

**BY DICK ANGLESTEIN**  
**WITMER** — Little bits of "Witness" movie memorabilia are scattered across Lancaster County and beyond, but it looks like the prize film trinket will end up in Chester County.

(To keep our out-of-town readers up-to-date, filming was just completed on the controversial Harrison Ford movie, "Witness," filmed in Lancaster County about the meeting of the contrasting lifestyles of the Amish and a Philadelphia detective.)

While movie buffs and curiosity seekers bid on various props used in the filming at an auction in Witmer this week, a young Chester County couple were making plans to actually live in their Witness souvenir.

Jay and Jean Dingle were the successful bidders for the 30 by 80-foot structure erected in the barn raising scene in the movie. Last Saturday, they disassembled the barn from its location at Nine Points and moved beams, lumber and other parts to neighboring

Chester County.

"We're still negotiating for the land," explains Jean.

After the land transaction is completed, the couple plans to re-erect the barn with some modifications, such as making it shorter and wider and changing the roof design.

But they will have their very own Hollywood prop to live in and very likely their new home will be dubbed "The Witness Barn."

Perhaps, a house warming can be held to coincide with the premier of the movie later this year. Can you just imagine the couple getting a video tape of the movie and each time they show it, calmly announcing to visitors that they're sitting right now in the "barn" being raised on the screen.

The couple learned of the barn's sale through the ad in Lancaster Farming, which was read by Jean's father, a part-time farmer.

And featured at the auction this week were many of the "props" used in the movie, including tools employed in the barn raising.

Among the better bargains were the heavy carpenter aprons worn by the barn raiser extras — all brand new and just a little aged for effect. One buyer bought a whole box for less than 50 cents each.

Auction-goers gobbled up the brand new blue agateware used in the movie, but passed up the authentic antique agate items.

Tops among the furniture, besides the wood chair sets, was the bed of Harrison Ford. It went for \$125. But a fainting couch almost had to be begged to be bought. (I guess it wouldn't be Hollywood macho to have the star associated with a fainting couch.)

Highlight of the buggies sold was the damaged vehicle supposedly hit by a shotgun blast.

For the practical, there were brand new black umbrellas that went for about \$7.00 each.

For the impractical, you could have your very own police badge — gold shield and all.

In dens, family rooms and living rooms far and wide, a little bit of the movie will be on display and become a favorite conversation piece.

But, none compares to the Dingle's keep-sake — they'll actually be surrounded by their movie memorabilia.

And, oh yes, this writer bought a memento of the movie.

But, I'm not going to say what it is.

If I told you, it would completely blow my image as a sane, conservative agricultural editor.



Jay and Jean Dingle, of Chester County, will soon have their very own Hollywood prop to live in.

### What am I bid?



Brand new milk pail, never used, is sold.

### Leaving it down to build back up



Disassembly of movie barn continues before its move to neighboring Chester County and transformation into a home.



This was the "cadillac" of buggies offered at sale at "Witness" auction.

### The shotgun blast



Jeff Nauman, 9, of Landisville, came to auction to see buggy "hit" by shotgun blast in movie.