

# Antiquing

with Joel Sater



Some of the most popularly collected old tools sketched and named by Alexander Farmham, author of the TOOL COLLECTOR'S HANDBOOK which lists and illustrates over 500 early American tools with recent auction prices. (Courtesy of the author, Box 205, Stockton, N.J.)

## The American Craftmen's Tools

Tools, using them, making them and buying or collecting them goes back as far as man himself. As American antique buffs, however, we are primarily interested in those made or used on this continent. During the 18th century there were about twenty major crafts or trades. Each trade had its own special tools. And this is probably as good a time as any to give you a list of the trades of the period. The fact that some of these trades were practiced before the revolution might surprise you. There were sign painters, portrait painters and painters of miniatures on enamel. There were also artists who specialized in "drawing" using "crayons, water colours, India Ink, & c. . ." Engravers made maps and copperplates for printing. Other important Colonial trades included Silversmiths, Pewterers, Potters, Glass makers, Cabinet makers, Upholsterers, Clock and Watch makers, wall paperers, architects, house painters, stone carvers and cutters. There were even several firms which specialized in making or-

naments for fireplaces, windows and building exteriors and interiors.

All of these tradesmen had their special tools the bulk of which were imported from England. A craftsman's tools were among his most precious possessions. Today at an estate auction a man's tools are usually sold off with the other junk in the garage.

But not in Colonial America. Often a craftsman's tools were considered so important a part of his estate that they would be advertised and sold entirely apart from his other holdings. William Ball, 18th century silversmith of Philadelphia operated actively in his own business for about thirty years. In the Pennsylvania Packet of May 2, 1782 we find what was probably his last advertisement: (Somewhat condensed by me.)

"Silversmiths, Brasiers and Pewterers Tools. To be sold at Public Vendue at the house of William Ball. . . Planishing Teasts, Forging Anvils, Beek-Irons, Heads and Stakes, Hammers of most sorts, a large number, large and small Bench-Vizes, Bench and hand Shears, Collars and Dies, Swages, cutting and daping Punches, a variety of turning tools and Burnishers. . . &c."

Two hundred years ago Mr. Ball's surviving fellow craftsmen competed with each other for his tools and equipment because they intended to use them in their own work. Today the competition at "public vendue" would be just as fierce only the buyers would be 20th century collectors. Mostly men, naturally.

(Always happy to receive reader's stories about antiquing and collecting. Material sent becomes the property of this column and cannot be returned. For free list of hundreds of books on antiques send large self-addressed envelope with 12c stamp to Joel Sater, c.o. this newspaper.)

## Donald Dennis Plans Early Summer Wedding

Announcement is made of the engagement of Peggy Price, daughter of Mrs. Russell T. Price, 7 Drummond Ave., Carbondale, to Donald Allen Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Dennis, 190 Huntsville Road, Dallas.

Als the daughter of the late Mr. Price, Miss Price graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School, Carbondale, and will receive a bachelor of science degree in English from Bloomsburg State

College in May. She is a member and past president of the Delta Epsilon Beta sorority at the college.

Mr. Dennis is a graduate of Dallas Senior High School and holds a bachelor of science degree in Earth Science from Bloomsburg State College, where he was a member of Delta Pi Chapter, Sigma Pi fraternity. He is a member of the faculty at Council Rock Intermediate School, Newtown. A June 24 wedding is planned.



Peggy Price

## Fiesta Board Begins Plans for 1972 Event

Officers and members of the board of directors of the Fine Arts Fiesta met recently to discuss plans for the 1972 fiesta to be held in Wilkes-Barre in May, 1972. Mrs. Harry B. Schooley presided.

Among the appointments announced for the fiesta were several Back Mountain residents including Mrs. Charles S. Frantz, grounds chairman; Laning Harvey, work crew chairman and assistant grounds chairman; Mrs. Stefan Hellersperk, costume chairman; and Mrs. Robert J. Hughes, program chairman.

Other appointments are Murray Popky, general chairman; Alice Welsh Jenkins, artistic chairman; Charlotte Lord, open night chairman;

Mrs. B. Todd Maguire, crafts chairman; Mrs. Richard M. Ross Jr. and Mrs. Robert B. Harvey, transportation chairman; Samuel Neiman, stage manager; and Mrs. S.A. Lumia, chairman of Junior League exhibit.

## Many Factors Contribute To Weariness in Women

Ever wonder why you're weary? It might be the world you live in, the state of your health, your age, your outlook on life, or any combination of these, according to Dr. Peter Forsham, professor of medicine at the University of California here. And, he adds, women are sometimes more susceptible than men.

Dr. Forsham notes that the causes of fatigue are often more mental than physical. He singles out the stresses and strains of everyday living as a primary cause. "I'm absolutely convinced," he declares, "that the constant excitement, stimulation, ups and downs, schedules and timetables in our society result in a very fatiguing kind of life."

Few of us, Dr. Forsham

observes, get tired as a result of hard physical labor anymore, "except for woodchoppers and people like that." And even when we experience fatigue under natural circumstances—such as right after a meal—there may not be much we can do about it. "If you lived in a primitive culture," he notes, "you could lie on the grass, sleep for 10 minutes and wake up refreshed. But with the kind of lives most of us lead today, we can't do this very often."

A factor in fatigue that's physical and psychological too, the doctor reports, is "growing older." Women—particularly during menopause—are subject to "ups and downs" and therefore more prone to weariness, he says. Many, he observes, have hot flashes,

"feel miserable and become exceedingly nervous." (Physicians often prescribe estrogen replacement therapy to alleviate such menopausal symptoms—which are attributed to a deficiency of females hormones.) Dr. Forsham maintains that prescribing small amounts of estrogen continually can also counter-act some effects of the aging process.

Determining the origins of fatigue, Dr. Forsham notes, is not a simple matter. "To know if the causes are mental or physical, it's essential to get the patient's background straight," he declares. He says he looks for certain clues when taking a medical history. "If a woman wakes up tired in the morning and gets wearier as the day goes by—so that she's virtually incapable of staying awake in the afternoon—then organic disease must be considered seriously." (Illnesses, such as anemia, he explains, often cause chronic fatigue.) If, on the other hand, a woman wakes up weary and feels livelier as the day progresses—when she's using up her energy and should be getting more tired—this could suggest something else. "It could suggest," the doctor declares, "that her problems are more mental than physical."

## Mr. and Mrs. Luther Strunk Observe Silver Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Strunk, 61 E. Center St., Shavertown, will observe their 25th wedding anniversary Nov. 16.

They were married in St. John's Church, North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, by the Rev. Kenneth Dolan. Attendees were Dolores Thieman Malkemes, Morristown, N.J., and Lawrence Kern Jr., Somers Point, N.J.

The Strunks have a daughter, Jocelyn, student at Robert Packer Hospital, School of Nursing, Sayre.

Mrs. Strunk is the former Vera Rineman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Rineman, Shavertown, formerly of Wilkes-Barre. She is employed at Mercy Hospital. Mr. Strunk is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Strunk, Nanticoke, and is employed by Pittsburgh Glass Co., Scranton.

In honor of their anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Strunk took a motor trip to California.

Open House will be held Nov. 13 at their home from 4 to 8 p.m. No invitations have been issued.

## Pittsburgh Orchestra Performs at Irem

Community Concerts Association presented the second of its season subscription concerts Nov. 10 in Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre.

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra was directed by Donald Johanos, associate conductor since September, 1970. The familiar tour-de-force of virtuoso technique, Wieniawski's "Violin Concerto No. 2 in D minor," was played by 20-year old Eugen Sarbu. Other works were the Lutoslawski "Livre" and Sibelius Symphony No. 2.

The 105-member orchestra is a veteran of nearly 35 years of touring in foreign countries and 37 of the United States. Their current season includes over 200 concerts, with 24 weeks of subscription concerts in Pittsburgh, performances with the Pittsburgh Opera, and over 40 concerts for young people in the tri-state area surrounding Pittsburgh.

The orchestra was founded in 1895 through efforts of community leaders such as George Westinghouse, and Andrew Carnegie. Under the direction of Victor Herbert, famous artists, such as Richard Strauss, Pablo Casals and Mme. Schumann-Heink came to perform. After a lapse of 16 years, the orchestra was revived in 1926, and directed successively by Otto Klemperer, Fritz Reiner and William Steinberg, current music director of the orchestra. In 1964, it was chosen by the State Department for an exchange of Symphonic Ensembles to Europe and the Near East. On the 3-month, 25,000 mile tour including 42 concerts, they participated in world-famous music festivals in Athens, Baalbek, Lucerne, Berlin and Warsaw.

## Senior Citizens Enjoy Thanksgiving Luncheon

The Back Mountain Senior Citizens held a covered dish Thanksgiving luncheon Monday afternoon at Fatima Hall, College Misericordia. Mrs. Matthew Gray presided.

Linford A. Werkheiser, Dallas School District, informed members who lived in the Dallas District they would receive courtesy passes to attend all athletic and cultural events.

Eilwen Cadden of Bell Telephone Company presented a series of colored pictures entitled "Pennsylvania Showcase" and gave brief talks on each one. The series depicted the life of William Penn and the buildings which have been erected in Harrisburg in his honor.

Plans were discussed for a Valentine luncheon, a March fashion show, and an April trip.

Members who were present at the luncheon and who are interested in attending the Christmas dinner should send their money to John Roehm, Sunset Drive, Oak Hill, Dallas.

Thomas Jenkins and Dr.

## Homegrown Pumpkin Brings \$3 Auction Bid

An ability auction was held at Gate of Heaven's Altar and Rosary Society Nov. 1 at the school's auditorium. Many lovely items were auctioned, including a surprise package which contained someone's leftover home grown pumpkin. The lucky bidder was Mrs. Thomas Newman. Where else but in America could Mrs. Newman say "I purchased a leftover pumpkin two days after Halloween for \$3.15."

announced that the affair will be held at the Castle Inn, Dec. 8 and gifts will be exchanged among the women. Ladies, canned foods are requested and will be placed in a large basket to be given to needy families of our area. All women are cordially invited to attend.

The nominating committee presented the slate of new officers for the 1972 year. President, Mrs. Vince Correale; First vice president, Mrs. John Hawk; Second vice president, Mrs. John Thompson; Treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Newman; Secretary, Kathy Malak; Financial Secretary Linda Scholl.

Members of the society are busy selling chance books. The prize is a lovely handmade children's sleigh containing several toys and stuffed animals. Proceeds will go to the school of religion.

Chairman of the Christmas Dinner Party, Kathy Malak,

A motion was accepted that a sizeable donation be contributed to Father Jordan for purchase of new venetian blinds for the grade school and toward defraying cost for the recent purchase of a new school bus.

There will be no meeting in December and the January meeting will be held Jan. 10.

## Mrs. Herman Otto Chairs Rotary Ball

Mrs. Herman Otto, chairman, reports that her committee members are planning and working to assure a fun night to all members and guests who will be attending the Dallas Rotary Christmas Ball. This year the affair will be held at the Irem Temple Country Club Dec. 4, starting at 6:30 p.m.

able on loan basis such things as crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, hospital beds and commode chairs, through Mrs. Robert Bodycomb. Rotaryans also assist the Dallas Rotarians at the Fall Fair held annually on the Lehman Horse Show grounds.

Dallas Rotaryans, known for their community projects, provide warm winter clothing for the needy Back Mountain children. They also make avail-

Sponsoring the Christmas dance is the Rotaryans contribution toward the fellowship that prevails in a group such as Rotary, whose motto is "Service Above Self."



Mrs. Herman Otto

## Food Selection Course Offered by PennState

You've been reading much about foods and nutrition—how many are overfed, yet underfed from a nutritional standpoint. During the holiday season you'll want to plan and serve your family adequate meals. An ideal aid to help meet the adequate nutritional demands of your family is a home study course from the Pennsylvania State University.

The Food Selection and Preparation course is designed to help you put nutrition and interest in your everyday and holiday meals. Included are menus and recipes and a complete analysis of foods essential to living and good health. Methods for cooking foods are described so you know which one to use to get the most flavor and food value. Other features in the course include children's diets, lunchbox foods, and food costs as compared to family income.

To get the Food Selection and Preparation course send \$4.65 to Food Selection, Box 5000, University Park, Pa. 16802. Make check or money order payable to Penn State.

## Nesbitt Holiday Fair To Benefit Hospital

A committee from the Shavertown Branch of the Nesbitt Hospital Auxiliary held a luncheon meeting recently at the Irem Temple Country Club to plan their ninth annual Holiday Fair, scheduled for Nov. 17 and 18, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day in the auditorium of the nurses' home. All eight branches of the auxiliary will participate. Proceeds will go toward the combined Nesbitt

Hospital Auxiliary branches' \$50,000 pledge to the Nesbitt Hospital's Expansion Fund.

Pictured in the photograph accompanying this article as they display some of the handmade articles to be offered for sale are members of the Shavertown Branch committee. Seated, left to right: Mrs. Charles Perkins, chairman; Mrs. William Austin, president

of Shavertown Branch and decorations chairman; Mrs. W. H. Dierolf, knitwear; Mrs. Byron Shortz, Christmas tree ornaments; Mrs. William Thomas, novelties; Mrs. Martin Porter, candy; Mrs. Elsa Boehme, aprons; Mrs. Harold Shappelle, special features; Mrs. Charles Maxwell, publicity; and Mrs. Vincent McGuire, co-chairman and Christmas cookie tray covers.

Standing: Mrs. William Clewell, candy; Mrs. David Emmanuel, pillows; Mrs. Edward Gilroy, surprise packages; Mrs. Abram Nesbitt II, Holiday Boutique booth; Mrs. Leon Beisel, Christmas door knob covers, clothespin bags, and utility bags; Mrs. Alan Wilkinson, French lingerie bags; Mrs. Elmer Daley, baked goods; Mrs. Lyman Lull, Christmas tree money socks; Mrs. Richard Crompton, painted antique shingles; and Mrs. William Brown, Christmas tree skirts.

Also on the committee are: Mrs. Wendell Jones, candy; Mrs. Albert Armitage, pot holders; Mrs. Harvey Kitchen, nylon sponges; Mrs. Leslie Carter, stuffed monkeys and other toys; Mrs. David Joseph, nursery and scenic plaques; Mrs. Edward Baker, paper bag holders; Mrs. Ruth Shaver and Mrs. Robert Kleiner, aprons; Mrs. John Kistler, lint brushes; and Mrs. Fred Eck, baked goods.



Photo by Jim Kozemchak Jr.

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