

● Of This 'n That

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Someone else will tell you how they have attended auction sales, found terrific bargains, and refinished them into priceless treasures.

Others will mention a fabulous collection of auto license plates for every one of the last fifty years! It's a collector's world allright! "Scratch" just anyone and you will discover a lover of antiques!

Now that we are being initiated we can see where the fascination lies.

The acquiring of nothing else which we own brought a greater thrill than finding a beautiful seven-piece wash-bowl and pitcher set at an auction sale in Manheim recently—and having the good fortune to be the successful bidder for it!

No piece of furniture in our house is lovelier to us at the moment than the old-fashioned spool cabinet made of oak, chestnut and cherry woods, which we found at a recent antiques show. Its mellow luster, earned by the passage of time, is singularly beautiful.

And the fact that it serves as a little table beside a rocking chair which belonged to the editor's great grandmother, and seems to match it perfectly, makes it doubly precious.

Our own "family" antiques now serve as a nucleus for our new interest. Things we have always taken for granted suddenly have more significance and meaning.

The little ruby and clear glass dated "1896 . . . Indiana State Fair . . . Ruth" (bought by his father, for the editor's mother) is a real treasure.

A white bowl with a delicate pink border, with "Grindley & Co., England, 1898" on the back takes on new value. Even our high headboard bed and marble top dresser, with their intricate carvings of a ship's wheel at the top, suddenly are not only functional but beautiful.

We recall that when a dear friend of the family gave us the bed and dresser she told us that it came out from the East many, many years ago to northern Indiana on a boat on the Wabash and Erie Canal. (We had it brought back to the East eight years ago via the Pennsylvania Turnpike in a huge moving van!)

We see our little parlor organ in a new light, too. It was my grandfather's, and has witnessed many, many "family sings" through the years. We had never exactly realized it was interesting other than as a sentimental treasure.

And so it goes. We intend to study and learn how to know the value of old things. We expect to be fairly regular attendants at auction sales in the area. We hope to learn how to refinish some of the things we buy, thereby increasing their value to us because of our labor in their behalf!

And we fully intend to "see" with new eyes the countless treasures that are cherished by others, thus

Score High In Merit Tests

Two seniors at Donegal high school have been honored for their high performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT), given last spring. Each student who is endorsed by his school receives a formal Letter of Commendation signed by his principal and the president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

John G. Hart, the school's principal, has announced that the commended students are: Debra Wolgemuth and Shelby Chunko.

John M. Stalnaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corp., said: "Letters of Commendation are being awarded to 38,000 students throughout the country in recognition of their outstanding performance on the qualifying test. We wish to call attention in this way to their high academic achievement."

"Although they did not reach the status of semifinalists in the current Merit Program, they are very capable students. The semi-finalists

and commended students together constitute about two percent of all high school seniors. This certainly signifies noteworthy accomplishment by all these bright young people."

The National Merit Scholarship Corp. gives recognition to two groups of students who achieve high scores on the NMSQT. The semifinalist group is composed of the highest-scoring

students in each state and in U. S. territories. Some 14,000 semifinalists take a second examination to establish further their eligibility to become finalists and to receive consideration for Merit Scholarships.

The commended students were among the high school juniors in approximately 17,000 schools who took the NMSQT last March. The test is a 3-hour examination that covers five separate areas of educational development. It was the first step in the 10th annual Merit Program.

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Mrs. Roy Wagner, Florin Avenue, Mount Joy, entertained with a Halloween Party Oct. 2 in honor of her daughter, Denise, on her 11th birthday. Schoolmates and friends were guests. Games, favors, prizes and refreshments were carried out in the Halloween motif. The guest of honor received many lovely gifts.

TO GEORGIA


The Rev. Donald Feick, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church, is in Atlanta, Ga., this week as a diocesan delegate to the National Convention on the church in town and country.

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