

Dispatch FEATURES

NOW LET ME TELL YOU

Many 'Antiques' Set for Auction

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The long waited disposal of the Hess Sisters' belongings will take place Friday and Saturday. This probably will be the largest "antique" sale in years around these parts.

Clarence Latham and Chet Guffey, auctioneers, say it is the largest they have had in years.

The Hess homestead is located at 2637 Olentangy River Rd., where they had a flower shop and wholesale flower business for a half century. The grand old home, marked by part of an old windmill, will eventually be the property of Ohio State University. At present Elizabeth Hess is in the Worthington Rest Home.

JOHN MOSES HESS built this house back in 1870 and they moved in the next year. It was and still is a showplace. A story of an old place of the past with not much of the present.

I was taken on a tour of the house to see the articles that will be offered for sale from a large tent on the lawn.

Going from the first floor to the attic where the pigeons have taken over, finds the floors not safe and banisters rickety, so the tents will be used instead of letting the customers go through the house. Today all of the articles were to be out for inspection.

NEARLY EVERYTHING you look at is antique. No phonies here. When you turn your head or go into another room you gasp at the many things you see and desire. For instance, a complete first edition of McGuffey Readers and hundreds of books.

The Sessions dining room set of carved chairs with high backs came from the old Sessions home at the



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corner of Broad and Washington, now the location of the Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts. These are tops. Two great chests, one with a mink coat and other fine garments, are not to be sold as she has placed these in her will.

A brass bed, a single bed coming back in style. There are three love seats. One article I never have seen is a big cabinet that contains oaken frames for pictures that pull out. This is certainly a different family album.

THERE IS ONE ENTIRE closet of harness and a side saddle. I happened upon a book, the history of the Kentucky Derby, dated 1878 and leather bound, I would like to have made a present of it to John Galbreath. You see everything is in the book and it has to be auctioned and therefore you are stuck, as I was, for some articles I desired. A marble clock from the old Sessions estate.

John Hess and his wife, Hannah, loved good things. There is his gigantic secretary when he was a Squire or Justice of the Peace.

Six captain chairs; his and hers chairs; ladder chairs, and a lovely cradle, a large one made of black walnut, are among the items.

HERE IS ONE that amazed me. It is a large basket of diamond-cut black jet bead work. Yards of it. Jessie White and Janice Phillips were sorting all these beads and jewelry. This collection is just unimaginable.

One entire table is stacked with linens. Floral wire arrangements and baskets fill a room.

Two dressmaking forms, she evidently used to make her own clothes, stand in one corner.

Now to the yard and the toolshed. There we found gigantic crosscut saws, used to cut ice in the Olentangy River; wooden mallets, used by stone masons; copper kettles; iron kettles; more harness; kraut stompers; corn cutters; two lovely postern lights; wooden planes; squares; and augers of all sizes.

WHEN IT COMES to painted china and all sorts of rare glass and dishes, platters and such, plus vases you will have to go a long way to find better. There also are old-fashioned pitchers and water jugs.

It all adds up to the fact that on Friday and Saturday this will be a haven for those who follow auctions of this sort.

Even the old copper bathtub is worth its weight now. Another novelty, old gramophones with some 50 records of the cylindrical type. Just say I did not tell you.

Indiana Gets 'Daylight' Moratorium

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Daylight saving time arrives this Sunday but the usual crazy-quilt of unsynchronized clocks has all but disappeared.

The reason is the Uniform Time Act passed by Congress in 1966. Under the law, a state must go on Daylight Time unless its legislature

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