

# Sechrist Sales becomes York County Livestock Sales

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STEWARTSTOWN — As of this Monday evening, January 6, Sechrist Sales livestock auction has a new name: York County Livestock Sales, Ltd.

Along with the name change goes a new auction ownership. Stan and Mary Nagle, Media, have purchased the livestock sales firm from long-time operators Bob and Millie Sechrist.

With the exception of the new name and owners, the operations of the livestock auction will remain virtually unchanged.

"It will stay as much the same in operations as is possible," emphasizes Stan Nagle. "Tom Sechrist will stay on as auctioneer. The time, the place, the people won't change. It's been successful for 22 years and we will continue it that way."

"The auction is a good existing business with an unlimited potential," Nagle believes. "There are no other livestock auctions in about a 35 mile radius."

Nagle also plans to continue the

Hatfield Company's private treaty hog sales handled at the auction site. Hours of private treaty business will continue on Monday mornings, from 7 a.m. through noon.

Area farmers are invited to join the new owners for their opening night celebration, with free coffee and donuts available for everyone in attendance during the January 6 auction hours.

Plans also include reopening of the auction's restaurant at a later date.

Nagle, a long-time employee of the Boeing Aircraft firm in Delaware County, has family roots in the area. His grandfathers operated farms in both York County and in nearby Maryland, and other relatives are York County residents.

As a teenager, he spent considerable time working at auction businesses, and recalls earning paychecks equalling about fifty cents per day. In ensuing years, he has worked with Bob Frame of Vintage Auction, and has been custom retailing bulk beef to



Stan and Mary Nagle are the new owners of the former Sechrist Sales livestock auction. Their York County Livestock Sales, Ltd., will continue operating unchanged on Monday evenings at the Stewartstown location.



Former auction owners, Bob and Millie Sechrist, seated, prepare to turn over the reins of the livestock sales business to buyers Stan and Mary Nagle.

friends and business associates.

Looking ahead, Nagle plans retirement in two years, leaving him time to devote his energies to his new auction-ownership career. Although the couple has three children, they have no plans at present for involving them in the business.

"I'm looking for a way to make a decent living after I retire, in a way of providing a service to people, with no set hours day after

day. And I like the philosophy of country people, their basic honesty," Nagle adds, reflecting on his reasons for the livestock business acquisition.

He credits Bob Gable, of the Fawn Grove offices of the York Bank, for assistance in finalizing the business arrangements with the Sechrists.

Bob Sechrist plans to continue his public sales business, which

includes auctioneering weekly at two automobile auctions and two antique consignments. But after nearly 22 years with the livestock business, he wants to cut back on commitments, and plans to fulfill an earlier promise to his wife about a trip to Hawaii after their 30-year wedding anniversary.

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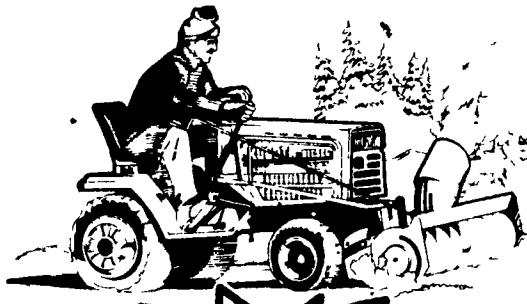


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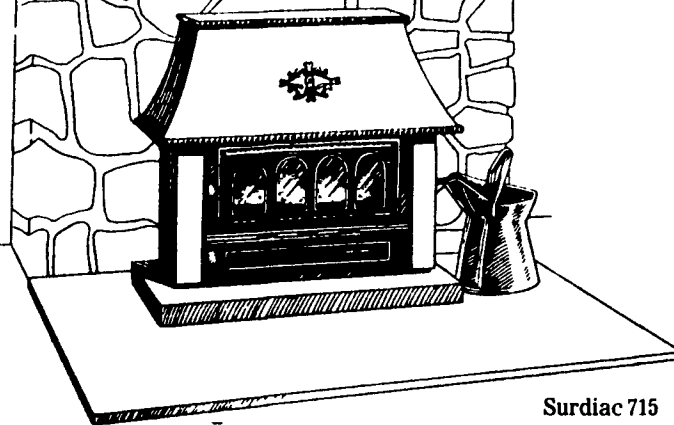
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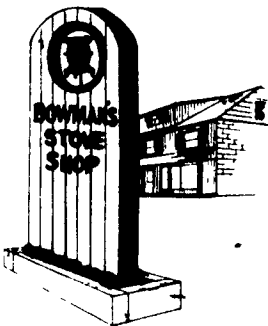
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