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clothing samples from clothing representatives and make a business out of selling them.

That's the idea behind Sample Outlet, a shop full of sample garments, jewelry and accessories that sales reps from manufacturers show to clothing stores. And Marilyn White, part owner of the Sample Outlet, says as far as she

knows, the idea — and the shop — are unique to Lincoln.

White says most of the clothing at the Sample Outlet is medium sized — sizes eight to ten. Although there is some "college-type" clothing, White says, most of the garments are for working women from 25 to 40 years of age.

The clothing is priced about 40 to 60 percent less than retail, White says, and ranges from casual sweats to party dresses.

Antiques, restaurants to move in

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Three more buildings in the Haymarket will be turning pages in their individual histories this winter when three new businesses move in, according to the Historic Haymarket district's program assistant.

Sally Oglesby said the buildings will house two new restaurants and an antique store that is moving from another building in the Haymarket.

Lazlo's, a restaurant serving a variety of food; La Paloma, a Mexican restaurant, and Conner's Architectural Antiques will move into the Haymarket buildings next year.

La Paloma's building, built in 1881, is the oldest building in the Haymarket district and the oldest commercial building in Lincoln, according to owner Art Jimenez.

The former Beatrice Creamery building, at 7th and P streets, has been renamed The Creamery. The new owners will renovate the interior to make way for an antique store and possibly office space, said Sid Conner, a partner in the project.

Nine to 12 buildings in the district remain empty or underused, Oglesby said, and are "ripe" for expansion.

The building that Lazlo's is moving into in February is about 60 years old and was once a warehouse, said partner Scott Boles.

A brewery will be installed in Lazlo's and will cost more than \$100,000, Boles said. About 120

U.S. restaurants have in-house breweries, he said, about half of which are in California. He said the idea began there about 12 years ago.

The process allows for fresher beer without additives or preservatives, he said.

"It doesn't get better with age," he said.

Lazlo's will feature a casual setting with exposed brick walls and wood floors, he said. It also will have food grilled over a fire of hickory wood, he said.

Everything from steak to chicken to soup will be offered, he said. A typical lunch might cost about \$5 and a dinner that includes everything would be about \$10 to \$12, he said.

The Haymarket location of La Paloma, 8th and Q streets, is unique and complementary to its planned casual Southwestern setting, Jimenez said.

He said the restaurant, scheduled to open in January, should ease pressure on the other La Paloma in the Havelock area and fill the void left when Arturo's left the Haymarket district.

During the summer, Jimenez plans to offer a sidewalk cafe, which would be the first one in Lincoln, he said.

The food probably will range from 99 cents to \$6.50 for a five-to-six-course meal, he said.

La Paloma, which means dove in English, will have a bar and serve individually made margari-

tas, Jimenez said. It also will offer "margarita pies," which taste like cheesecake but are a little sweeter, he said.

The restaurants are, "both filling niches that need filling," Oglesby said.

The Haymarket district's offerings now range from seafood to Indian food to sandwiches and soup. And they range from casual to fine dining.

And an antique store already in the district is changing Haymarket locations in order to expand its facilities.

Conner's Architectural Antiques and Always Christmas Shop will move from its 247 N. 8 St. to The Creamery, 701 P St., next summer.

Conner said he and Cheryl Conner bought the building to allow expansion of its current facilities and to have more nearby parking spaces.

He said renovations will probably cost about \$200,000 to \$240,000. The changes include new light fixtures, a staircase, tin ceilings and oak flooring, all in keeping with the early 1900s time period. The first two floors were built in 1894, he said, and the top two floors were added about 1907.

The Conners like the Haymarket district, where Conner's Architectural Antiques has been located for three and a half years, he said.

"It's very conducive to the types of things we like to sell," he said. "It puts people in the mood for buying antiques."

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"People will come in with a certain kind of decor and will want their floral arrangements" to reflect that era, Phelps said.

For example, Phelps said, fruits were a popular part of colonial Christmas decorations, and dried

arrangements go well with country or Victorian styles.

During the summer, Phelps said she recreated the Victorian era for several weddings in the area. She said this look has really taken off in the past three to four years.

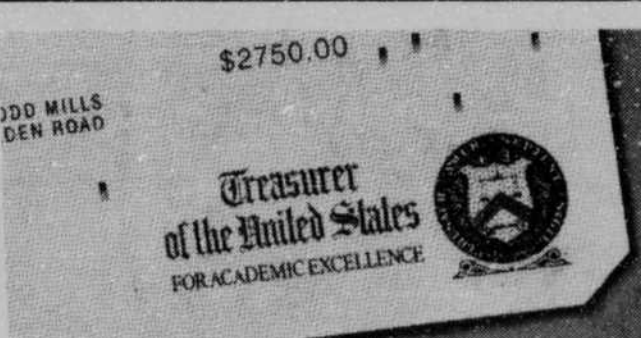
The Victorian look includes a lot of lace and many kinds of flowers used together, Phelps said. Mauve,

pink, white, dark green and some deep blue colors are characteristic of Victorian-style decor, she said.

Phelps' shop is spending its third Christmas in the Haymarket, she said, and she gets about three or four orders for Christmas arrangements each day.

"We also sell a lot of Christmas presents," she said.


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