



This plate, to be sold over the auction block, pokes fun at the antiques trade.



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Steve Traver
Professional auctioneer, library auction volunteer

Up on the block, it's serious fun

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Dave Spurlin, the chairman of the auctioneer committee this year, found that organizing four days of bid-takers wasn't as difficult as it sounds. "We still have the same nucleus of auctioneers. Things have been very easy," he said. Spurlin, who was also a veteran auctioneer, took over the position from Craig Aicher and Kerry Freeman.

The auction block will open later than usual this year, at 6 p.m. rather than 4 p.m. "We're waiting for more of a crowd," said Spurlin. This year, auctioneers will spot half an hour before they start. "We try to have a good time on stage, and throw in a little humor," said Freeman. Auctioneers, especially Freeman, aren't afraid to model an outfit or try on a lamp shade to keep the crowd's attention.

The auctioneers come from all professions. Doctors and mechanics alike take their turn calling bids. Steve Traver is an auctioneer by trade, and his perspective is a little different. "It's (the library auction) a lot more personal, and a lot more entertaining." As with his business, the goal is to get the most money for each item. "You have to get the crowd involved," he said.

One memorable sale for Traver involved his wife Diane purchasing a piece of oriental pottery. "No one really knew she was my wife. I said 'Sold to the good looking blonde down front.' Bill Spurlin whispered in my ear 'I don't know if you can do that.'" A more personal auction, indeed.

Steve Traver shares the same feelings as many of the auction volunteers: "It's an institution. I'm happy and proud that they want me to sell for them."



Guest auctioneers, such as State Sen. Charles Lemmond, join professionals, like Steve Traver, here displaying a state flag, and "amateurs." They're all volunteers.

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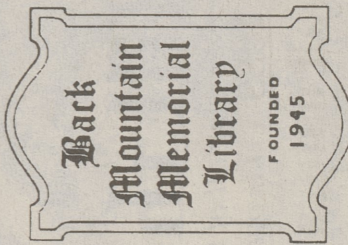
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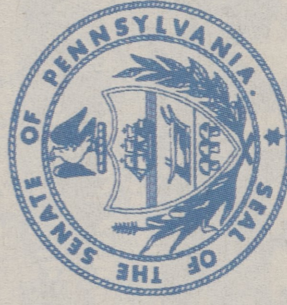


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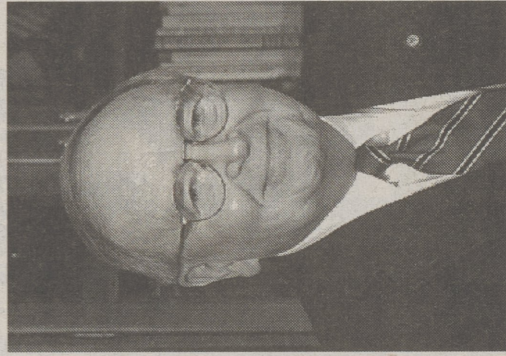
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