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## Renegade's "Silent" Auction

The "selling out" sale at The Renegade shop is unlike any other sale ever held on Front Street.

The three-day auction which began Thursday has been organized by owner Jim Carr, who is vacating the premises with style.

The items for auction come primarily from the John Goodwin Lyman estate in Barbados. Rather than sell them individually, or at an open auction, Mr. Carr decided to hold a silent auction.

Posted on a large board is the bidding system, which keeps track of the latest bid on each item. Buyers, who each have a number, place their bids on slips of paper, and submit them to Mr. Carr, who changes figures on the board as bids are raised, over the three days.

Not your everyday auction - and not your everyday pieces for sale. Included in the Lyman estate are paint-

ings and drawings by Lyman himself, and by his friend Sir Mathew Smith, whose painting "Breton Baby" is expected to go for a large sum.

On most items Mr. Carr has placed a ticket estimating their value. A sapphire ring, for example is worth approximately \$4000. A string of oriental pearls has a certified value of \$1,500 and is expected to sell for near that price.

The room is lined with rare and beautiful things, ranging from embroidered silk shawls to coins, crystal, and furniture. Particularly attractive are a collection of old Persian plates thought to be over 700 years old, and a shawl inlaid with silver.

Mr. Carr came by this collection by chance, when one of his buyers heard about the Lyman estate being for sale in the Barbados, bought what he could, and brought it back to Belleville.

"If this auction is the success I think it will be, we'll try to hold this type of sale more often," says Mr. Carr.

Today at 12.30 p.m. he began to close the bidding, working across the board column, until the 360 items are sold to the highest bidders by 5.30 p.m. On Sunday, he'll open to let successful bidders pick up their prizes, and by Monday, the Belleville Renegade will be closed, after a year of operation.

The immediate response has been excellent, according to Mr. Carr, who thinks that Friday night and Saturday morning will be the busiest time.

Although he is closing this shop, he'll continue to run The Renegade on Highway 2 west of Trenton. At the moment he's building a home on top of the store for himself and his wife Joyce, and their two sons Chris and Mark.