

ARTHA GRAPIC
Special Services
 FEB 13, 1962
Planned For
Relief Sale Sat.

A 12-minute devotion and dedication service is being planned at the Relief Sale, sponsored by the Mennonite and Amish Churches of the area, this coming Saturday morning (February 17) starting at 10 o'clock at the Arthur Sale Barn north of the village limits. Menno Herschberger, chairman of the sale planning committee, is in charge of the dedication.

Brief interpretation of Christian concern for the underprivileged and disaster stricken people of the world will be given by Clarence Yordy of Morton, chairman of the Illinois Inter-Mennonite Relief Sale Committee, and by Rev. Kenneth Plummer, pastor of the Arthur Methodist Church. A dedication prayer will be led by Simon Gingerich, minister of the Pleasant View Beachy Amish congregation.

Immediately following the dedication service, the auctioneers will begin the interesting and unique sale. Many items of all descriptions have been consigned, it is reported. Amish and Mennonite kitchens are bustling with activity, producing the home-made baked goods, which are justly famous, to be sold at this auction and over-the-counter of the lunchroom.

Everyone in the community is invited to bring some article to the sale and look over the consignments for a possible purchase.

The sale's planning committee wishes to express its thanks for the fine response to the sale already shown. Proceeds from the sale will be given to the Mennonite Central Committee's relief fund.

Large Crowd And
Eager Bidders Net
Over \$2,000 Saturday

The combination of a large crowd, eager bidders, capable auctioneers and a worthy cause resulted in a very successful relief sale at the Arthur sale barn last Saturday, according to members of the committee in charge who stated on Monday that "we were extremely pleased with the results and wish to thank everyone who in any way contributed toward this success."

The sale, conducted by the Mennonite and Amish churches, with proceeds going to the Mennonite Central Committee Relief Fund, started just after 10 a. m. Saturday and netted just over \$2,000 that will be used in alleviating suffering of underprivileged and disaster stricken people of all nations.

Proceeding the sale, a brief service of dedication and devotion was conducted. Clarence Yordy of Morton, chairman of the Illinois Inter-Mennonite Relief Sale committee, told of the Christian concern for the unfortunate people throughout the world and John Roth of Morton explained how the Mennonite Central Committee works in relieving this suffering wherever and wherever possible. Rev. Kenneth Plummer, pastor of the Arthur Methodist Church and one of the leaders of the local CROP effort, gave a brief talk in which he told why the MCC and CROP relief programs are so important to Christians today. Simon Gingerich, minister of the Pleasant View Beachy Amish

congregation of the local area, led in the prayer of dedication.

More than 750 persons attended the sale and participated in bidding for the large collection of items that sold for a total of \$1,675 and which ranged from a combination child's high chair and ironing board, up to farm implements and household goods, and back to hamburgers and bakery goods.

A colorful and exciting atmosphere was created by the milling throng and the chant of six auctioneers as two sale rings were in operation most of the afternoon. One member of the committee in charge of the sale said that it was necessary to operate the two rings in order to complete the sale before evening. Auctioneers who donated their talents for the event included Omer Schrock, Fred Miller, Marvin Shaw and Jerry Martin, all of the Arthur area, Lester Beery of Cerro Gordo, and a Mr. Roth of Morton.

Bringing the highest price in the sale was a red sow that sold for \$54. Bakery goods, such as pies, cakes, home made bread, rolls, etc., sold for enormous prices with a number of loaves of bread bringing over a dollar each and rolls bringing 60 to 75 cents. Several times trays of hamburgers were brought to the sale rings where they sold for 60 cents per hamburger.

Two dolls, dressed in Amish

costumes, sold for \$22 for the pair; one quilt sold twice for \$22 each time and another quilt sold six times, bringing 14 to 15 dollars each time.

In addition to the \$1,675 netted from the sale, the lunch counter proceeds amounted to about \$300 and a donation box on the grounds brought in \$35.

This is the first time the Mennonite Central Committee and the Amish have conducted this type of event in this area but one member of the committee stated that it was so successful that it could possibly become an annual event. Mennonite Relief Committees have, however, sponsored similar sales in other parts of the state and the nation.

All items sold at the sale were donated by people of this area. Menno Herschberger served as chairman of the sale planning committee and other members of the committee were Willis E. Yoder and Ura B. Yoder.