

FROM PILLAR TO POST

By Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks, Jr.

A country auction of household goods, held out of doors on a bright October day, is as entertaining as a country fair. The entire neighborhood turns out, and there is a holiday atmosphere suggestive of Ferris Wheels, Merry-go-rounds, and the classic shell game. As the auctioneer steams up and the bidding becomes wilder and more unrestrained, the resemblance to the shell game grows stronger.

Job lots of odds and ends are ranged on the block, each desirable item coupled with something tasty in the way of junk, to insure complete disposal. It is the junk that you want to keep your eye upon. That three-legged iron kettle, for instance. It contains a heterogeneous collection of this and that, including a glass jug that once had imitation vanilla, but the wise lady who bid in the whole business for seventy-five cents found herself unexpectedly the richer by a large pair of sewing shears and three keen bladed kitchen knives. That bidder picked the right shell, and there was a whole podful of peas under it.

Bidding always gets off to a slow start. Sound psychology suggests that if you can persuade the auctioneer to place the article of your desire on the block during the first five minutes of the sale, the price you will have to pay for it will be just about a third of the price it will bring after the temperature of the crowd rises, discretion is thrown to the winds, and bidding becomes brisk and businesslike, not to say cut-throat.

I had my eye on three articles. There were two jugs that would have padded out my collection admirably, one a vinegar jug in a soft tone of beige with blue stripings, the other a squat gray affair with blurred blue decorations. The third item was a wooden washtub.

The first jug went for ten cents, being knocked down to a dealer at the first peep, with no chance for further bidding. That was before I got my voice geared to the clamor. The second jug, the squat gray one, rose steadily in price until it was gathered in by a dealer at a dollar-ten, just ten small cents beyond my deadline. The washtub, twenty cents' worth of it, is already decorated with Pennsylvania Dutch hearts and flowers, and is sitting under a newly painted pump in the front yard.

A wicker rocker was hoisted to the block and knocked down for four dollars. A stout porch chair

brought three. Then came the Boston rocker, and Herman Sands cleared his throat, casting a speculative glance around at the dealers. The dealers whetted their clams, and I settled down to listen. It was a great surprise to me to hear a firm voice mention, "A dollar and a half," early in the bidding, and to realize that the voice was mine. If there is anything I don't need, it is another Boston rocker. The house is crawling with them, and the more dilapidated specimens have spilled over into the back yard. The auctioneer nodded affably in recognition, and the dealers went to town. I topped three more bids quite automatically, still in a daze and still with no intention of buying another Boston rocker. There was a lull in the bidding, and Herman brought down his hammer.

"Sold," he said, "to the lady with the short grey hair." I looked around interestedly to identify the lady with the short grey hair, and the clerk poked a pad of paper under my nose. He wanted to know if I preferred to pay for the Boston rocker on the spot or after the sale was over.

When I had added the wooden washtub to the growing pile of loot, I began to suffer misgivings. Bidding is highly exhilarating, but transportation is something else. Home, fortunately, was a scant quarter of a mile down the road. I could roll the tub, but if I had to balance the Boston rocker on my head while keeping the tub progressing in a straight line, there might, I felt, be complications.

I began to think that I should have stuck to small handpainted pintrays, something which would satisfy that gambling instinct but still present no problems of drayage and haulage, items which could be readily disposed about the person or in the coat pocket.

A neighbor came to the rescue with her station wagon. She said that it would be not only undignified but actually dangerous to balance a Boston rocker on the head and kick a tub down the road. The tub might take the bit in its teeth and roll under a car. She left me on my own front lawn, surrounded by my spoils, and drove off in triumph with her own three-legged iron kettle.

The Boston rocker, denuded of its back-pad, proved to have narrow splats instead of ordinary spindles. We are feeling pretty smug about the whole thing. Dealers please note.

Bible Class Meets

The Brace Bible Class of the Dallas Methodist Church met in the social rooms of the church on Monday evening. The meeting was called to order by President Richard Owens. A prayer was offered by Lewis LeGrand. John B. Gloman recited several poems. John H. Roberts and son, John, rendered instrumental numbers. Refreshments were served by David Evans and Elmer Haring.

Marries Canal Zone Man



MRS. P. WILLIAM HANNA, JR.

Miss Bettie C. Welsh Married To P. William Hanna, Jr.

Miss Bettie C. Welsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Welsh, Center Hill Road, and P. William Hanna, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. P. William Hanna, Cristobal, Canal Zone, were married Friday, September 27 at 4 at a candlelight ceremony in Dallas Methodist Church.

Rev. Frederick Reinfurt officiated at the double ring ceremony. Mrs. Harold Rood was organist and accompanied the soloist, Miss Nancy Nicol. Altar was banked in white gladioli, ferns, and candelabra.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attended by her cousin, Helen M. Welsh, maid of honor; Miss Joan Gay, cousin of the bride; Miss Clara Boyd, Rochester, cousin of the bride; Mrs. Robert F. Moore, Dallas and Miss Eloise Freeman, Wilkes-Barre, as bridesmaids. Edward Curtis, Maryland, was best man and ushers were Charles Hanna, Cortland, N. Y., brother of bridegroom, Leon Schweitzer, Rochester; Robert F. Moore, Dallas and Douglas Williams, Forty Fort. Beverly Shook, Tunkhannock, cousin of bride and Judy DuRosa, Forty Fort were flower girls and Robert Hanna, Cristobal, Canal Zone, nephew of the bridegroom was ring bearer.

The bride wore a Colonial type gown of white marquisette with a fitted bodice and long sleeves. The sheer yoke was outlined with a self ruffle. The full hooped skirt ended in a long ruffled train. Her three-quarter silk illusion veil was arranged on a Mary Queen of Scott tiarra made from the lace of her mother's wedding gown. She carried a cascade bouquet of white roses and orchids, showered with achillea. Her only adornment was a gold necklace with an aquamarine stone, a gift of the bridegroom.

Maid of honor wore a yellow marquisette gown with a long fitted bodice with a ruffled peplum and bracelet length sleeves. Her headpiece was a poke bonnet of yellow net with dainty flowers of self material. She carried a bouquet of orchids, asters and roses.

Bridesmaids wore lace net gowns of deep shades of pink and blue with a long fitted bodice and bracelet length sleeves. Their headpieces were flowered caps with short stiff net veils to match the gowns. They carried fanshaped bouquets of asters and roses. The flower girls wore floor length gowns of white marquisette and carried baskets of petals which they scattered. Their headpieces were halos of white asters. Little Robert Hanna wore a white silk suit embroidered in blue and carried a white satin pillow.

Mrs. Fred L. Welsh, mother of the bride, selected a floor length gown of aqua crepe with black accessories. Her corsage was tallman roses. Mrs. Clara E. Shook, grandmother of the bride, wore a plum colored dress and corsage of white carnations.

Mrs. Hanna's going away suit was grey with black accessories. She wore an orchid.

Mrs. Hanna is a graduate of Dallas Borough High School and Wilkes Barre Business College and was employed by Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hanna is a graduate of Southwest Harbor, Me., and Panama Apprentice School. He was discharged from the Army a year ago. He is associated with Adams and Company, Cortland, N.Y.

Following a reception at Irem Temple Country Club, Mr. Hanna and his bride went to Canada.

Dallas District Scout Leaders Make Plans For Training Class

Plans for a leadership training class to be held in Shavertown Methodist Church this fall were outlined at the covered dish supper held by Dallas District Girl Scouts in Dallas Church Tuesday evening. All new scout leaders are requested to take the course and any one else interested in leadership is invited to attend. Notice of exact time will be announced as soon as final arrangements can be made. The meeting which was in charge of Mrs. Raymond Garinger of Alderson, district chairman, concluded with an excellent craft exhibit by Mrs. Ralph Endler of Wilkes-Barre, craft counselor of Onawandah. All articles shown were inexpensive and suitable for craft work in the troops. Mrs. Endler gave minute instructions in the construction of each article and provided patterns which were enthusiastically copied by leaders and committee members.

Dallas Senior Scouts met Tuesday evening with Mrs. Dorothy Reese as leader and Miss Alice Shaver as assistant. Leaders are still needed for the Trucksville Intermediate and Senior Troops and for the Dallas Brownies. Mrs. Garinger will be glad to hear from any one interested in these troops.

Girl Scout Week, the last week in October, will be celebrated by Dallas District with an entirely new feature. Friday, November 1, a program of interest to all scouts will be given in Kingston High School. The program opens with a color picture, "Good Morning," and selections by a Girl Scout Harmony group from Parsons. This will be followed by a style show put on by one of the large Wilkes-Barre department stores featuring clothing for scout age girls ranging from

school clothes to prom frocks. The affair is free to scouts, their parents and friends. Refreshments will be sold for the benefit of Girl Scouts.

All Scouts are urged to support the Welfare Drive loyally.

Next district meeting will be held the first Monday in December.

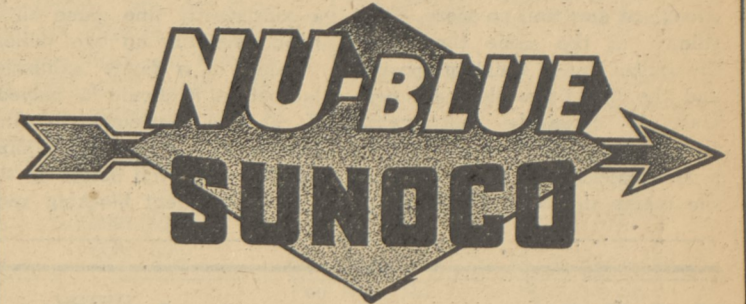
Centermoreland

Elmer Dickinson joined the Army and left for Philadelphia last week. W. A. Kelley returned home from the hospital on Saturday.

Mrs. Hazel Robbins and sons, Dale and Barry visited her mother on Saturday.

The Methodist Church is getting a nice white coat of paint. Jason Harding and Charles Dempski have had new furnaces installed in their homes recently.

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East Dallas MYF

Methodist Youth Fellowship of East Dallas Methodist Church will meet at the church this evening, Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fowler will be in charge.

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