Antique Mart Opens Its 9th Season With 21 Dealers On Hand

The doors will open at noon Friday for the ninth annual antique mart sponsored by the Plymouth Symphony League.

For days there have been great "goingson" in the Grange and Community buildings on Union Street. Women have been creeping around on the floors with rolls of masking tape, marking the exact territorial rights of each of the 21 dealers.

Calico skirts and white colonial caps have been starched and pressed for the building hostesses and ticket sellers to wear for their duties at the three-day mart.

Booth signs have gone up and so have the decorations. Corn shocks, pumpkins and colorful gourds have been hauled from neighboring farms and gardens to add to the rustic harvest atmosphere.

Move-in day is Thursday. Thousands of dollars worth of precious antiques are unloaded from station wagons, trailers, trucks and passenger cars. Cases of heirloom jewelry, pictures, lamps, furniture, china, glassware and primitives are carefully arranged. For the dealers, moving into and out of a show is sheer drudgery.

Workers in the Grange building are exposed to tantalizing aromas from the

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kitchen where members of the Plymouth Grange have been baking hundreds of cookies. These now famous cookies and other fine foods will be available throughout the festival.

Chairman of the mart is Sue Moran. Serving as treasurer is Ann Krankel.

Serving in other capacities are: Joanne Mulce and Jane Moehle, dealer chairmen; Carol Hoffman and Barbara Dolkowski, ticket chairmen; June Emerson, Joan Farrell and Gladys Nesbitt, building chairmen; Charlene Tobin, in charge of properties; and Katherine Robinson, costumes.

Mary Peterson, Anita Aldrin, Karen Harvie and Pat Yohey handled the publicity. The signs and posters were made by Pat Rhinehart and Pat Kleckner.

Mary Meyers and Sharon Walker head the clean-up crews and Vickie Raos and Mary Lou Sick are refreshment chairmen.

Serving in an advisory role are former tique mart chairmen Geneva Guenther, Peg Troutman, Betty Utter, Pat Whitesell and Liz Augustine.

The Symphony League group assisting with the mart this year is the Crescendos headed by Judy Lewis.



DEALER DISPLAYS of antiques feature a myriad of items such as this both in the Grange Building and Community Center while the Antique Mart is in progress during the festival.

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