

## Open House At Christian School

Conestoga Christian School will hold an Open House and Auction Sale this Saturday, November 9, starting at 10:00 a.m. The school is located one mile west of Morgantown on Route 23. Parents, teachers and students will be "sell-a-brating" the opening of the new wing housing Kindergarten through Grade 5 and the new assembly hall. The new school building will be open to all visitors during and after the sale. The public is cordially invited.

Groups of mothers are busy finishing quilts, tablecloths and other needlework for the big "Sell-A-Bration" on Saturday. Other groups of ladies are getting ready to bake large quantities of Pennsylvania-Dutch shoo-fly pies, home-made breads, nut-and-fruit

breads and all kinds of cookies. One Dad, a butcher, is making 30 lbs. of home-made bologna. Other dads are collecting antique dishes, grandmother clocks, wooden rockers, antique furniture, used school desks, and assorted items of new furniture.

Husband-wife teams are working on home-made ice-cream, barbecue chickens, apple cider, apple butter, fresh pies and many other Pennsylvania - Dutch specialties. "Bring the family and have lunch," is the invitation to all. Farmer-patrons and friends of the school have been feeding calves and heifers, and others are donating feeder pigs and feeder cattle. Twelve heifers from the best herds of Caernarvon township, registered and grade, will be

auctioned off during the livestock sale at 1:00 p.m. Hardware and sporting goods are being collected in the basement of the school, among them a 1973 Polaris snowmobile, boys' and girls' bikes, ping-pong tables and swing sets. Kindergarten teacher, Miss Edna Detweiler, is setting up hundreds of books and LP-records on tables throughout the hall, so visitors will be able to browse around and buy at their hearts' content. Elton Horning and Alvin Horning, Jr., will be auctioneers.

Started in a one-room schoolhouse in 1952, Conestoga Christian School has steadily grown in enrollment and academic excellence to the point where it was necessary to build a new wing during the Wummer of 1974. Much of the labor was donated by parents and school board members, who worked evenings and Saturdays to keep construction costs low. "We have an enrollment of about 160 students now," commented Mr. Wayne Gascho, the newly appointed principal. "And 10 full-time and 4 part-time teachers who teach Kindergarten through Grade 10. With the school situated at the Eastern end



Principal Wayne Gascho (left) and school board president Tom Miller put up sign for Open House at Conestoga Christian School along busy Route 23 west of Morgantown.

of Lancaster County, the school serves patrons from Eastern Lancaster County, Southern Berks County and Reading, and Northern Chester County.

In this day of rising school taxes, people should remember that this Christian School saves the taxpayers of this area close to \$250,000 a year in local school taxes because it is almost entirely supported by the parents and friends of the school."

School board president Tom Miller, who coordinates most of the volunteer efforts for the school sale, added: "Conestoga Christian School is a good example of the pioneer spirit that is re-emerging as America approaches its Bicentennial Year. Here you can see firsthand how much parents and teachers working together

can achieve in better facilities and quality education without putting an extra tax burden on the community. When we need money, we have to raise it. This teaches us and especially our children how to trust in God, and develop initiative and reliance on our God-given abilities."

The school board plans to make this Fall Sale an annual affair to help Conestoga Christian School keep tuition low and within reach of all parents who desire a Christian education for their children.

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