

Sale Barn Highlight Of Week For Midwest Farmers

By HAL BOYLE

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., May 9 (AP)—A favorite saying of Indiana farm wives is: "It's easier to get my husband to miss Sunday dinner than one of those sales barns."

The weekly sales barn auctions in the Midwest are comparatively unknown to the metropolitan effete. But to Midwest farmers they are more important than lodge night to the small towners or circus day to city dwellers.

Particularly common in Indiana, sales barns are just what the name implies—places where farmers and merchants of surrounding townships can gather to auction off anything they have to sell. They are commercial outgrowths of the farm sales of pioneer days, when neighbors gathered to bid on the property of a farmer moving on to greener pastures.

"I've been going to these barn sales since I was a small boy," said L. W. Thomas, a 57-year-old farmer among 300 rural bargain hunters crowded into the Bloomington sales barn for its regular Saturday auction.

Eager Rows

They stood or sat in eager rows around a small sawdust floored ring in the center of the barn as the auctioneer opened the sale by holding up a second-hand alarm clock. He spoke with the triple-tongued double talk of all auctioneers.

"Who'll give me \$5? Who'll give me \$10? I'm bid \$1. Who'll give me \$1.50? One and a half, one and a half, one seventy-five, one eighty-five, one eighty-five. It finally went for \$2. Overall-clad farmers, their wives and squirming children grew more excited as the auctioneer speeded up the sale. All kinds of goods were brought out—stockings, ladies' shoes, tomato plants, furniture, automobiles.

A small boy held up a beating kid he had brought to market.

"Baa-a-a-a" went the frightened kid. A farmer bought him for forty cents.

"Feed him up for six weeks and he'll make mighty good eating," said Farmer Thomas.

Bidding quickened as several sets of used harness were put up. The sales barn owner noted down—

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NOTICE OF HEARING OF FINAL ACCOUNT
Notice is hereby given that STEPHEN BENSON, Executor of the Estate of Gordon Stanley Benson, deceased, has filed his Final Account in said estate and the Court has fixed May 17, 1947, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m., as the time and the courtroom of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Klamath County, as the place for hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof.

STEPHEN BENSON,
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NOTICE OF HEARING OF FINAL ACCOUNT
Notice is hereby given that THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PORTLAND (OREGON), Executor of the Estate of James M. Baker, deceased, has filed its Final Account in said estate and the Court has fixed May 17, 1947, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a. m., as the time and the courtroom of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Klamath County, as the place for hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PORTLAND (OREGON),
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Notice is hereby given that I have filed my final account as administratrix of the Estate of E. L. Edmondson, deceased, and the Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Klamath County, has fixed ten o'clock in the forenoon of Tuesday, May 13, 1947, in the court room of said court, as the time and place when and where any person may present any objections to or exceptions to anything therein contained, and at said time and place the court will finally settle said account.

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on household articles and left hugging their purchases with victorious smiles.

"They come for the day," said Thomas, grinning. "Wives buy the junk—the odds and ends."

Some of the bidders had come a hundred miles. They pawed with work-twisted hands at bags of chocolate-covered creama sold by a candy peddler.

"Ain't much of a crowd today," said Thomas. "Some of these sales bring \$12,000 to \$14,000. This one won't beat \$6000."

"Everything is down now but cattle and hogs."

Bidding grew hottest during livestock sales. Thomas nodded and grinned when another spectator said:

"These people are the shrewdest in the world in buying stock, and the biggest suckers for gadgets and tin-

Students Urged To Stay In Classes

ASTORIA, Ore., May 9 (AP)—School authorities appealed today to Warrenton high school students to continue to attend classes despite the fact that James E. Hatch, Warrenton school superintendent, has resigned again.

Students struck two months ago when Hatch resigned in a controversy with the school board.

They'll pay more every day than they would in the stores." But Ma has the social prestige of outbidding her neighbor. No store clerk can give her fun like that.

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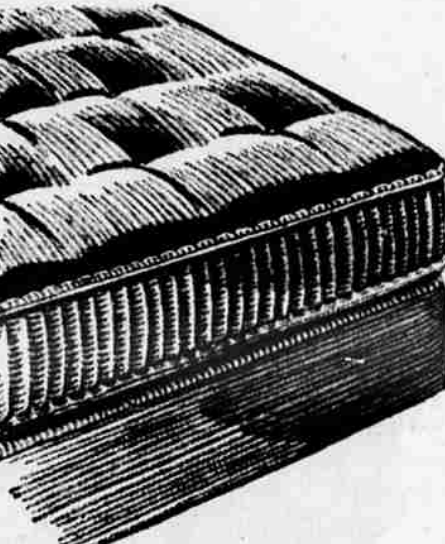
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