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ried last fall, slim and trim then, now may have to bend forward to kiss their young husbands good-bye as he dashes off to work. Amish carpenter crews in pickup trucks loaded with their trade tools cruise into the local Turkey Hill for a brace of coffee and donuts and off towards Philly or Baltimore or Paoli or Harrisburg to build houses or barns. Little did they know this proved to be a bad influence for some.

At the welding shops and woodworking shops Amish men and boys greeted others with a... *Gota moria, vee bisht do?*

"Good morning, how are you?"

All over the Pequea (Amish word for our Lancaster settlement, named after the Pequea Creek) the work day had begun, no one even had dreamed what would take place.

It came about 8 a.m., a brace of FBI agents, probably assembled in the City of Brotherly Love at an early hour, received their orders. Sipping coffee, they slipped west on 202 or 76 or route 30, like a coon snitching sweet-corn they picked up their charges at gunpoint, in the name of the United States of America to preserve the law and the constitution, handcuffs snapped on, and one by one the lawbreakers were picked up and the ordeal had begun.

One Amish youngster saw it happen as one of the Pagans was nabbed. He noticed several cars parked at this Englishman's (Amishman's word for non-Amish) residence and a man lying in the yard. The Amish youth left his farm work, dashed to the scene, thinking there had been an accident. The gun-toting FBI quickly shooed the boy

back. The curious lad watched from a safe distance as the culprit was handcuffed and loaded in the paddy wagon.

It seemed so brash for the 3 Amish families to have their sons indicted by the FBI. No doubt whole families were in tears as the news broke out. Probably these parents had pleaded with their offspring many times to travel with more conservative friends. The one family only had 2 boys, both adopted, the other families both had the traditional half dozen children.

Sie hen unsa bova veck ganuma.

"They hauled off our boys." In Amish jargon, any youth from age 16 till marriage (which can be at age 21 to 30) is called a boy, after marriage then he is called a man.

The day wore on, cows grazed in the meadows, many farmers mowing alfalfa, horse their neighbors and saying.

Des is shlim.

"This is bad."

In the metal shops, machines stopped, welders laid their helmets aside to discuss the sad news.

We all asked ourselves, was vor letz, what went wrong? How could this happen in our peace-loving church, insulated, but apparently not enough from the outside. I'll make an attempt to explain.

We've always had contact with the outside, selling our wheat, tobacco, milk, eggs, to fellow Americans over 200 years. Up to about 1960 farm work kept us busy. If an Amish boy got one Friday night off per month he was lucky. Maybe a week or so off after harvest was a rare happening. For 12 hours a day, 6 days a week farm work

kept our noses to the grindstone and kept us out of most mischief.

And there was growth from 1945 to 1970. Our Lancaster County Amish population doubled and again from 1970 to 1995. Today there are 23,000 Amish in our Lancaster settlement, and 2,200 youth in 25 different groups. Farms got scarce, though 20 percent moved to other settlements, it was hard for fathers to buy farms for all their sons, thus the shop area began. By 1980 25 percent of us were in manufacturing and construction. Today over 50 percent don't work in agriculture...

...thus for better or worse there was much more contact with the outside, and this all takes transportation, thus lots of outsiders have a taxi or trucking business catering to us Amish, probably over 150 in the county, hauling our goods, taxiing folks to yonder settlements, again making outside contacts easier.

Ga ruff ein driver uff.

"Gocall a driver."

While Amish shops need to have their employees trucked in and out, and many use their horse and buggy, construction crews need drivers, probably more so than a hammer, many a carpenter will hire almost a total stranger. This may or may

not work the best and sometimes be a contact with the drug problem.

Hot des youst afunga?

"Did this just start?"

No, it surfaced in the settlement perhaps 25 years back, during the hippie era. One Honey Brook family was involved. It appears as our outside contact increased, one heard more about drug use; by 1985 more was heard about it. Probably 25-40 involved. Only in the last 7 years it seemed to intensify, and it appears there were Amish dealers for 2-4 years. Quite alarming really.

Sin see all schlect?

"Are they all bad?"

No, no, not by any means. Today in our Lancaster settlement there are over 2,200 youth in 25 youth groups, probably only 10 percent (and these are the most talked and written about) travel in the fast lane and are exposed to drugs. An estimate, probably over 3 percent used drugs, but that's 3 percent too many.

Now take note, these 3 boys had good Christian Amish parents, were raised in Amish homes, attended the Amish church, but are not members. Hopefully, someday they will

join the faith. How many leave the faith? Probably 1/2 percent a year, though during church divisions like in 1966 and 1911 and 1878, many families left then too.

And about these hoedowns — though forbidden, they do happen. Again only about 25 percent of the youth attend, usually on a farm where the parents are away, the word gets out, and the youth flock together, no concerned Amish parents with proper concern for their children will permit their offspring to attend. We love our children. They are the only things on this earth we hope to take along to heaven; through them the church will grow. Their spirit and muscle can do a lot of work but also children are children; if they don't obey, parents still need them, so some of this un-Amish behavior isn't wanted but tolerated like the problems in our Washington, no American likes it but we tolerate it.

Vas kenna ma do?

"What can we do?"

Pray and pray and more prayer. Live a good example. There are lots of concerned Amish parents out there. Last October a drug warning paper was written by several con-

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AUCTION

Real Estate & Personal Property

The Estate Of Charles and Adeltha Pratt

Rt. 26, Upper Lisle Rd, Whitney Point, NY

10:10 AM, Saturday, July 25, 1998

Directions: I-81, Exit 8 (Whitney Point), North on Rt. 26, 4 miles. Watch for Auction Arrows.

Real Estate: Older 4 brm. kit. DR, LR, Parlor, Den/Laundry on +/- acre LAKEVIEW AND LAKE FRONTAGE (Frontage usage restrictions per USACoE) on Whitney Point Reservoir

Terms: House sells "AS-IS" Any testing must be arranged and paid for by prospective buyer prior to the auction \$3,000 Down Payment in cash or certified fund at Auction. Balance at closing in 30 days or less. Property sells subject to very reasonable executor confirmation

Real Estate sells at 12:12.

Open House: 6-7 Thursday, July 23, 1998, or call for appt

Personal Property; **ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES:** Old bottles, including flasks, milk, cream, medicinal, canning jars, insulators, knives, cleaver, **Fishing tackle, split bamboo fly rod in wooden case,** rods and reels-casting, spinning, fly, flies, lures, tip-ups, ice auger, tackle old and new. **Miniature lamp collection (+/-75) Thimble collection (+/-100), Spoon collection (+/-100),** Tom Thumb' cash register, **3 wooden clarinets (?)** In old leather case, Oak beveled glass hall mirror with 6 double coat/hat hooks, small silhouette w/dried flowers under glass, buttons, **Fancy walnut marble top mirrored dresser and matching marble top wash stand,** wash stand 2-bar towel rack, unusual pressed glass light fixture, 2 art deco iron floor lamps, crocks, jugs, bamboo shelf, early one drawer stand, oak parlor stand, **Library table,** 2 flat top trunks, deco 5 piece bedroom set, deco vanity, hall tree, 2 drawer sewing stand, pictures, prints, frames, comic books, old newspapers, **Rayo Lamp, opera glasses,** old lamps, Wagner and other cast iron, tin-ware, painted Deco dining room furniture, Diehl fan, lots of smalls too numerous to mention and we are still discovering! **GUNS:** Mossberg bolt action 22 w/scope, Mossberg 20 gauge bolt action w/scope. **TOOLS** Old hand tools, 4" jointer, 8' table saw, **FURNITURE & MODERN** microwave, washer, dryer, dinette set, sofa, chairs, beds, chests, recliner, sewing machine, lamps, desk. **OTHER:** 1994 CHEVROLET CORSICA, red, 4 door, auto, air, 4 cyl, p.s., 38k miles, JD 520 FARM TRACTOR, narrow front, p.s., 3 pth, hand and foot clutch, ser. 520 8316, 12' Duranautic BOA1 w/6hp Seahorse MOTOR & TRAILER, Etc., Etc., Still digging! **Car, tractor and boat sell at 12 noon.**

Auctioneer's Note: Mr Pratt worked many years for the Whitney Point DPW and local cemeteries. He was an avid fisherman. Mrs Pratt did crafts, etc. This estate is virtually untouched and presents a great opportunity to purchase these items directly from the estate auction

Owner: The Estate of Charles & Adeltha Pratt

William Pratt, Executor

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Southern Lancaster County

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Terms - Cash or Certified Funds

Mon., July 27, 1998 @5:30 p.m.

Furniture: Baker Dining Room Suite; Coffee & End Tables; Oak Cabinet; Open Book Cases; Drop Leaf Table; Karistan Rugs; Oak Bed & Washstand; Princess Dresser; Brass Bed; Book Case With 2 Glass Doors; Sofa; Rocker; Pine Bar 8' With 4 Stools; Mahog. Bedroom Suite; File Cabinet; Dehumidifier; Sears Refrigerator; Kenmore Washer & Dryer; Metal Glider & Porch Chairs; 2 Marble Top Tables; Singer Sewing Machine; Queen Anne Dining Room Suite With Two Matching Break Fronts; Hanging Shelves; Small Hanging Corner Cupboard; Oak Wall Phone; Oak Grandfather's Clock Radio; Lamps; Secretary Desk; Mirrors; Blanket Chest; 4 Pressed Back Oak Chairs.

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