

Popp Family Sees Goods Sold

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The relatives watched impassively Monday night as auctioneers found new homes for the dishes they once washed and the furniture they once gathered around.

It was at the sale of household goods belonging to State Sen. Harold R. Popp of Hutchinson, Minn., and his wife, Winifred, who were killed last Feb. 21 in an auto accident.

It was country and city. More than 500 persons watched the Radde Brothers auctioneers work up a sweat under bare bulbs inside the Norwood, Minn., park pavilion.

THERE were farmers in overalls, middle-aged wives, young men in boots and jeans, couples looking for a bargain and — from the Twin Cities — antique dealers and a few young men with beards.

The goods included antique dishes, garden tools, appliances, rugs, some earthenware crocks, Christmas decorations, a drop leaf Duncan Phyfe table with eight lyre back chairs, a few items from Popp's drugstore and even the senator's pipes and boots.

Mrs. Wayne Bowman of



Sen. Popp

Omaha, Neb., the senator's daughter, said some of the children's things, from the family attic, had been her own.

SHE SAID she had kept what she could from the estate, and even had to buy back a set of 14 wine glasses that had gone into the auction by mistake.

Front-row onlookers included the senator's mother, Mrs. A. F. Popp of Hutchinson, and his sister, Mrs. Fred Bernhagen (who is an aunt of another legislator, freshman Rep. John Bernhagen, like Popp a Hutchinson Conservative).

Attendance was cut a bit by the McLeod County Fair at Hutchinson, said auctioneer Fred W. Radde II of Watertown, but "things sold very high" (an antique silver pickle jar with glass insert went for \$36).

It was not unlike many auctions the Raddes conduct regularly in Carver, McLeod, and western Hennepin Counties. Their 200 or so auctions a year carry on a family business started by a grandfather in 1886.

Fred II has been auctioneering since 1937, his brother W. J. (Skip) of Watertown since 1928 and brother Stan of Waconia since 1943. Fred's son Fred III did some of the calling Monday night and another son, Tom, helped with the merchandise.

The auctioneers take 5 percent of the gross, the banker who clerks the sale takes another 5 percent and, Fred II said, advertising usually takes another 5 percent (the Raddes reg-

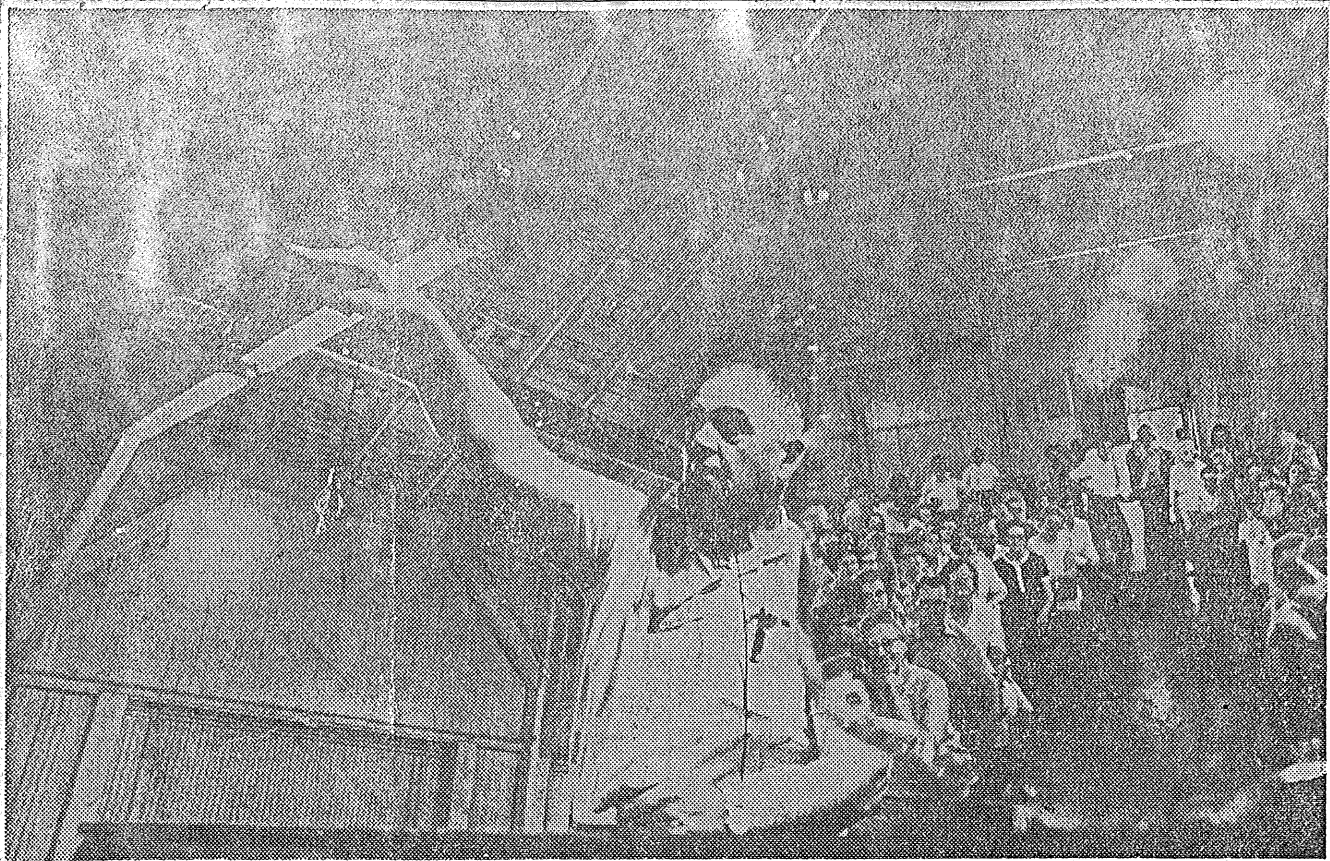
ularly mail more than 17,000 circulars).

It can be a hot, sweaty business auctioning under the hot sun or inside on a close night. But the Raddes keep humor in their work.

Fred II held up a cookbook Monday night and grandly proclaimed: "The last three pages of this book is how to get rid of your mother-in-law."



F. P. EDER OF CHASKA
Antique dealer with derby



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AUCTIONEER FRED RADDE II CALLS FOR BID ON MIRROR FROM POPP ESTATE
Part of crowd at Norwood, Minn., park pavilion was reflected in mirror



LATE SENATOR'S MOTHER, SISTER WATCHED
Mrs. A. F. Popp, Mrs. Fred Bernhagen, Hutchinson