or more of the officers or directors of the board, who will consider any and all such recommendations.

The 1977 Convention plans are well on their way and I am pleased to announce that I have named Winona "Mrs. Bob" Losey co-chairperson for our "77 - Just Like Heaven" Convention in Seattle at the Olympic Hotel. Together, she and Bob will provide for us an outstanding convention and I hope many of you will be there on July 28-30 to share the fellowship, fun, education and NAA activities with the Loseys and the rest of the NAA membership.

I believe the future in the NAA and the auctioneers profession will be greatest and I hope to see each and everyone of you at one or more of the NAA sponsored functions in 1977.

Lyle Erickson, President Cresco, Iowa

Lyle Erickson is '76 Farm and Land Broker of America



Lyle Erickson, NAA President, received the 1976 Farm and Land Broker of America award during the Farm and Land Institute's (FLI) annual banquet in Houston, Texas. Lyle is an auctioneer and realtor from Cresco, Iowa.

The institute, an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors, held its convention in Houston in conjunction with

that of the association. The annual banquet, at which 1977 officers were installed, was the concluding event for the FLI.

Lyle was selected for his participation in institute, state chapter, association activities, community and civic affairs and his personal reputation. The committee, all past award winners made the selection and Wayne Phipps, Boulder, Colorado, 1975 award recipient, presented the coveted award to Lyle.

Served on Many Committees

In 1976, Lyle was awarded the institute's designation of Accredited Farm and Land Broker (AFLM). He served as chairman of the designation committee in 1973 and 1974, and was a committee member last year. He has been a regional vice president of the institute and president of the Iowa chapter. Lyle also has served on many national and state chapter committies, and in 1966 was named Iowa Farm and Land Broker of the year.

A native of Decorah, Iowa, he entered the real estate business in 1955. For many years, he has been regarded as one of Northern Iowa's leading auctioneers. Besides membership in FLI, the National Association of Realtors, and the Iowa Association of Realtors, he also is a member and past president of the Northeast Board of Realtors.

Lyle has been an active member of the Kiwanis Club, Elks, Chamber of Commerce and the Cresco Industrial Development Board.

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The Iowa Association of Realtors, when submitting the information on Lyle's recognition, salutes and congratulates Realtor Lyle Erickson for this most recent and outstanding achievement during his distinguished real estate career. The National Auctioneers Association adds congratulations to Lyle also!

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Auctioneers still have time to register for the 1977 Kansas City Seminar, to be held on February 28-March 1-2, 1977, at the Radisson Muehlebach Hotel, even though the seminar classes are rapidly filling up. Interest is high in the subjects selected by the NAA Education Committee and the instructors selected have the reputations of being able to offer much good information on their subjects.

J. L. Todd of the J. L. Todd Auction Company, Rome, Georgia, will conduct the session on real estate auctions, with special emphasis to be given on farm acreage sales.

Archie Moody will follow J. L. on the Monday session with an evening class on bid calling. Archie also will conduct a Tuesday evening class. Archie, an immediate past director of the NAA, owns and operates the Moody-Godley Auction Company in Darlington, South Carolina.

Grover Howell, a past NAA president from Houston, Texas, who owns the Grover Howell Company, will conduct the seminar on Tuesday, March 1, on heavy equipment and farm machinery at auction, in addition to SBA (Small Business Administration) and government-owned property sales.

Jim Wilson, another immediate past NAA director, is all set on Wednesday, March 2, to offer good informative facts about selling antiques, with emphasis on primitives and consignment sales. Jim is owner of the Wilson Realty and Auction Company, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Attending the Kansas City Seminar on February 28-March 1-2, 1977, will offer an auctioneer — from the newest to the most experienced — good information from experienced auctioneers who bring with them much success and expertise

in their chosen fields of the auction method of selling. Don't miss the opportunity this year to be included in the Kansas City Seminar — February 28-March 1-2, 1977 — Radisson Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri.

The three-day seminar registration cost is \$150 per person. Spouses, when attending the seminar with either their husband or wife, can attend the entire seminar at half price — \$75. Registration costs for those wishing to attend a portion or portions of the courses can register for \$60 per session (\$30 for spouse).

Hotel reservations will be arranged thru the National Auctioneers Association headquarters, but registrants will pay their hotel charges on checkout when the seminar is completed.

It is important, however, that Seminar Registrations and Hotel Reservations are made immediately so that the NAA Seminars Committee and Radisson Muehlebach Hotel can provide for you accordingly.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. on each day of the Seminar and conclude on Monday and Tuesday after the evening Bid Calling classes (choose either the Monday or Tuesday Bid Calling Class) at approximately 10:00 p.m.; and on Wednesday near 5:00 p.m.

Use the Seminar Registration Form — Hotel Reservation Form below to attend the Kansas City Seminar. Registrations will be accepted only if the Seminar Registration fee check is included with the registration form (do not send hotel reservation money to the NAA Office, however).

Registration Form Kansas City Seminar — February 28-March 1-2, 1977

Send all Seminar Registration fees and completed form immediately to: Harvey L. McCray, NAA Executive Director, 135 Lakewood Dr., Lincoln, NE 68510.

Three-day Registration Fee: \$150 per person (\$75 for spouse)

One-day Registration Fee: \$60 per person (\$30 for spouse) (Note: Bid Calling Course To Be Selected Either On Monday or Tuesday only — No No Bid Calling Course on Wednesday.)

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Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ for registration to the Kansas City Seminar, February 28-March 1-2 at the Radisson Muehlebach Hotel (please insert checkmark where applicable):
———Monday, February 28 — Real estate with emphasis on farm acreage auctions.
———I prefer the Monday evening Bid Calling Seminar.
——Tuesday, March 1 — Heavy equipment and farm machinery at auction.
———I prefer the Tuesday evening Bid Calling Seminar.
———Wednesday, March 2 — Antiques with emphasis on primitives and consignment auctions.

(Note: Hotel Reservation Form on reverse side of this page.)

Nebraska Auctioneer Interviewed For New TV Trail Show Program

A new television series on Nebraska, its people and towns has begun on KOLN/KGIN-TV in Lincoln and Grand Island. The series is entitled "The Nebraska Trail" and is presented daily by the Nebraska Public Power District. It airs every morning between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. on the Channel 10/11 "Morning Show."

NAA member Stacy B. McCoy past president of the Nebraska Auctioneers Association from Arapahoe, was interviewed by Don Jacks, program host, and his segment will be aired on February 23, 1977.

Questions asked of Stacy were in regard to his career, how a young auctioneer might get started and important knowledge a young auctioneer should have. Stacy reports that he, "had to get a plug in for the Nebraska and National Auctioneers Associations, and auctioneers in both organizations and their qualifications.

The 3-3½ minute vianettes depict Nebraska yesterday and today. Historical annals are being carefully surveyed to assure the accuracy of dates and names in describing the founding of many Nebraska towns. County historical museums are being utilized for several of the shows since they contain much of the elements pertinent to the cultural heritage of Nebraska.

Current events such as ethnic festivals, school functions, community improvement projects, architectural and artistic structures, and craftsmen are also used as Nebraska Trail subject material.

The Nebraska Trail is produced by Smeloff, Inc., a Nebraska based television production company with offices in Lincoln and Omaha. Host for the series is Don Jacks, an award-winning broadcast personality in Nebraska. Jacks is



AUCTIONEER STACY McCOY promotes the auction method of selling during an interview with TV personality Don Jacks. The interview will be aired in February as a feature in a new TV series, "The Nebraska Trail".

best known for his televised coverage of the Nebraska State Fair and his weekly radio productions for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. His lively interview technique is the key to the colorful and enlightening conversations which are a trademark of The Nebraska Trail.

The Nebraska Public Power District is presenting The Nebraska Trail for a better understanding of Nebraska and its people. The series will continue through August of 1977.

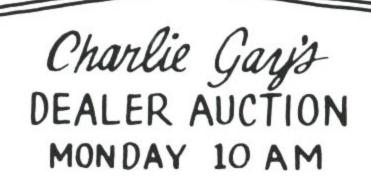
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The 1977 CAI — Certified Auctioneers Institute — program is in its final planning stage and registrations for the 1977 Course I & II are now being accepted. The 1977 CAI will be held on April 3 thru 8 at the Indiana Memorial Union, Indiana University at Bloomington.

The purpose of the Certified Auctioneers Institute is to educate and train practicing auctioneers in ways to improve their performances in the auction business. A wide variety of auction activities will be incorporated into the CAI program; however, the main thrust of the institute will be to familiarize the student with the basic business functions that will help him increase his profits.

CAI Student Can Evaluate Progress

The CAI courses have been designed so that the student will be able to evaluate his progress as he applies what he has learned. It is for this reason that the institute is offered only once a year. By applying the newly gained knowledge, the student will be likely to gain more from his educational activity.

During the course of the three-year program, the CAI student will study business, financial, and legal aspects of auctioneering as well as many advanced auction techniques.

The professional designation of "CAI" (Certified Auctioneers Institute) will be awarded upon successful completion of the full institute program of first, second, and third year classes. In order to receive the CAI designation after successful completion of the three years of Institute courses (90 hours), the candidate must be a member of the National Auctioneers Association (NAA).

CAI Admission Requirements Set

Due to the nature of the Certified Auctioneers Institute, it is essential that participants have enough actual auction experience to maximize their benefits in attending the course. Admission to the institute, therefore is based on the following priorities as of July 1, 1976:

- 1. auctioneers with two years or more of **fulltime** auction experience and
- 2. those auctioneers with less than two years but more than one year of fulltime experience and meeting the additional requirements as stated by the Institute Board of Directors.

The Admissions Committee has final determination regarding eligibility and admission of applicants. Enrollment is limited to the first 110 qualified applicants. Applications and full tuition for first-year enrollees must be received by March 1, 1977.

The instructional staff for the first-year class is composed of some of the nation's leading educators and practitioners in the auction field. Emphasis in the first year is on the importance of understanding and applying the basic funda-

About the Cover . . .

THE CAI LOGO shares the spotlight on this month's cover of THE AUCTIONEER magazine with the year '77; an illustration of the Indiana Memorial Union, Course I & II headquarters for the 1977 CAI; and the "welcoming faces of the three CAI officers", who were elected by their classmates during the 1976 CAI Course I. The officers, from left to right, are: J. Wayne Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer; Bob Ellenberger, President; and Ed Vierheller, Vice President.



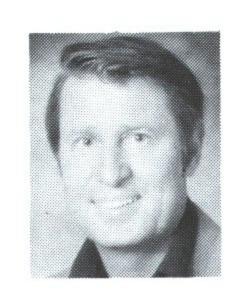
CAI COMMITTEE MEMBERS were shown during the 1976 Course I Session in Bloomington, reviewing the course manual and materials. Pictured above, left to right, are (seated) Ron Tull John O'Connor and Terry Dunning (then NAA President). Standing, Harvey Lambright, CAI Committee Chairman, Hugh Miller, Marty Higgenbotham (then NAA 2nd Vice President), Steve Martin and Harvey McCray. Martin is CAI Executive Director and McCray is NAA Executive Director —the only two who did not attend CAI as students.

mentals of auction and business activities. The subjects, and hours devoted to each subject are:

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	Introduction to CAI	1/2
	Auctioneering and the Law	1/2
	Contract Laws as They Relate to the Auctioneer	21/2
	Agency: Relations Between the Principal and Agent	1
6	Personal and Career Management	2
	Communications and You	2
	Introduction of Accounting Techniques	
	for the Auctioneer	3
	Income Taxes as They Relate to the Auctioneer	1
	Marketing Principles for the Auctioneer	3
	Appraisal of Personal Property	2
	Introduction to Finance for the Auctioneer	2
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Subjects	Hours
Introduction to CAI	1/2
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Personal Property Appraisal (Advanced)	3
Special Auction Topic	2
Finance (Advanced)	3
Marketing Techniques for the Auctioneer (Advanced)	3
Advertising Study Project	2
Advertising Study Project Anaylsis	2
Public Relations	3
Auction Techniques and Practices	3
Real Property Apprasial	3
Special Auction Topic	3

First Class of Course III To Be Conducted in 1978

TOTAL HOURS PER COURSE

This class is limited to those who have successfully completed, in order, the first and second year of the Certified Auctioneers Institute. The final year class gives the student the opportunity to become involved in intensive pursuit of auction techniques and the application of sound business practices. The third class will bring together the knowledge gained from the first two classes.

'77 CAI Registration Fees Must Be In By March 1, 1977

To be considered, all first-year applicants must be registered and have their full tuition paid by March 1, 1977. Complete the attached application form and return it, along with payment in full of CAI tuition, to:

Certified Auctioneers Institute Suite 555, Indiana Memorial Union Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Certified Auctioneers Institute, Inc.

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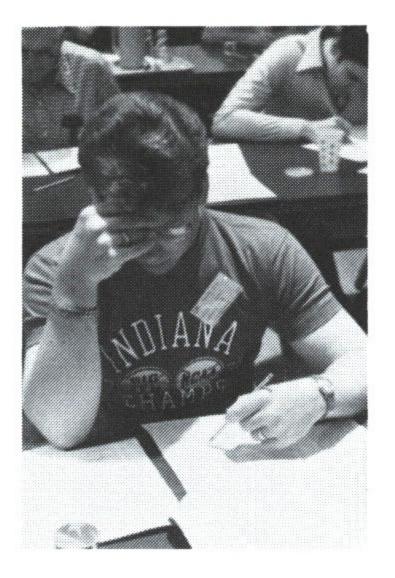
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The Institute tuition is \$195 for members of the NAA and \$225 for non-NAA-members. The \$225 tuition fee for non-members will award the CAI student membership in the NAA. As a member, he will be eligible for the professional designation upon completion of the three-year Institute program. The tuition includes lodging in the Indiana Memorial Union for five nights, 30 hours of classroom instruction, a three-hour examination, study materials, all coffee breaks, two dinners, and a variety of services. Following the successful completion of the three-year CAI requirements, a certificate and pin will be awarded.

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1977 CAI Schedule

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4:00 to 6:00 p.m. — Registration in Indiana Memorial Union

6:00 to 7:00 p.m. — "Class Get Togethers"

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. — Banquet and Introduction to CAI

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Due to Popularity of Confiscated Items Gross Sales at Police Auctions Increase

By Gene Simpkins Cincinnati, Ohio

I have been serving as auctioneer at the Cincinnati (Ohio) Police auctions since 1971 and the overall sales have climbed from an average of \$2,500 to over \$8,000 a sale. I don't know why the change, but I've tried to analyze it and the following explanation is the only answer I can come up with.

At an average home sale, I am lucky to get 50¢ to \$5 for a broken down television set, yet at the police auction I am getting \$20 to \$40 for television sets, which, sometimes are in worse condition.

My biggest items are bicycles that Gene Simpkins average 125 bikes a sale and sell for

\$1 to \$100, with the average price being \$25. Ten-speed bikes bring \$50 to \$100 or better. Tools always bring good money as does hi-fi equipment.

Yet, there are plenty of bargains such as, at my last sale, a \$20 gold piece, which sold for \$160, yet should have brought over \$200. Jewelry (the real stuff) is also a bargain because we tell the public it is diamonds or gold or whatever, but if we go any further than that, we put ourselves out on a limb as far as value is concerned.

I think the real reason for the high income from police



auctions may be that they are popular with people, who have secret desires to own something that has been in the custody of the courts and the belief that it could have been part of some unknown criminal activity — the items leave much for the imagination.

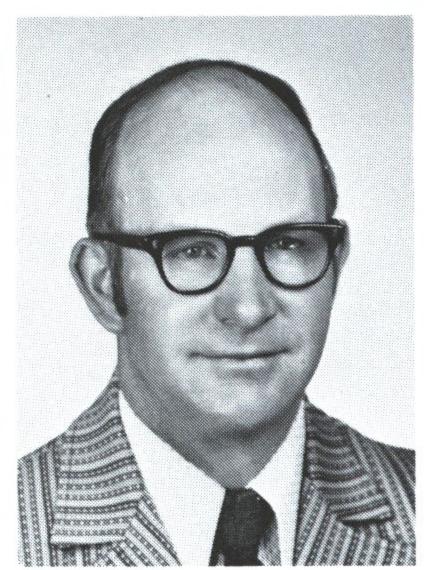
Cigar boxes of pocket knives average between \$50 to \$80 a box with the buyer standing a pretty good chance of getting a few goodies out of each box. All items that are auctioned have been confiscated or found and turned over to the police or released by the courts after judication of a case.

Sometimes a person in the crowd will identify an item as theirs. When this happens the item is withdrawn from the sale until it is identified by the person and the item is released to them. If it is not claimed at that time it is put back on the block and sold.

The auctions are held every six months on Saturday, beginning at 12:00 noon and lasting until 4:30 or 5:00 p.m., with everything being sold with nothing left behind. No checks are accepted and everything is sold "cash on the barrelhead" with no credit offered.

There are no guns sold at our auctions and no large bayonets or swords, which may be used as a weapon later on. Some police auctions do sell guns, but we don't and as a police officer myself, I believe it is a good idea not to sell them. We do have the problem of knowing what to do about collectors' guns and this is one subject that we are kicking around now.

I might add that several of our auctions have started



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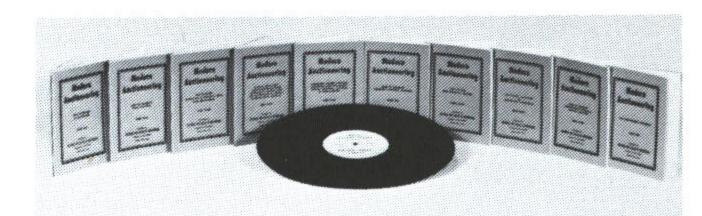
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on the same day as some of our Cincinnati Reds World Series games, with the auction starting at 12 noon and the series starting at 1:00 p.m., just a few blocks away, but the games have never interfered with our auctions. I guess baseball people are baseball people, and auction people are auction people. I keep up with the score and pass this on to the crowd.

The crowd, by the way, averages anywhere from 700 to over 1,500 people and is held outside of our city hall with the items being fed to me from an old firehouse in the rear of my stand. Everything is sold "as is".

Items are paid for as the buyer is handed the item at the time he or she buys it. I am paid a token amount for my services and not my normal fee, but the auction is publicized on three television stations in Cincinnati at prime time — 6:00 and 11:00 p.m. news spots — as a public interest story.

What profession do I like the most, you ask? Well, the way I look at it I think both are needed badly in this day and age and with 17 years on the police department, it won't be long before I can go from law enforcement to full time auction sales.

I again hope that I have added some knowledge to some of my fellow auctioneers and I am hoping to get to Seattle next summer for the 1977 NAA Convention.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Officer Gene Simpkins is a participating member of the NAA, having written articles previously for THE AUCTIONEER magazine and having attended NAA conventions — the last being the 1976 St. Louis Covention in July. In an interdepartment correspondence sheet to Cincinnati's Colonel Myron J. Leistler, Police Chief, from Sergeant Howard T. Mills, Police Property Room, a description of the auction and the auctioneer, Gene Simpkins, was described, as follows:

"The semi-annual Police Auction started as scheduled at 12:00 noon on April 10, 1976 and lasted over six hours. The total amount collected was \$12,126.75 minus a \$25 fee for the auctioneer.

"Officer Gene Simpkins was the auctioneer and did an unbelievable job. Favorable comments continued to flow to this writer on the way Officer Simpkins handled the crowd and for those who attended the auction it was a treat to listen; a professional auctioneer he is.

"The auction ran smoothly and orderly, with one exception. One person was directed to this supervisor and his gripe was that the radio he bought for \$12.00 was a police band rather than an AM-FM job as described. He had his money refunded by this writer and was marked off list, the radio was later resold.

"The jewelry was held until 1400 hours so four different individuals had a chance to look it over in hopes it might have been some of their stolen or lost articles. None could be identified. Jewelry brought prices ranging from \$13.00 to \$90.00. The hottest selling items were bicycles (10-speeds went for \$25.00 on up to over \$100.00) and the TVs which were bought even if the backs were missing and the auctioneer identified them as junk. Every item placed for auction was sold.

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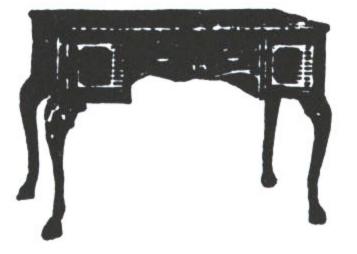
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Dear Ladies:

It's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania today . . . but it is very frigid. We have had a very cool fall and a very cold winter with more than usual snow. In fact, it is a good day to look out at the snow and think about July and the Convention. Right now, it seems a long time off but I know it won't be long until we will be packing in anticipation for our trip to Seattle (which is quite a distance from here) and the 1977 Convention.

I really hope that a lot of the new Auctioneers will take the time to come and bring their wives and children to the Convention. We have gained so much through the years of attending these meetings, both in knowledge for use in our own Auction business and in the friendships that we have made from all over the country.

I hope that you all had a really nice holiday season. But January is time for a fresh start for the Auction season and hopefully a busy Spring and Summer.

We are looking forward to the Northwest as it is a new area for us and it will be exciting to see areas in and around Seattle. I know Convention Chairman, BobLosey and his wonderful family and all the rest of the Washington Auctioneers will have a great Convention this year. I will look forward to seeing all of you ladies at the Ladies Luncheon too. See you in July.

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NAA Ladies Auxiliary Approves By-Laws Change

The Ladies Auxiliary of the National Auctioneers Association has already voted on a change in its By-Laws and Constitution and the following revision in ARTICLE I is being submitted in accordance with the procedures which stipulate that the revision be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the next meeting, to be held in Seattle in July:

AMENDMENT

The following shall be deleted from Article 3, Section 3 and shall no longer be binding upon this Auxiliary: Upon payment of \$25.00 to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Auxiliary, any Wife, Mother, or Daughter of a member of the National Auctioneers Association may be granted a life membership certificate. All such memberships shall be exempt from the payment of any further dues in this Auxiliary.

Iowa Auctioneers Auxiliary Meets in Little Amana Colony

On October 30-31 the Iowa Auctioneers Association Auxiliary held its Fall State Meeting at the Holiday Inn at Little Amana. On Saturday afternoon the women toured the Amana Colonies and their stores. On Saturday night we attended the Auctioneers Contest and Fun Auction. On Sunday we enjoyed a nice noon meal with the men and after the program had our Auxiliary Meeting.

Irene Dudley gave a demonstration on making dolls and decorations from corn husks. Arlene Buckles reported on the National Convention at St. Louis.

New Officers elected for the coming year are: President — Marilyn Malmagner; Vice President — Elaine Tubaugh; 2nd Vice President — Carol Erickson; Secretary-Treasurer — Hazel Johnson; Publicity — Arlene Buckles; Historian — Fran Donnelly; Directors for three years — Dee Smith; two years — Irene Erickson; one year — Lucille Van Syoc. Mrs. Wendell Ritchie installed the new officers.

Mrs. Howard (Arlene) Buckles, Chairman lowa Auctioneers Auxiliary Publicity

AUCTIONEER Magazine Format Noted in Marketing Newspaper

The November, 1976, edition of THE JERSEY DEVIL, a newspaper about marketeers, for marketeers and by marketeers, which list news of markets, auctions and shows in the New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania and nearby New Egypt, New Jersey, area, published an editorial about the new THE AUCTIONEER magazine format. The article explained the new format as follows:

"The September 1976 issue of THE AUCTIONEER, the magazine of the National Auctioneers Association, shows a brand-new shape, size and look.

"Formerly 6" x 9", the new look is contained in regular magazine dimensions, $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11". Layouts, ads, photos and editorial content have all been improved, resulting in livelier reading and a more professional appearance. The editor and staff of THE AUCTIONEER are to be congratulated on their new magazine.

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One of the conrtibuting editors of THE JERSEY DEVIL is New Jersey State Society of Auctioneers president, Don Castner, who Harvey McCray feels should be recognized for the nice gesture on behalf of the NAA.

From the Editor's Notebook . . .

NAA Members Respond Well to Call for Editorial Help

It is a pleasure to work with an organization, which has so many enthusiastic members. The response to my plea for help in having good, informational and educational articles submitted for publication in THE AUCTIONEER magazine has been gratifying.

Material was supplied to me for the October, November and December issues and already material has been submitted for use in future issues. But, there is a tendency in our organization for our members to send too much promotional material and not enough educational and instructional information. And, too often we receive newspaper photographs and photographs, which are printed on a sale bill or brochure. These cannot be used very successfully and I hope I can offer some suggestions now, which will be helpful to the auctioneer when he has something to "shout about" in our magazine. Information and materials needed include:

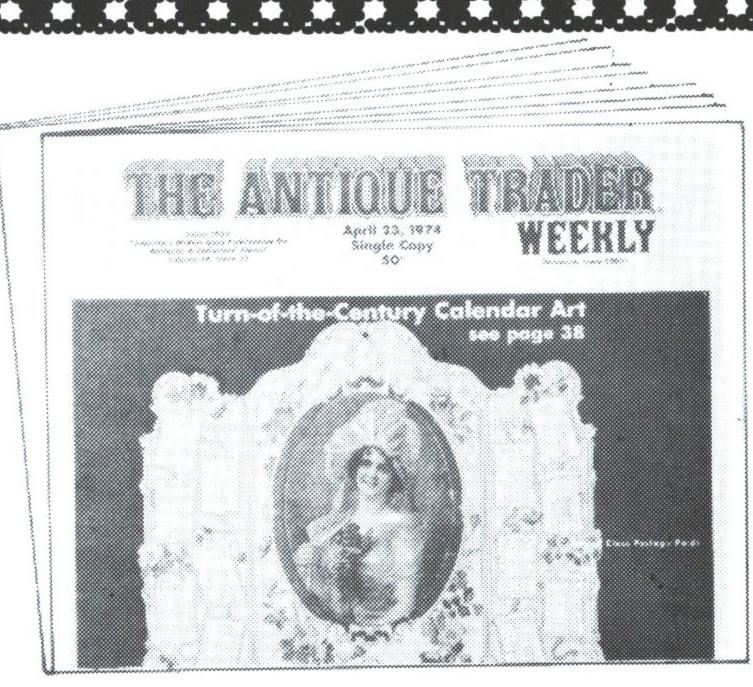
- 1. Results of an auction, which will offer the NAA members some educational benefit price trends, advertising results, auction opportunities, etc. If you see something developing in the auction profession, share it with your fellow auctioneer!
- 2. Photographs of sale displays, materials, antiques, specialty items, etc. black and white glossy photographs will reproduce best and the size preferred is five by seven inches or eight by ten inches (oversized photographs are hard for the printer to reproduce). Remember, action creates interest and "one picture is worth a thousand words . . ."!

- 3. Success stories in general your techniques may be "old hat" to you, but to someone else they may be worth "a king's crown"! Think of yourself as an instructor, or teacher. Your knowledge is valuable to the profession. (Seminars instructors have been selected due to the officers having some knowledge of the auctioneer's knowledge and techniques).
- 4. Legislation, or laws, which affect the auction profession in general. Many auctioneers travel far and in many states to provide professional auction services and if there are laws, which affect the auctioneer in general, let everyone know about it through THE AUCTIONEER magazine. Remember, don't editoralize, but send the facts as they are so that everyone can form their own opinions on the laws as they have been pased through legislation.

Of course, there are many different types of articles, which will be of interest to auctioneers in general. The Editor will use this materal whenever space allows. But the main thing to remember, when you "believe" you have something to send to the NAA Office, for use in THE AUCTIONEER magazine, ask yourself the question: "Will it be of interest to the NAA membership and will it be of value to the auction profession and the auctioneer in general?"

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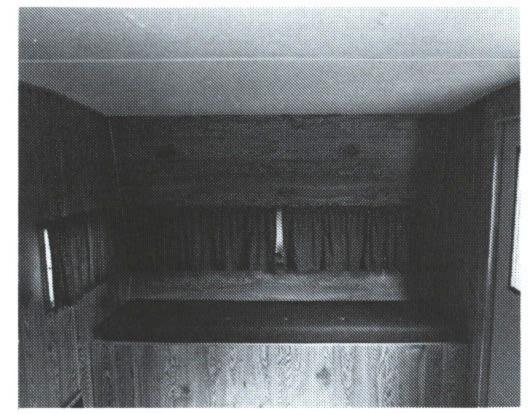
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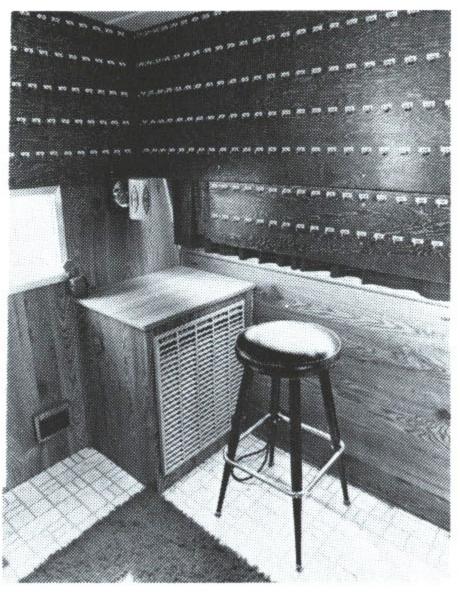


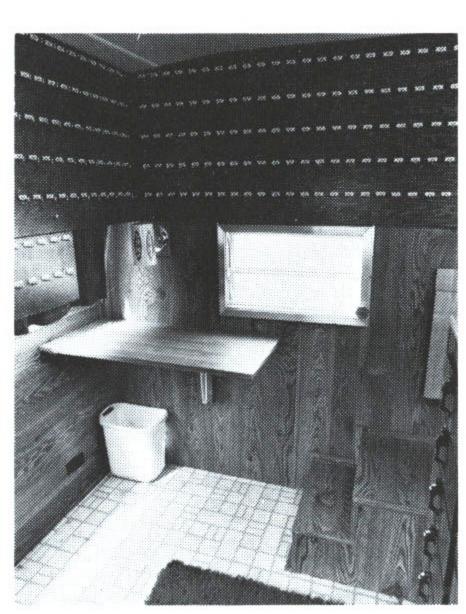


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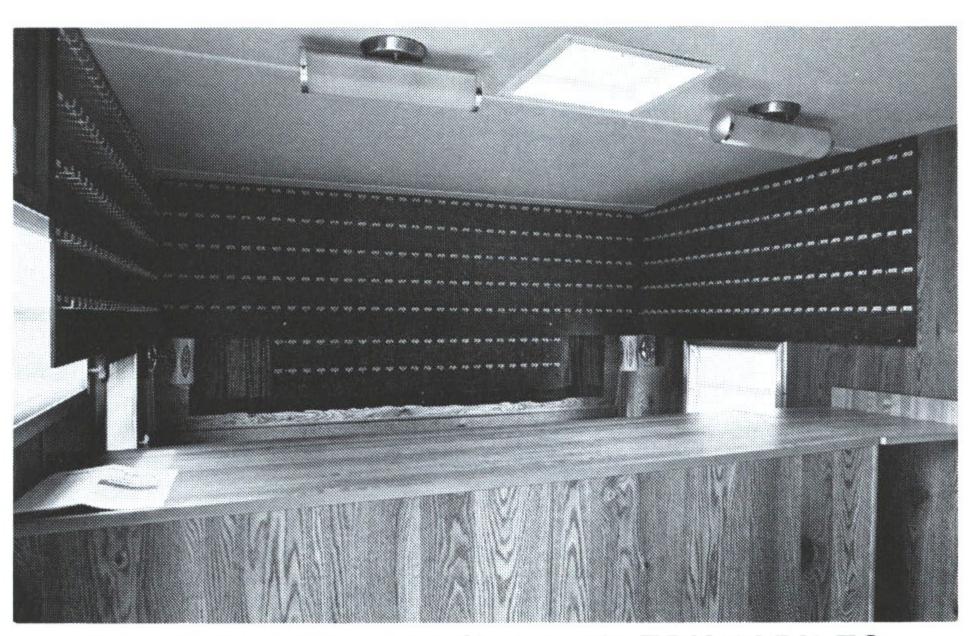
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Washington State Auctioneers Prepare for Convention With Editorial, Featuring Area Auctioneers' Information

The Seattle Times newspaper featured information about the auctioneers in the Art and Entertainment section of a Sunday edition in November, which should create considerable interest in many people who are interested in auctioneers and auctions in the area. General Convention Chairman Robert F. "Bob" Losey, and his wife Winona, of the Renton Auction Center in Renton - a suburb of Seattle - have been working hard to create interest in auctions in the area and the newspaper feature is one of many attempts by them, and the other Washington State Auctioneers Association members to prepare for the 1977 NAA Convention.

The article gave a "Portrait of a Buyer", and an article in which Washington State Auctioneers Association Fall Convention was promoted. The convention's auction was to be held on the same night the paper was issued.

One of the features of the article offered information on some basic advice to the beginning buyer, which stated:

"First, pick your auction. There are charity auctions, government surplus auctions, livestock auctions, and just regular old junk ("antique") auctions.

"Each seems to have its advantages and disadvantages as well as specialized merchandise. Government sales tend to draw big crowds and lots of amateurs. An expert said onpremises estate sales - where a house-full of items is auctioned at the house - have the advantage of being able to view the merchandise in its natural setting, but the bids tend to be higher.

"Regardless of the type of sale, the advice on bidding seems to be the same. Here's a sampling of auctioneers' tips:



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- Avoid "bidding wars" where the object can quickly turn to "beating the other guy".
- You don't have to buy something to justify your time.

The article concluded with an area listing of the auctioneers and auction centers, under the following headings: Second-hand Auctions; Charity Auctions; Estate Auctions; Government Surplus Auctions; Livestock Auctions; Art Auctions; and Real Estate Auctions.

The article should do much for the auction profession in the Seattle area and the only criticism noted by the editor was the word "junk", the usage of the term, which seems to be frowned on by most NAA members.

Bob Losey was quite proud of the editorial written by Ross Anderson of the Seattle Times newspaper, as he should be. The best way to dispel any fears about attending auctions is to publish information about auctions, auctioneers and the auction profession in general and the editorial offered much good information to everyone.

Western Pennsylvania Post Office Sold at Auction by NAA Member Wolfe

A seventy-four year old landmark, the New Brighton, Pennsylvania, Post Office, was sold at auction in August by NAA member Harry Wolfe and his associate Gene Rose. The sale precedes the razing of the building, which was sold by its former owner, the Brighton Falls Land Co., Brighton, Pennsylvania.

Items included in the sale were: a 10-foot window, which included heavy oak moldings — \$30; two huge wrought iron lamps from the front of the building — \$500 each; post office entranceway (oak and brass) — \$575; concrete eagle, which adorned the top of the building — \$1,500 (only 14 were made in the United States and was placed on top of the building in 1902); steel and plywood stairwell of 100 steps — \$225; postal and stamp windows, including the wrought iron grills — \$500 (approximately) and six-hundred square feet of Vermont red marble walls — 10 per square foot.

The majority of the crowd were builders and/or contractors, seeking materials for their building projects, and the antique and collectable hunters, looking for offbeat species like brass door knob collectibles.

The building was built in 1902 at a cost of \$75,000 and estimates today to remodel the building were as high as \$250,000. The New Brighton Bourough Council originally considered buying the property until they learned that in addition to the purchase price of \$53,000, the remodeling costs would be so high.

Auctioneer Wolfe, when submitting the material, wrote: "This was certainly a treat for me. Something really different and also a privilege to be involved in one of our local landmarks. I thought this would make a nice writeup in THE AUCTIONEER magazine — giving other auctioneers ideas on what can be sold at auction."

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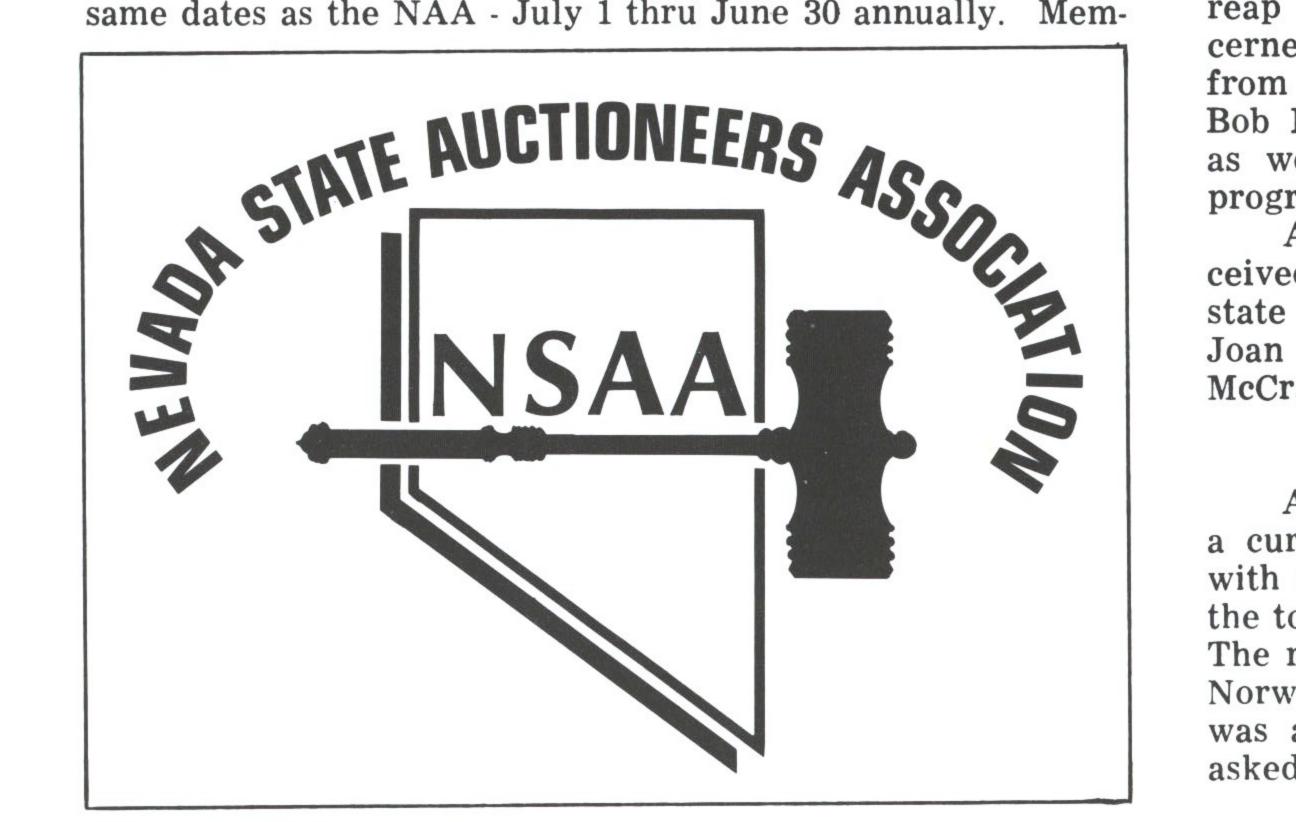
Nevada Auctioneers Form State Association

The Nevada State Auctioneers Association was formed on November 20, 1976, in a meeting, called by Las Vegas auctioneer G. Robert Deiro. Auctioneers throughout the state - a small number of people who are dedicated to the auction profession - were contacted in advance of the meeting and given information about the State Association formation and with their consent the organization was formed.

Nevada is unique as most of the population is centered around two metropolitan areas: Las Vegas, to the south; and Reno, to the north. Auctioneers total approximately 17 in the entire state. Though small in number, the auctioneers of Nevada have the same needs as do auctioneers in any other state and thus the reason the State Association was formed. Goals of the NSSA are:

- 1. For the publicity and promotion of the auction as the means of selling to the general public:
- 2. For the establishment of a Code of Ethics to provide guidelines for the auctioneer in working with and for the public and in association with the other auctioneers in the state;
- 3. To act as a source of expertise to state legislation in regard to the auction method of selling.

The first official State Association meeting is scheduled for June, 1977 and the NSAA will use as its fiscal year the same dates as the NAA - July 1 thru June 30 annually. Mem-



bership in the NSAA will be with a reciprocal agreement with the NAA in that when a member joins the NSAA or the NAA, he must also join the other. Members in the NSAA as charter members will be considered under the grandfather clause and will not have to join the NAA unless it is within their own choice. The dues structure is to be decided, but it was sugested that the member pay \$10 as dues, \$20 for NAA dues, and \$20 for an initial processing fee.

The formation meeting was held at the Holiday Inn, Center Strip, in Las Vegas where the officers and directors were elected to serve the State Association. Officers elected include: President — G. Robert Deiro, Las Vegas (general); Vice President — Robert O. Fink, Reno (general); Secretary-Treasurer — Stan Zurawski, Jr., Las Vegas (general and coin specialist). Directors — One Year: Saul Freedman, Reno (general) and Dave VanHatten, Las Vegas (automobile); Two years: Tim Gallagher, Fallon (livestock) and Bill Watson, Las Vegas (general); Three Years: Peter Stremmel, Reno (general) and Ron Yahner, Las Vegas (antique).

Meeting with the Nevada auctioneers at the State Association formation meeting was NAA Executive Director Harvey L. McCray of Lincoln, Nebraska. McCray, on reporting back to Lincoln after his trip to Las Vegas, commented, "It was a pleasure to see the enthusiasm and desire of the Nevada auctioneers to form a State Association and it is obvious,



CONGRATULATIONS ARE GIVEN to Nevada State Auctioneers Association President Bob Deiro by Harvey McCray, NAA Executive Director (second from right). NSAA Secretary-Treasurer Stan Zurawski, Jr. (left) and Ron Yahner (right) look on.

after the meeting, that the auction method of selling will reap the benefits from the efforts made by everyone concerned. I was especially gratified to have excellent response from the many state secretaries, who were asked to supply Bob Deiro with information on State Association formation as well as general comments about association structure, programs and goals."

At the meeting in Las Vegas, where Bob Deiro had received proxy votes from nearly every auctioneer in the state to satisfy the formation requirements, were: Bob and Joan Deiro; Stan Zuraski, Jr.; Ron Yahner and Harvey McCray.

A CHINESE NORWEGIAN

A sign reading "Ole Olesons Chinese Laundry" bothered a curious tourist and finally he went in and asked to talk with the proprietor. Finding him to be a genuine Chinaman, the tourist asked how he had acquired such an unlikely name. The reply: "When I came to this country I lined up behind a Norwegian at the immigration window. When the Norwegian was asked his name, he replied, 'Ole Oleson'. When I was asked my name I said, 'Sam Ting'."

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In Memoriam...

Delbert Winchester

Delbert Winchester, a nationally prominent livestock and real estate auctioneer, died of cancer in an Oklahoma hospital. Delbert had been an auctioneer for three decades and was highly regarded in both livestock and real estate circles.

During the theyday of the Shetland pony era he helped make Shetland history when he sold Crescent Gold Dust, a flashy dapple stallion for a world record price of \$60,000. His many real estate auctions included the famed 18,000 acre Mullendore Ranch. It was not uncommon for him to sell a sizeable farm or ranch in the morning and another that same afternoon in a neighboring county for different owners, completely satisfying both sellers.

He was a Missouri Auction School instructor since 1965 and was one of the lecturers for the first and subsequent real estate seminars conducted by the NAA.

A 1938 graduate of Oklahoma State University he was later honored as the 40th graduate to be inducted in OSU's Institute of Animal Sciences and Industry department's Hall of Fame.

Born in Crumpa, New Mexico, he was raised on a sheep ranch in Oklahoma and lived in the Enid area most of his life. In early years he taught vocational agriculture in Amber and Hobart, Oklahoma.

Delbert was elected the first president of the Oklahoma Auctioneers Association and was a past president of the Oklahoma Farm and Land Brokers Institute and a member of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Enid.

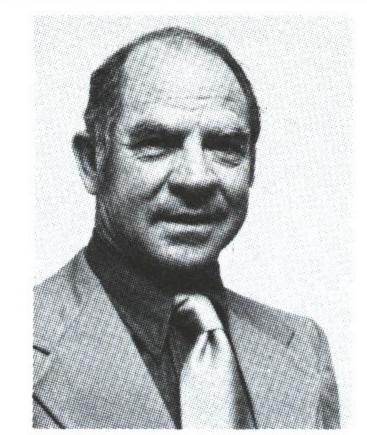
His survivors include his wife, the former Wanda Bynam; two sons, Dannie of Costa Rica and Rex of Stillwater; two grandchildren; two brothers and a sister.

Jim Werth

Jim Werth, a highly respected young livestock market auctioneer, was killed in an auto accident on Interstate 70 highway near his home town of Hays, Kansas.

As a high school student he traveled to Kansas City to attend auction school. An eager 17 year old he was elected president of his class and voted the best auctioneer in that class. He returned home and immediately became one of the auctioneers at the livestock market in LaCrosse, Kansas. Soon he was working sales with Larry Carr at Larned and was launched as a full fledged auctioneer.

At the time of his death he was selling four live-







Winchester

Werth

Williams

stock markets. One day each week he sold at LaCrosse, Dodge City, Russell and his home town of Hays, Kansas.

Raised on a western Kansas farm near Schoenchen he had a keen interest in the livestock industry. In a few short years this energetic young man with a fine young family had acquired both land and cattle and had laid a sound foundation for the future.

For the past 3 years he had been an instructor at the Missouri Auction School and teamed up with Verlin Green and Chuck Cumberlin to teach the new livestock market auctioneers. His sincerity, easy manner, and obvious dedication to the auction profession made him a favorite with new auctioneers from coast to coast.

Jim is survived by his wife, Sandra, of the home,; two daughters, Amy, 3, and Lori, six months; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Werth of Schoenchen, Kansas; one brother, one sister and his paternal grandparents.

Richard E. Williams

Richard Earl Williams of Kennewick, Washington, died recently in the Kennewick General Hospital. He was born in Bend, Oregon, and had lived in the Kennewick area since 1953.

Dick was the highly respected owner of Williams Industrial Auctioneers, one of the west's well known and established industrial auctioneering organizations. The firm auctions primarily sawmills, logging equipment, construction equipment, agrigate plants and milling plants, and covers thoroughly eleven western states.

NAA member Williams auctioned with Ben Walker of the firm and started out 17 years ago by selling livestock and working farm sales. Later he graduated to equipment sales.

He was a member of the Kennewick Lodge 153 F&AM; Scottish Rites, Kennewick; El Katif Temple, Spokane; Navy veteran of World War II and the Finley Grange.

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Craig Lawing Elected to Senate In November North Carolina Election

NAA member W. Craig Lawing was elected to the North Carolina State Senate in the election on November 2, 1976. Senator Lawing is a Democrat and has served in the North



Carolina House of Representatives since 1971 where he served as the chairman of the Local Government Committee during the 1973-74 Session and chairman of the Economy Committee in the 1975-76 Session.

The senatorial district he will represent is the largest district in the two Carolinas, having eight House members and four Senate members. He served as Chairman of the Mecklenburg County Legislative delegation during the 1975-76 Session and at it's caucus held recently was elected by his fellow legislators to serve again as chairman of the local delegation for the upcoming Session.

Prior to being elected to the North Carolina General Assembly, Colonel Lawing served five terms on the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners. He also is a past NAA director. At 51 years of age he has devoted in excess of one-half of his adult life to public service.

Auctioneers in Alberta, Canada Offered Information on Obtaining Auctioneers License in Province

Lorne Stout, Secretary of the Auctioneers Association of Alberta, Canada, recently published an informative article in THE AUCTIONEER, the association's official publication. The article is published below for the benefit of other auctioneers and to recognize the Alberta Association for its informative bulletin:

"We have many requests for information on what is needed to get an Auctioneer's License:.

"Even some long-time members call for the information for sons to come into the business with them, for things are much different now than when they started and all that was needed was the \$50 to buy the provincial license.

"So here are the requirements to obtain an Alberta auctioneers license."

- 1. Applicants must be 18 years of age;
- 2. They must have graduated from a 'recognized' auction school, or have been an auctioneer other than in Alberta for at least one year;
- 3. They must obtain and provide the License Branch with the proper form showing they have a \$5,000 Bond;
- 4. Provide three references (not relatives);
- 5. Provide a letter from their bank manager as to financial

responsibility.

"There is one other aspect. If the applicant is NOT a Canadian, then he must also have a valid 'work visa' from the Canadian Immigration Department.

"And, of course, the applicant must complete and hand in a license application form, provided by the Dept. of Consumer Affairs, AND not least, cash or his cheque for the \$20 license fee.

"Auctioneers who are members of the Alberta Association after a year's membership, become eligible to go on the Association's Master Bond and Excess Fund, which the gov't recognizes, and no longer have to provide their own bond.

"Once having the provincial license an auctioneer may conduct auction sales anywhere in Alberta, but in many places the city, town or county may also have a local license requirement, or permit, for a fee. This varies in cost from one place to another.

"The auctioneer should check his local authority and obtain his permit/license. When arranging a sale outside his own municipality, he should first check to find what is required where he plans to hold an Auction Sale.

"City or town inspectors usually have the power to stop any auction not fully licensed in advance.

Other areas:

"Also occasionally Alberta auctioneers enquire as to what they will encounter if they book an Auction in other provinces.

"SASKATCHEWAN has license requirements somewhat similar to Alberta, in that you must buy their provincial license. Details may be obtained from Leo King, Sec. Saskatchewan Auctioneers Association, 1055-7 St. East Prince Albert S6V OT5.

"BRITISH COLUMBIA does not have an Auction Act, and has no auctioneer's license. However, they do require auctioneers selling livestock to secure a bond and dealer's license. In both provinces municipal areas have license requirements.

"Also in B.C. the auctioneer has to obain from the Victoria offices a SALES TAX authroization, for their 7% Sales Tax must be collected on everything sold at your Auction Sale, and the money forwarded to Victoria.

The Other Side of the Coin:

"Farther afield - going to sell by auction across the line, at this time seems virtually impossible True, some U.S. auctioneers hold Alberta licenses and are able to do cattle sales here. Some breed associations secured this concession from the government at Ottawa a couple of years ago.

"It was granted without Canada making any effort that such border crossings by auctioneers be reciprocal. In recent months Immigration regulations have been tightened up by both Canada and the United States. Due to unemployment being around 7% in both countries have all but discontinued issuing "work visas" across the border.

"The restriction is not aimed particularly at the auctioneer, but neither are they an exemption, and it has to be said - securing a work visa to cross the 49th is now just about impossible.

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To achieve the allowance of legitimate business entertainment expenses, the taxpayers should keep a complete, accurate to the last penny, contemporaneous diary, which should list all costs, no matter how large or small, at or near the time the expense or cost was incurred. No deduction will be allowed for approximations or estimates and the diary should include the following:

- 1. The amount of each separate expenditure for entertainment.
 - 2. The date the entertainment took place.
- 3. The name and location of the place of entertainment, and the type of entertainment such as dinner, theatre, nightclub, or the like.
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The same records for substantiation are required for travel expenses incurred, except the record should include the following information:

- 1. The amount of each separate expenditure for travel away from home.
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EDITOR'S NOTE: The Comprehensive Accounting Company (901 East Galena Boulevard, Aurora, Illinois 60505) provides a monthly bookkeeping, accounting and tax service to over 10,000 monthly clients through its 100 franchised offices. The article is one of several which have been provided to the NAA as a method of offering information on the subject of taxes.

Three-day Sale in Pennsylvania Success in Spite of the Weather

Raymond H. Patterson, auctioneer from Eighty-Four, Pennsylvania, reports that prices were good at a recent sale in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, in spite of adverse weather conditions. The three-day sale, conducted at the residence of the late Joseph Sanders of Beaver Falls, featured a large and fine collection of porcelain figurines and glassware, including Borsato, Cybis, Capo DiMonti, Boehm, Royal Copenhagen Royal Bayrueth Royal Dalton Hummells, Mary Gregory, Meissen Sevres and more.

The prices included: Borsato - \$70-\$320; Royal Dalton - \$60-120; Royal Dux plates - \$30-65; figurines - \$110-150; Boehm - \$625; Cybis - \$37.50-110; set of Spode China - \$112; Bisque figurines - \$15-75; gaudy ironstone pitchers - \$40-60; 13-pieces of flow blue - \$170; sterling silver spoons - \$6.50 each; and gold thimble and case - \$35.

Minature oil lamp - \$100; peg lamps - \$40 each; cranberry lamp - \$65; signed and dated coverlets - \$250-475; music box with 14 eight-inch discs - \$750; small curio cabinet - \$800; jade inlaid silverware chest - \$450; bone China cups and saucers - \$5-25; and Mary Gregory - \$40-75.

The auctioneer Raymond H. Patterson, was assisted by Wayne Patterson and John Magill. The sale was managed by Gladys Welsh.

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Two Unique Auctions Conducted By Iowa Firm of Harris Auctions

Two unique auctions were conducted in October by Gene and Donna Harris of Marshalltown, Iowa. The first was a Wisconsin collector's sale of 260 iron still banks. Dealers and collectors from nine states were present for the auction, as was the writer for "Toy World" publication.

Included in the prices were: Army-Navy bank - \$350; old red car - \$450; yellow cab - \$380; large Santa - \$440; squirrel ferry boat - \$200; small eagle - \$775; Peter weather bird - with nut - \$420; billiken - \$65; bear with pot - \$55; arcade \$975; carpenter - \$750; parlor stove - \$190; buffalo - \$160; owl on stump - \$190; large turkey - \$325; and Red Goose shoes - \$250.

The auction above was conducted on October 23 and on the following day, a vast amount of Civil War items, from bridle bits, GAR buttons, pictures, to the finest of guns and many other items were displayed and sold to a small crowd from seven states including New Jersey. The 60 people were all interested buyers for this collection.

Highlights of the sale were: peace pipe tomahawk - \$250; 1855 framed tin type - \$70; iron bridle with brass rosettes - \$50; pair of U. S. stirrups - \$42.50; Lincoln Memorial ribbons - \$35; painted Civil War drum - \$310; charcoal picture of soldier - \$30; 1864 Navy letter - \$30; four-bullet mold - \$32.50; pre-Civil War engraved sword - \$150; large Civil War bugle - \$55; eagle embroidery - \$55; peace flask - \$65; Ames short sword - \$170; and GAR buttons - \$9 each.



COLLECTIBLES AUCTIONED IN OCTOBER by Gene and Donna Harris are shown in the two photos (top and bottom). Featured were iron still banks and Civil War paintings and illustrations.



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The Farm Village is especially nice for city dwellers to visit to see horses, cows, goats and pigs. Pack a picnic lunch and spend an interesting day. Before leaving Woodland Park, take time to see the formal rose gardens near the entrance of Fremont Street. The month of July offers an attractive flower display.

The Seattle Marine Aquarium at Pier 56 always has a new exhibit. Frequent collecting trips around Puget Sound by the Aquarium staff enables visitors to enjoy a large exhibition of marine life. Hourly shows are conducted at the Aquarium. Watch the Whale "Kandu" as she performs a variety of tricks for you, including retrieving balls and waving to you. Other features of the Aquarium include, Octopus with armspans of 14 feet and 100 pounds in size. There are fish of all sizes and eels, as well as the sea lion circus shows.

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The publication's deadline schedules have been revised in the NAA office for material to be printed in THE AUC-TIONEER magazine, including the copy for advertising.

"Magazine mailing delays is the reason for the deadline scheduling revision," states Editor Harvey L. McCray. "If our members are to receive their magazine on time and prior to the 15th of the month of issue, we will have to have all copy to the printer before the 15th of the preceding month. As an example, if an advertiser wants his ad in the February issue, he will have to have his copy in the NAA office on or before January 10th."

"NAA members have been providing excellent material, for publication in THE AUCTIONEER magazine", emphasizes McCray, "but we still are in need of more educational articles; the type which can serve as instructional material, such as seminars. It has been the wish of some NAA board members that the magazine feature certain aspects of auctioneering and more than one article, offering information on that phase of the auction method of selling. The magazine then can be recorded in the auctioneers educational material for reference and assistance to his firm or associates."

One of the problems the editorial staff has been having at the NAA office is receiving material, which is primarily of public relations and/or publicity value, recognizing the auctioneer for his long-term auctioneering, but which cannot offer much educational or informational value to the overal! membership. Though the material is interesting to those members who know the particular auctioneer, it does not offer the majority of the membership information, which will enhance the auctioneers' career and future of the auction profession.

Editor McCray, re-emphasized, however, that, "I am proud of the membership and the profession for which they repre-

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sent. Letters of interest to me are received gratefully, even though I cannot answer all of them at once, and it hurts not to be able to use every item submitted. Though our membership is growing, which also creates the space problem as the magazine now is representing many, many more members, we must control the size of our magazine so that the magazine printing and mailing costs fall within the budget established by the NAA Board of Directors.

"To steal from well-known entertainer Dean Martin, 'Keep those cards and letters coming in' and if you have information on the auction method of selling — the phase of auctions in which you specialize — send it in to the NAA Office for possible future use in THE AUCTIONEER."

The response to the advertising in THE AUCTIONEER magazine evidently has been good as many more prospective advertisers have asked for space in each issue. Too often, however, advertisers send material and ad designs, which are impossible to reprint or match by the printer of the magazine and if and when you wish to have an ad placed, you should consider two alternatives when asking for space:

1. Have your local printer prepare your ad, based on a review by your printer of a past issue of THE AUC-TIONEER magazine, so he can have your ad prepared "camera ready"; or

2. Type out your copy neatly and precisely as you wish to tell your story and rely on the NAA editorial staff to have the copyset in the best printing style available by the current printer.

The size of the NAA has somewhat altered the amount of time available by the staff to answer the many, many phone calls and letters from NAA members and this cuts into the time available for writing, editing and publishing the monthly magazine. (It might be interesting to note, also, that Editor McCray credits another reason for the lack of time when he commented: "Now that I have served one full year as Executive Director of the NAA, I realize how interesting the auctioneers activities are and I get swept up in the letters, newspaper clippings, magazine articles and information in general, which is submitted to the NAA office. It takes additional time to read all of the material submitted. It helps me in my position, however, as anything of interest to the auctioneer has become interesting to me".

The main purpose of this article, however, is to state that the primary purpose of printing the magazine is to offer the NAA members values and benefits, thru the timely informative articles, which are submitted by the members. As long as the members respond, the Editor and his staff will try and do justice to the interests of the NAA membership. Space in the magazine is critical and someone's article has to be omitted, unfortunately.

State Association Presidents And Secretaries Take Office After Listing in Last Issue

Since the last issue of THE AUCTIONEER magazine was issued (December, 1976), information has been received in the NAA Office that new Presidents and Secretaries have been elected in the State Associations listed below. Please revise your listing so that the most current and up to date information will be on hand as possible:

Louisiana Auctioneers Association — President: Keith Babb, P.O. Box 4222, Monroe 71201; Secretary-Treasurer: Bill Bailey, 420 Gansville Rd., Jonesboro 71251.

Massachusetts Auctioneers State Auctioneers Association — President: Louis Cardoza, 560 Orchard St., Fairhaven 02719; Secretary: Ronald V. Maynard, Groton Road, Dunstable 01827.

Auction Profession Interest Increases; Aspiring Auctioneers Want Schooling

Interest in the auction profession evidently is high, as evidenced by the number of calls received in the NAA Office from individuals, young and old, male and female, who are looking for information on the auction schools. The only references given at the NAA Office by Executive Director Harvey McCray is to send the "aspiring auctioneer" a copy (complimentary) of THE AUCTIONEER Magazine, in which is included some of the auction schools, which advertise in THE AUCTIONEER Magazine.

No doubt there are many more auction schools available, but it is impossible to recommend one over the other. Therefore the following list of Auction Schools is being published as information on some of the schools available:

American Academy of Auctioneers, 6704 S. Zunis, Suite 1901, Tulsa, OK 74136

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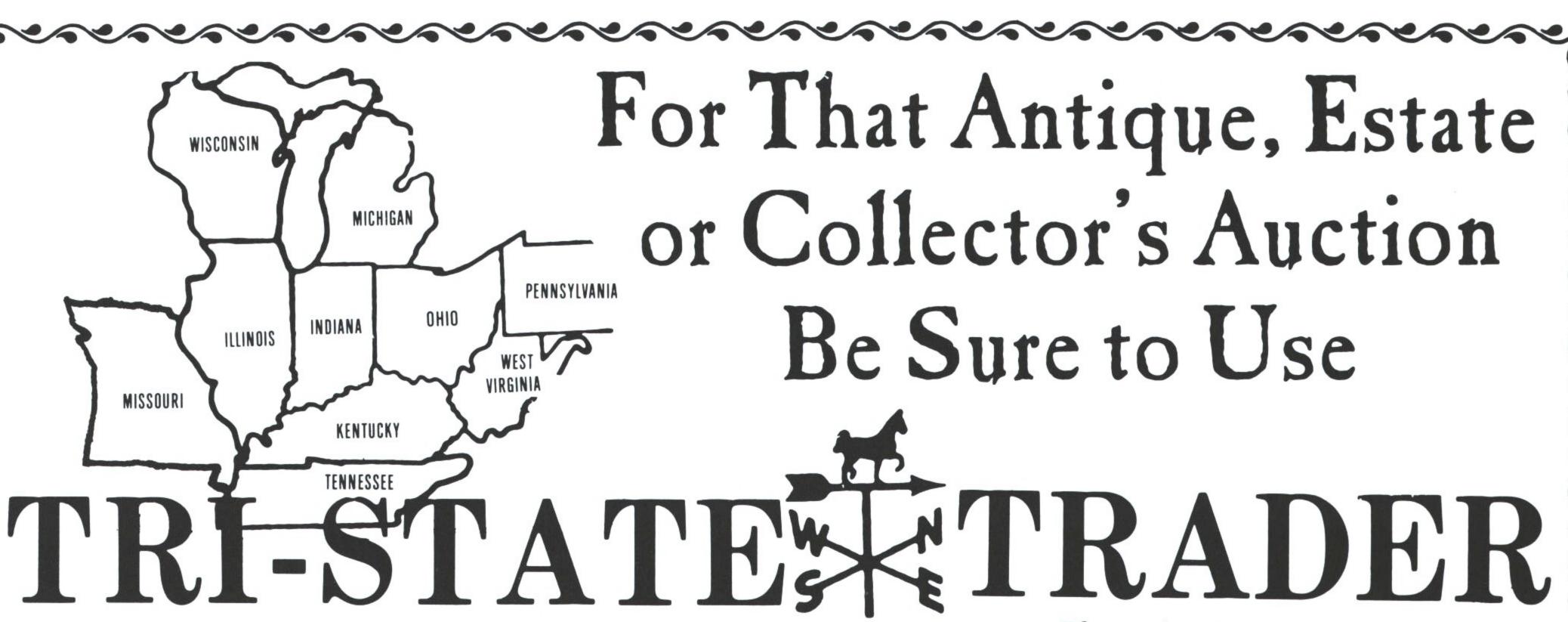
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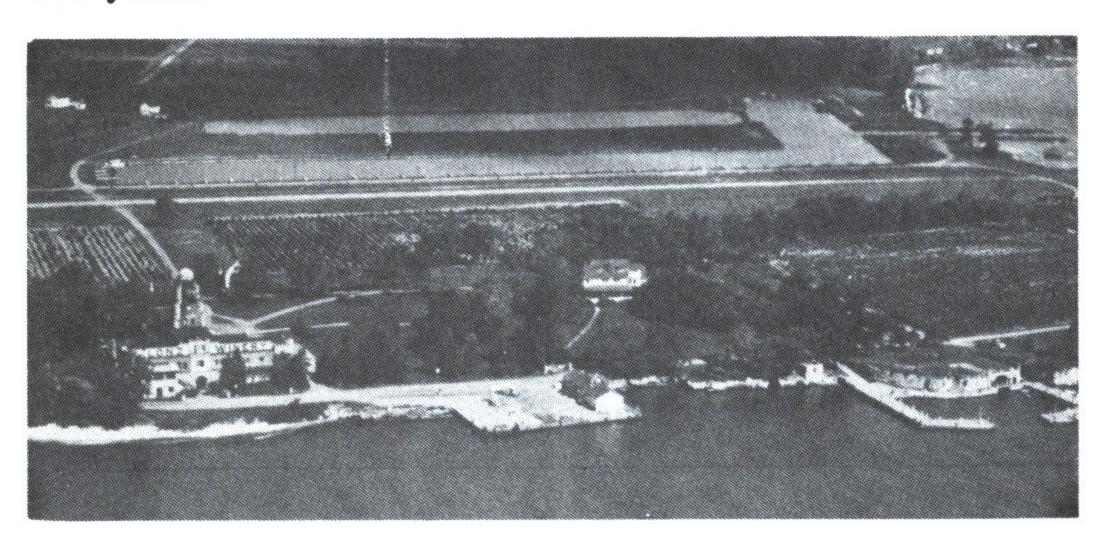
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Ohio Winery Sold "Lock, Stock and Barrel"; Sale Gets National Television Coverage

The old expression was never more aptly put when the Kruse Auction Company of Auburn, Indiana, sold at auction, the famous Lonz Winery, located on Middle Bass Island on Lake Erie, at public auction on Thursday, November 4. Interest was high in the winery sale to the point of having national television coverage. Segments of the auction appeared on NBC's John Chancellor News Show as well as the Today Show.

Middle Bass Island is located in the center of a chain of islands east of the Ohio cities of Toledo and northwest of Sandusky. The winery has one-mile frontage along the lake and covers 220 acres. The real estate property of the Lonz Winery has only been sold one other time within the last 100 years.



THIS AERIAL VIEW of the Lonz Winery shows the yacht basin at the lower right and the marina in the rear. The owner's mansion is located in the center, between the lake and the marina.

In addition to the real estate, the auction included 500,000 gallons of wine and the appropriate wine-making equipment. Among the hundreds of items sold were wooden wine barrels, solid wood tables and benches, tractors and various souvenirs of the business.

Enhancing the value of the real estate and its accessibility was a paved airstrip, 2200 feet by 250 feet. The sale also included the grape vineyards, the owner's mansion, a marina on Lake Erie capable of accomodating 150 boats and a restaurant.

Whether the buyer intends to continue fine wine production or whether he plans to have the site adapted to other needs (it would be an ideal location for a convention center) it was without a doubt a choice piece of real estate.

Largest Ever Antique Auction Conducted by Troil Welton Firm

Welton's Auction Service of Wray, Colorado, the firm of NAA member Troil Welton, conducted his firm's largest antique auction ever when they were auctioneers for the Larned Investments, Lt. sale in Haigler, Colorado.

Two hundred and seventy-one buyers were registered from all of the local area and other states, including Georgia, Kansas and Nebraska.

Some of the antique items and prizes were as follows: lithograph engraving - \$560; brass bed - \$590; little wash stand - \$240; old spring type rocker (needing lots of work) - \$260; three chairs with velvet backs and seats - \$125 each.

A record player with rope cylinders - \$400; hanging angle kerosene lamp - \$500; black beaded cape - \$40; old tuxedo - \$24; little mink jacket - \$105.

Over 500 people were in attendance at the sale that began at 10:00 a.m. and lasted until after dark. The auction was held on a Saturday.

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89-Year Old Man Retires; Calls On Auctioneer Keller To Sell Home-Shop Merchandise

When it's time to retire, but you have valuable merchandise to dispose of, you do what most auctioneers think of as being the wisest thing to do — you call an auctioneer to sell your home, shop and equipment! When 89-year old Iowan Peter Bucher reached the day when he wanted to retire he called on NAA and Iowa AA member Dale Keller to dispose of his home, shop and equipment at public auction on November 6, 1976.

The weather was fine and a large crowd was in attendance in the little village of Beckwith, Iowa. Among the articles sold were: 1931 Model A Ford, used as a service truck since 1942 — \$2,025; roll top desk — \$675; anvil — \$80; and

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THE 1931 FORD TRUCK received good attention during the Auction of 89-year od Peter Bucher (left). Auctioneer Dale Keller is shown at right with his Auction Scout.

a drill press — \$375. The items listed are only a few of the fine buys made available when the very fine sale was conducted for a very fine man — Mr. Bucher.

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Auctioneers Complete November Class at Missouri Auction School



THE MISSOURI AUCTION SCHOOL'S November, 1976, class is pictured above. Instructors and Missouri Auction School staff members pictured, include, from left to right, row 1 (third from left) Judy Klepac and Dinah Brown, secretaries; Boyd Michael, Registrar; Richard W. Dewees, President; Dean Cates (MO). Gary Ryther (MO), and Bob Carney (Canada), instructors. Instructors not pictured: Verlin Green (KS), Dave Kessler (OH). Paul Dewees (KS), Bill Morgan (KY), Marvin Waterhouse (IA), Chuck Cumberlin (CO) and Dale Vaughn (MO).

Antiques and Americana . . . EARLY TOYS

By George Michael Merrimack, New Hampshire

At flea markets and shows today, one can easily be shocked at seeing toys with which he played as a child in the 20s and 30s. It was not long ago that good quality iron and tin was used, whereas the plastics have taken over to provide us with little that will survive into the future. Toy makers were quite active in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire, late in the last century and through the forties, making the toys which are being collected now.

Those made of iron are more desired, and condition of paint is important. It is advisable not to repaint a metal toy as this offends the purist who would be most likely the one to give the greatest amount for it. The later tin toys were often lithographed on the metal, outlining ladders and men on fire trucks and designs of delivery wagons, racing cars and aircraft.

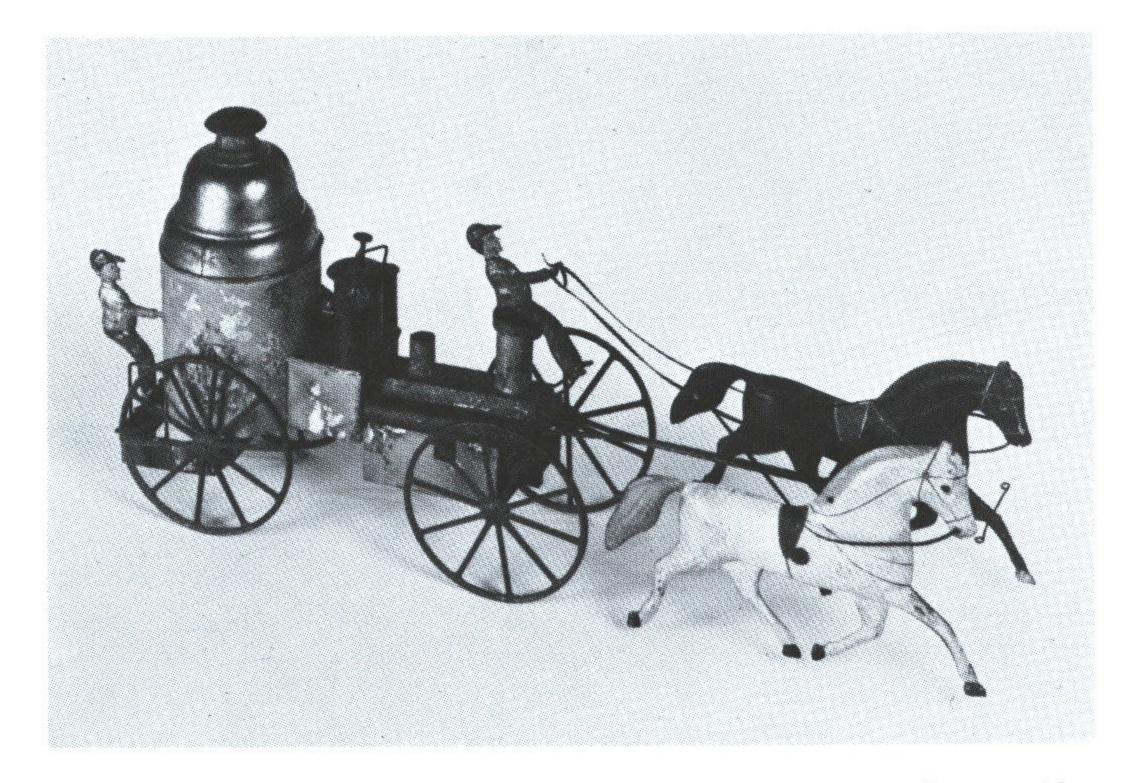
Completeness of a toy is important — if your firetruck has ladders and men missing, but with obvious holes and mounts intended for them, it would be wise to hunt for replacements at shows and markets. Wind up toys should work to be good. The battery operated toys are still a little late for collecting, but they are bound to come into their own.

It has been years since Mr. Machine, Great Garloo and others were made, only to pass into history, which will only make them valuable someday. If you have such exotic battery operated toys in the attic, hold on to them, as you will capitalize on the nostalgia for them in not too many years.

An excellent toy collection, all items of which were made by the Kingsbury Manufacuturing Company in Keene, New Hampshire, is on display at the Old Colony Museum in that city. It is a good place to begin learning what is best in old toys.

QUESTIONS

From Worcester, Massachusetts — I have an 8" tall vase in a kind of purple color and clear, seems to be a floral cut



decoration, with the name "Daum, Nancy" engraved near the bottom. Can you tell me who made it?

at Nancy, France, late in the last century into the early part of this century. They specialized in acid cutting glass to give it the delicate shading. The vase was most likely cast in clear glass; layered or cased over with the purple glass, then acid cut to reveal the design and name.

From Exeter, New Hampshire — I have a small silver box which has the ridges on the bottom, which seemed to be used for striking matches. Would they have made such a box in siver, and if so when?

ANSWER: Matchboxes came into being about the middle of the last century after friction matches were invented. Yes, they could have been made of silver — some were done in gold, and embellished with jewels. It is unusual to have the striking surface on a silver box — most artisans would have considered this an abuse of such a metal, but it shows that it was done by someone.

From Pittsfield, Massachusetts — We have a paperweight with the name St. Louis on the bottom, was this made in

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Missouri? Is it old?

ANSWER: Most likely it is a relatively new weight made at the famed St. Louis factory in France. They are mass producing them today.

NEW BOOK

THE TOOLS THAT BUILT AMERICA, by Alex W. Bealer; \$12.50; Barre Publishers, Barre, Massachusetts; 212 pages, fully illustrated. This will answer many "whatsit" questions as the author explores many of the tools which helped many of the antiques we collect and homes we live in today. An excellent guide to the use of these tools today.

Chaffee Auction in Massachusetts Offers Good Items at Good Prices

The Robert E. Chaffee & Sons Auction firm of Monson, Massachusetts, reports the results of his September 11, 1976, auction of the estate of John M. Larned of Stafford Springs, Connecticut. Auctioneer Robert Chaffee reports that 500 people attended the auction under his firm's tent and the prices of items included: five-drawer chest — \$750; 54" cylinder desk — \$750; roll top walnut desk — \$650; knick knack shelf \$100; seven-drawer chest — \$1,700; Victorian bookcase — \$275; China closet and bookcase — \$425; Victorian chair (master) — \$175; Victorian bed — \$400 and sampler — \$90.

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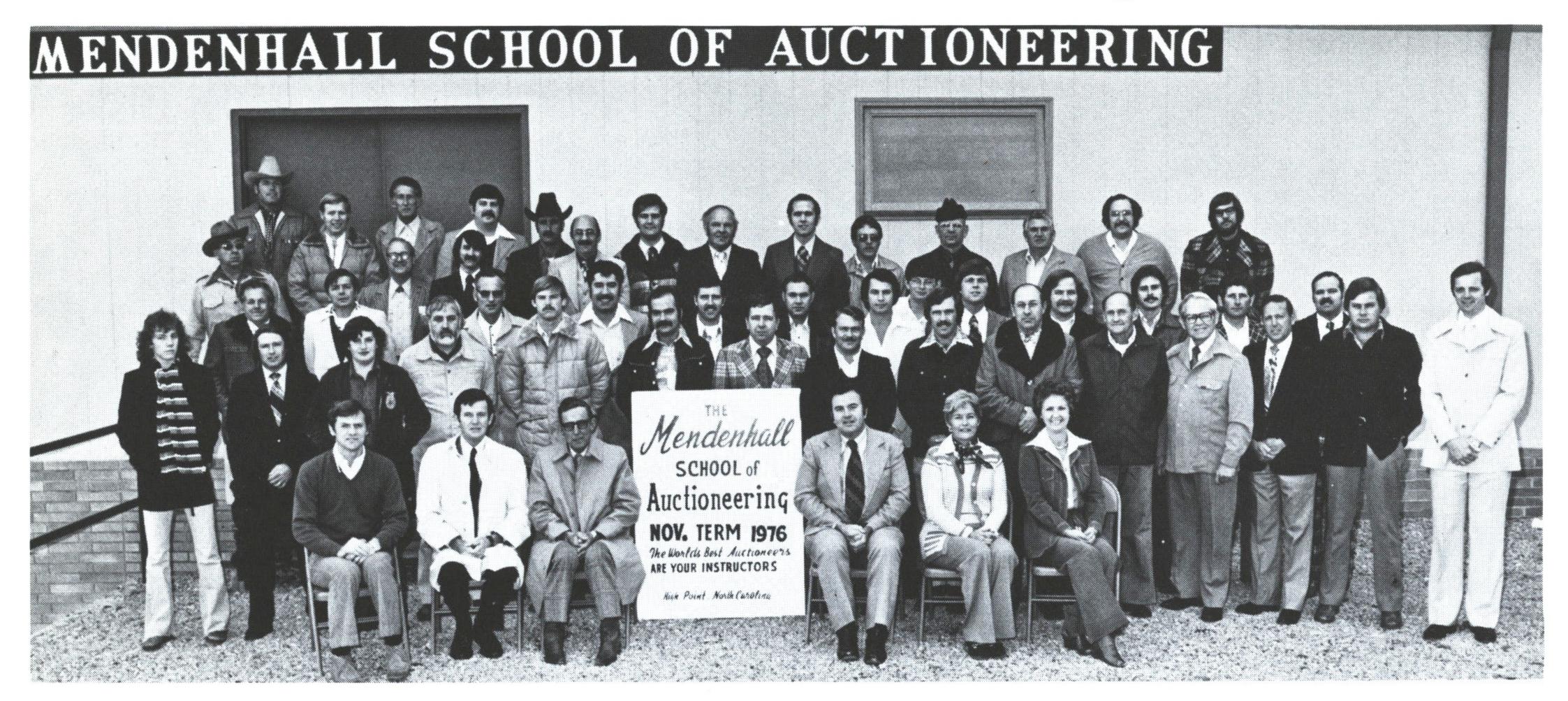
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The objectives of the conference is to provide educational opportunities which are designed to enhance the professional development of auctioneers throughout the area. The "Winter '77" Conference is aimed at the professional auctioneer who would like to expand his awareness and background so that he may deal more effectively with businessmen from other professions, as well as, an increasing variety of audiences.

The Conference is sponsored by the Oklahoma State Auctioneers Association and is a business extension program of the Oklahoma State University College of Business Administration. Inquiries should be directed to Mark Vincent, 215 Business Building, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74074.

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Auctioneer's Mother Writes Poem Giving Her Thoughts on Auctions

NAA member Darline Yates of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, an auctioneer since July of 1976, is enjoying her newly chosen profession and already her auctions have increased during her recent beginning. She and her brother, an auctioneer since July of 1975, began with a little buliding in which they sold to approximately 70 people, but now they have expanded on their facilities and enjoy selling in their new facility, which can accommodate from three to four hundred people.

Since auctioneering is in the family, Darline's mother wrote a poem when her son and daughter began in the smaller building. It is as follows:

AUCTION

By Hattie "Granny" Cochran

- If I had ever gone to school and had learned to read and write;
 - I'd write about an auction house where we all meet on Saturday night.
- The building's small but we crowd in the little house beside the road;
 - If you folks have anything to sell just call Darline and bring out a load.
- Look in the rear you'll see the place where drinks are served, ham and biscuits, too;
 - If you get hungry or want a drink, old Granny's there she'll serve you.
- We wait until the sellers come, there's Talbert, Bill, Buck, and James;
 - Sometimes others come to sell, I don't have time to call their names.
- We wonder what they have to sell, your guess is as good as mine;
 - And then our auctioneer comes in, he's always there on time.
- When he comes in the action starts and things get under way; A seller brings an item out then you hear him say:
- A dollar I got now two now three, I thank you sir who'll make it four;
 - Come on folks let's hear your bids, you know this item's worth much more.
- That's Larry, my son, with mike in hand, my daughter's at the desk:
 - Oh yes, there's Roy, my son-in-law, he helps with all the rest.
- Come on folks and join us there, we're glad to have everyone We don't make a lot of money, but we sure have a lot of fun.
- I could say more, but what's the use, you would'nt understand;
 - Just come out, see for yourself, you'll find me at our concession stand.

DEFINITIONS

Committee: A group that keeps minutes, but wastes hours. Doctor: Someone who can put a stethoscope against Rachel Welch's chest and hear his heart beat. Hypochondriac: Anyone who says he strained his back lifting \$15 worth of groceries.

Tauber Talks

Unruh Name Missing On Committees' Listing

The October, 1976, issue of THE AUCTIONEER magazine published the list of 1976-77 Committees and the members therein, as appointed by President Lyle Erickson, and one name was omitted from the list. NAA member Art Unruh, Newton, Kansas, was appointed to serve with Chairman Marty Higgenbotham in the Laws and Regulations Committee.

CONVENTION DATES

January 9-10 — Indiana Auctioneers Association, Atkinson Hotel, Indianapolis.

January 10-11-12 — New York City Seminar, Biltmore Hotel, New York, New York.

January 15-16 — North Carolina Auctioneers Association, Holiday Inn North, Winston-Salem.

January 15-16-17 — Ohio Auctioneers Association, Imperial North, Columbus. Third day is a Seminar.

January 16 — Colorado Auctioneers Association, Holiday Inn North, 4849 Bannock St., Denver.

January 21 — Michigan State Auctioneers Association, Hospitality Motor Inn, Lansing.

January 28-29 — Pennsylvania Auctioneers Association, Host Inn, Harrisburg (Host Inn is just off the Pennsylvania Turnpike at the Harrisburg East Interchange.

January 30-31 — Minnesota State Auctioneers Association, Holiday Inn and Solardome, Brooklyn Center (just off Interstate 94 and Highway 100).

February 28-March 1-2 — Kansas City Seminar, Radisson Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri.

April 3-8 — Certified Auctioneers Institute (CAI), Course I & II, Indiana Memorial Union, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

April 3 — Kansas Auctioneers Association, Hilton Inn, Wichita.

April 3-4 — Kentucky Auctioneers Association, Stouffer's Inn, Louisville.

April 17 — Illinois Auctioneers Association, Holiday Inn, Kankakee.

May 7-8 — Missouri State Auctioneers Association, Springfield.

May 14 — Louisiana Auctioneers Association, Holiday Inn, Alexandria.

May 14-15 — South Carolina Auctioneers Association, Columbia.

June 8-9 — Wisconsin Auctioneers Association, Eau Claire.

June 11-12 — West Virginia Auctioneers Association, Cedar Lakes Camp, Riley.

New Jersey State Society of Auctioneers meets bimonthly all year — October, December, February, April, June & August. If in the area call 201-944-1125 for location of meeting (Don Castner).

July 28-30 — National Auctioneers Association, Olympic Hotel, Seattle, Washington.

Attention State Association Secretaries: To have your State Association Convention dates listed in THE AUCTIONEER, send notification of the date, city and hotel/motel to Harvey L. McCray, Executive Director, NAA, 135 Lakewood Drive, Lincoln, NE 68510.



Great Pumpkin Strikes At Les Placher's Building

NAA member Les Placher, Edelstein, Illinois, while away attending the Illinois State Auctioneers Association Convention, was the victim of the "Great Pumpkin"! For those non-believers of the Great Pumpkin (via Shulz's Peanuts cartoon strip), Les Placher will tell you there is one great-big pumpkin—his tractor repair shop.

The Illinois Convention was held during the Halloween weekend and ghosts, goblins and gremlins left a giant Halloween trick across the repair shop. The pumpkin, painted in glowing gold with black trim, looked as if it was "grinning from wall-to-wall at Les" when he saw it for the first time.

The pranksters substituted the word "pumpkin" for the word "tractor" over the door, leading at least one person to ask if Les could repair Cinderella's Coach. He says he knows who the culprits are — the house next door suspiciously matches the gold paint — but nobody's telling.

What they are telling is that it took two gallons of black paint — \$24 — to create the backdrop. Les does have one question though: "How do you cover black paint with white?"

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF SUCCESS

1. Work hard. Hard work is the best investment a man can make.

2. Study hard. Knowledge enables a man to work more intelligently and effectively.

3. Have initiative. Ruts often deepen into graves.

4. Love your work. Then you will find pleasure in mastering it.

5. Be exact. Slipshod methods bring slipshod results.

6. Have the Spirit of Conquest. Thus you can successfully battle and overcome difficulties.

7. Cultivate Personality. Personality is to a man what perfume is to a flower.

8. Help and Share with Others: The real test of business greatness lies in giving opportunity to others.

9. Be Democratic. Unless you feel right towards your fellowman you can never be a successful leader of men.

10. In all things do your best. The man who has done his best has done everything. The man who has done less than his best has done nothing.

Charles M. Schwab

PITY THE DOCTOR

Pity the respectable doctor who blew his whole fortune on the ponies and had to rob a bank. More tough luck; none of the tellers could read his writing on the demand note.

Tauber Talks

MIX-UP

There was a mix-up at a swank Fifth Avenue florist shop. Wrong cards were attached to two imposing floral wreaths. The one that went to a druggist moving to a new building read: "Deepest sympathy." The one intended for the funeral of a leading banker read: "Good luck in your new location."

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Common Sense in the Auction Business

By Leo Jesion McKeesport, Pennsylvania

I sometimes wonder if our younger generation isn't right in thinking that the older generation puts too much emphasis on money. Of course, I think that once they leave home these ideas change a little; but as a rule, they won't work like the older generation did. Part of the reason is that they never had to. As an example: How many young pharmacists want to open his or her own drug store? Few. They would rather work for a large chain and put in their forty hours a week and enjoy their time off. Some of them say you can't compete with the large chains. (This I don't buy.) The real reason is that few people want to put in the long hours and have the responsibility that goes with it. This holds true in many fields.

We as auctioneers are sometimes slaves to our businesses Everybody wants to do the most and the biggest sales. I wonder if we in the great country of ours aren't losing perspective of what life is all about. After all, let's face it—what does it require to get by in life? A home, food, family, and a few other necessities. Yet what do we do? We want a bigger home (plus a cottage or trailer), we eat richer and fancier foods, and we buy bigger and faster cars (and have more people getting killed and maimed for life). We rush like crazy to go nowhere. We buy gadgets that do away with manual work and then we're so dumb that we buy bar-bells, exer-cycles, and the likes to try to get into shape! We're so busy working to buy our children luxuries that we never had, that we have no time to do the most important thing share our time with them. We visit people and they sit and watch their stupid boob-tubes. Many can't even carry on a decent conversation. Think of how many people you could

discuss a good book with today.

Our life styles have changed today. In many ways for the better, in some for the worse. Many things we have no control over; many we do. No one can or should tell an auctioneer how many sales he should or shouldn't have, because different things make people tick, but if you're not doing the things that are good for you and your family, you had better check your schedule. The better things in life mean little if you don't have the time to enjoy them.

Hang in there!

Mussolini Sword Sells For \$3400 At New York Auction

New York — The gem-studded "Sword of Islam," which was presented to Benito Mussolini at Tipoli, Libya, in 1937, was sold at auction to a private collector recently for \$3,400.

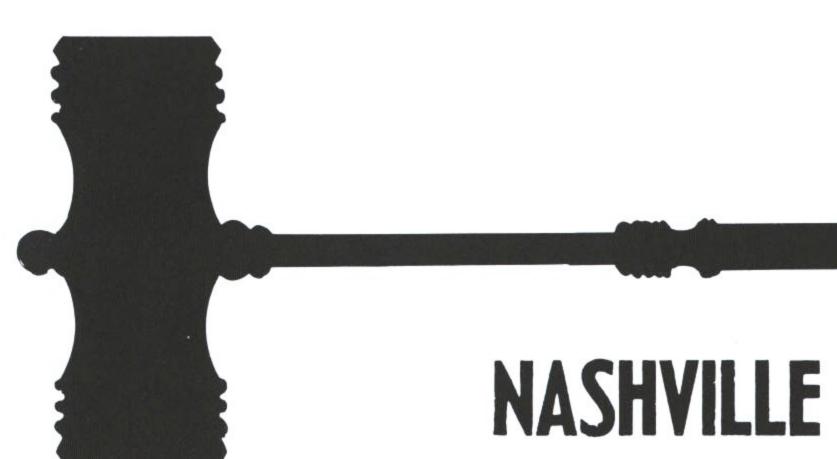
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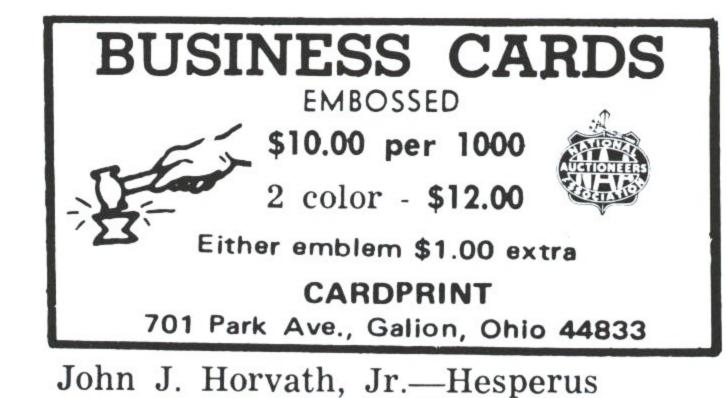
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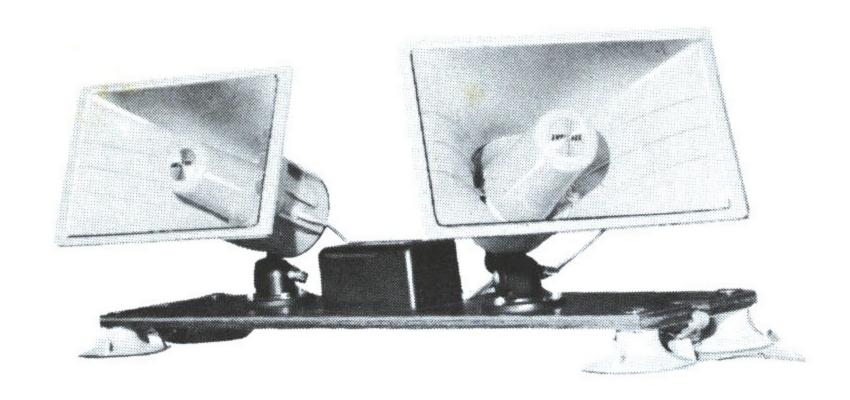


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