Lady auctioneer

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problems being a woman auctioneer.

"A lot of people think it's a man's job," notes Carol in a serious tone. "There are still some people who are jealous of women.'

But, regardless of the occasional friction, Carol finds her job rewarding.

"It's a very interesting job. No two sales are the same," she says. "There's always something new to learn about."

According to this experienced 'auctioneer, the learning aspect of the job is one of the reasons she started to call.

"It keeps you acquainted with the world," she notes. "I don't claim to know everything. I just want to learn as I go.'

But, of course, Carol says that an auctioneer must stay

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abreast of the going prices for all types of objects from machinery to tools to animals to antiques. That's a large job, but Carol manages to stay on top of things. She also has the philosophy of catering to the public and letting them start an object at the price from which they want to see it begin.

"I always say you can't start something too low, but you can start it too high," she points out.

The intricacies of auctioneering are really difficult for Carol to talk about. because there are so many

buyers," she points out, "And, you also have to stay one step ahead of the public."

"I don't know," she concludes. "It's hard to say

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There is one thing she does know for sure, however.

'The public's got to like you," she states matter-offactly. "If they don't like you, you don't have a good

can say that about Carol. At least she can say the

the same way I am. We like people."

Carol's husband is Hap Burruss, a self employed hay dealer. And, as is to be expected, she met him at a sale – a horse sale. However, in this particular instance, she wasn't calling the sale;

tanned face, "instead, I picked up a man," she laughs

At the age of 19 men were the furthest thing from her mind, but within a year, the two were married. Today they have three children -Paul, age 11; Tammy, age 9; and Linda, age 6. And, the whole family gets in on the hay buying, selling, and

"In the Summer, the children go with us 90 per cent of the time," says Carol. "I think that a child who travels can cope better with life. From going with us they know what's right from wrong.'

The hay dealing schedule is a rigorous one. The day usually begins at 5 or 5:30 in the morning and, until the hay is delivered and the chores done, it may be as late as 12:30 the next morning before Carol gets to bed.

The Burruss's haul hay every day from Monday through Saturday, but on Wednesdays and Saturdays Carol makes sure she is home in time to call at Potties Auction House. One day per month Potties has an all day auction, and on that day Carol doesn't help with hay hauling.

In between all this work, Carol manages to also lead two 4-H clubs - the 4-H Light Horse and Pony Club of Cumberland County and the 4-H Cumberland County Swine Club.

The Burruss's also have pigs of their own, "because of the children. They love it." All together they have nine registered Spotted Swine sows and a boar as well as about 30 market swine. They also have 12 registered Quarter Horses.

Hap Burruss also refinishes furniture.

It's a busy life, but a good one, for Mrs. Carol Burruss, auctioneer, wife, mother, hay dealer, and 4-H leader.

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sale.' "Some auctioneers are boring, and if you let the crowd die, you won't make any money. People have to be able to say 'I enjoy following her sales."" And, most likely, people hauling.

reverse. "I just love the public" she states flatly. "My husband is

instead, she buying.

"I went down to pick up quiet horses," she says with a giant grin on her work-

4-H'er to travel to Europe

UNIVERSITY PARK -Gary E. Hornbaker, of Shippensburg R5, has been selected to visit Europe this Summer as a participant in the People-To-People Citizen Ambassador Program.

An outstanding 4-H member, Gary will join other Citizen Ambassadors in Washington, D.C. on June 27 for an orientation program prior to a 38-day visit to England, Switzerland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, and Russia.

According to Henry T. Moon, 4-H specialist at Penn State, Gary and other members of the group will travel by air and bus as they experience homestays with

host families, visits with European youth groups, tour historical sights, and meet new friends from many different cultures.

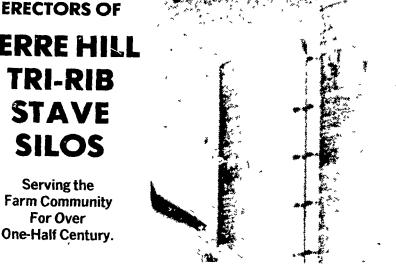
Gary, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Hornbaker, has been a 4-H member for 10 years. He has participated in State 4-H Capital Days, Port Royal Canadian Winter Fair, Pennsylvania 4-H Leadership Congress, State 4-H Achievement Days, and Pennsylvania All-American Judging Forum.

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