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MORE THAN A NEWSPAPER, A COMMUNITY INSTITUTION

BOX SCORE			
Back Mountain Highway Deaths and Serious accidents since V-J Day			
	Hospitalized	Killed	
DALLAS	2	11	
LEHMAN	1	1	
KINGSTON TOWNSHIP	20	4	
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	2	4	
MONROE TOWNSHIP	3	1	
ROSS TOWNSHIP	2		
LAKE TOWNSHIP	1	1	
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP		2	
TOTAL	31	20	

Highlights of the third annual Library Auction, before, during and after:

Henry Peterson pumping out, "There is Sunshine in My Soul Today" on the organ in the barn, all the stops pulled out, two hundred pounds and a pair of number twelves behind the production. That was on Monday evening, at the time when the picture of the antique committee was taken, the picture which Myra later sliced off so that she did not appear in the cut.

The little pig that went A.W.O.L. on the first day of the auction, hot-footing it for the woods when some kind soul opened a crack in the crate to give the little porker a drink of water. There is nothing quite so slippery or so lacking in hand-holds as a pig, with or without grease.

The five little puppies in the crate and the dozen small boys crooning over them, later taking them out and carrying them around by the stomach.

The antique shaving mug, fresh from Japan.

Murray Scureman and Mrs. Hicks in a ladder-sitting contest.

The sheared sheep which brought sixteen dollars on the block.

The young boy who was so fascinated by the antique goblet that he bid his entire eighty cents on it, only to see it knocked down to somebody else for two dollars.

The pair of ducks, immediately followed by a sack of calf feed. Ducks, announced Our Harry, will eat anything, and are particularly fond of calf feed.

The rowing machine, demonstrated by Ray Evans, who had provided himself with a crew haircut in order to do credit to the situation.

H. R. Garinger of Alderson with a special auction-chair, concocted of odds and ends from the shed. Along toward the end of the auction the chair collapsed and Mr. Garinger took to a small log.

Dr. Sherman Schooley bidding against himself for a lavender silk parasol with a coquettish bow on the crooked handle, a piece of Swedish glass which he regarded with a puzzled expression, and later a coonskin coat which he modelled, by request, on the auction block. There is nothing small about our auctioneer. Harry threw in a dozen pairs of baby pants as a bonus for the purchase of the coat.

Mary Weir making change at the refreshment booth with one hand, the other still done up in a sling as the result of an auto accident.

Her mother, Mrs. Constanza Weir miraculously recovered from a grave illness, superintending the making of the hot sauce for the refreshment stand, then appearing in person on Saturday night.

Adroit timing on the part of the auctioneer in bringing out decayed chairs for sale at a time when everybody had lost the first flush of energy and was dying to sit down.

A lawn-mower ballyhooed as a muscle builder for the wife.

The classic thunder-mug, Remembering last year's auction, Mrs. Hicks disappeared behind the antique stand when this item was held up for sale, and Tommy Andrew got it.

The play-house, newly painted and decked with flower boxes, chanced off to the lucky entrant, Arthur Gay who will use it for his grandchildren.

The stampede for the refreshment counter when the loudspeaker announced a reduction in the price of hamburgs and hot dogs. The further stampede when it was announced that the remaining hot dogs were on sale by the pound at a favorable price.

The hour of midnight, the melting away of the tremendous crowd, and the aftermath of litter.

The committees folding weary wings at two A.M. Sunday morning, then grimly coming back again later in the day to cope with the mess.

Two weeks before the auction everybody was feeling bleak because the accumulation of material did not seem enough for a sale. Two days before the auction the picture changed, and the day after the auction it appeared that there was a sizeable nucleus for another sale.

Ninth Annual Flower Show

Harvey's Lake Event Scheduled August 25

Ninth annual amateur flower show of Alderson Methodist Church will be held at Lake Township school afternoon and evening of Thursday, August 25.

The exhibit is sponsored by Women's Society of Christian Service, with the Rev. Ruth Underwood as honorary chairman, Miss Underwood, the new minister of the Alderson, Noxen, Ruggles and Kunkle charge, will take up her duties the first Sunday in August. Active chairmen are Mrs. Gilbert Carpenter and Alan G. Kistler.

Committees are: Miss Elinore Humphrey, treasurer; Mrs. George W. Carey, judges; Mrs. Albert Armi-

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Fine Events At Firemen's Fair

United States Naval Reserve Band will be the featured attraction at Trucksville Firemen's Summer Fair tonight. Tomorrow afternoon will see the running of the second annual Soap Box Derby and tomorrow night Al Camp's Band will entertain. At 11 tomorrow night several hundred dollars worth of prizes will be awarded. The Fair has been marked by large attendance since its opening Thursday night with a Pet Parade.

John Parsons Is Candidate

Others File Petitions In Dallas Township

A new man will make his political debut in the forthcoming primaries in Dallas Township. John Parsons, Kunkle, will seek election as school director in place of Walter Elston whose term will expire. Born in Kingston, he is a graduate of Kingston High School and Bucknell University.

A resident and property owner of Dallas Township for nine years, Mr. (Continued on Page Eight)

Apple Meeting At Eggleston's

State College Man To Explain Diseases

Wyoming County fruit growers will meet Tuesday August 2, at one o'clock at Eggleston's Orchard at Vernon.

Luzerne County growers who wish to attend are also invited and asked to bring with them any specimens of fruit disease or injury that they would like to learn more about.

State College experts who will (Continued on Page Eight)

AUCTION PROFITS BUY UNITED STATES BONDS

Profits from this and previous Library Auctions are used to make up any deficiencies in current operating expenses of Back Mountain Memorial Library. Fortunately the amount used has been small so that most of the profits have been invested in U. S. Savings Bonds. All of this year's profits will be invested in bonds only the income of which will be used for operating expenses. When the day comes that the Back Mountain Region has a Community Center, these funds will go a long way toward making it possible.

Two-Day Auction Raises About \$5,000 For Memorial Library

Three Thousand Persons Are Estimated To Have Attended Third Annual Sale

The Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction for 1949 is now a thing of the past but the memory of two glorious days filled with work, fun and excitement will remain with hundreds who, as workers, buyers, and spectators, witnessed the revelation of a community spirit that accomplishes its purpose.

Culp Reunion

The descendants of John and Amelia Culp of Huntsville will meet for a basket picnic and reunion at Ricketts Glen Sunday, July 31.

Bickerings, mistakes and grumbling were insignificant compared to the success of the auction and its worth in joining all communities behind a single project. Proof of its acceptance and its success is revealed in the announcement of the committee that profits will be close to \$5,000.

The Auction attracted all elements of the community and more than any other year, drew buyers and spectators from distant communities. Many homes were filled with weekend guests who came here especially to enjoy the auction and renew old friendships.

Bidding for the most part was fast and spirited although many items of value went far below the market price, while some others went at two and three times their intrinsic worth.

It would be impossible to mention all of those who contributed to the Auction's success for that would include all of the buyers and all of the persons who contributed new and used merchandise. But without the work of those whose names have not appeared in the newspapers or on the lists of committees, the auction could never have been held. Some will get no credit for the part they played but they will know within themselves that they had fun out of doing it.

So much material accumulated for the sale that the auctioneers were unable to sell all of it. This will be priced and held until a later date when the barn will be opened for a rummage sale. There will be no sales prior to the date which will be announced a week in advance in the newspapers.

The first item sold was a hat rack and the last a half ton of hay. In the interval between here's what some items brought: rebuilt typewriter, \$15; shepherd puppy, \$5; earthen pitcher \$6.25; Toby Jar to Ray Evans, \$13.50; clay pigeon trap, \$5; Cape Cod lighter, \$7.25; power lawn mower, \$35; small sink, \$3; bird houses about \$2.50; puppy, \$3; Sterling silver knives to Mrs. H. A. Smith, \$11; cornet to Joe MacVeigh, \$11.50; electric water heater to Mrs. Henry Pool, \$20; Sheffield coasters to Mrs. Harry Ruggles, \$15; dog carrier, \$5; hamster, \$1; puppy, \$4.25; electric hair dryer, \$5; Sheffield tea caddy to Mrs. Murray Scureman, \$7; smoked hams brought \$8, and \$9; snowshoes, \$3.75; puppy to Carol Evans \$8; rowing machine to Henry Jones, \$9.50; copper kettle, \$9; another went for 20c; child's china closet, \$12; brass Samovar, \$11.50; "pregnant bitch" went to Mrs. William Bertles for \$5; student lamp to Mrs. Mac Williams of Shamokin, \$15; lamb given by Ike Mellner went to Herman Thomas for \$16; coal range, \$14; double decker cot beds went for \$4; double kitchen sink, \$13.50; white China cupboard to Mrs. Arch Hutchison for \$16; combination storm doors given by Raymon Hedden and Kingston Lumber Co., went for \$18; Sesquicentennial reproduction cupboard went to Donald Davis for \$16; sea captain's chest \$11; ice box, \$11; large mirror to Mrs. Doane for \$15; new child's glider from Stall Brothers to Albert Parrish for \$10.50; baby pig to Herman Garinger for \$10; septic tank from C. E. German & Son to Dick Phillips for \$44; 1,000 face brick from Bob Weaver to Fred Welsh for \$41 year's septic tank service from J. (Continued on Page Eight)

Everybody Has A Good Time At The Library Auction



The refreshment stand was one of the busiest spots on the grounds. Here Mrs. Ross Lewin, Mrs. Harold Titman, Mary Weir, Mildred Devens, Mrs. David Williams, Mrs. Daniel Robinhold, Mary Dick, Mrs. Robert Milne and Mrs. Raymond Elston take time out for a picture by Hudson. That broken arm was no handicap to Mary. She ran the cash register with the other hand and helped to take in almost \$1,000 at this booth.

This overall shot of the crowd and barn was taken Friday morning just as the auction opened. It was the smallest crowd of the two-

day sale which at times saw as many as 1,200 persons in front of the auctioneer's block.

There was plenty of action Saturday when 400 lawn seats went on sale at \$1. each. Here Howard Risley and Bill Waters hand them out to eager buyers. The sombre fellow in front is Rev. Fred Reinfort. Reaching for a seat is Clarence Turner of Noxen. To left center is Carrie Capron, Harvey Kitchen and Alfred Hadsall. Sorry we can't identify the others.

Harry "Be an Executive" Ohlman, here knocks down a plush rabbit to a young buyer while Jim

Hutchison, county farm agent assists with the sale.

One of the most popular features of the auction was the sale of a large collection of fine antiques, Alice Howell, president of the Library Book Club, which had charge of solicitation of all old merchandise, here encourages a sale to Mrs. Dan Robinhold who was all over the lot. The pensive gentleman in straw hat is Henry "Swede" Peterson, library treasurer, who contemplates the day's take. Standing behind the beautiful Japanese urn, one of three given by Mrs. William Conyngham, is Frederick

"Cheaper by the Dozen" Eck, cashier of First National Bank and the Auction.

Even the sale of an ironing board attracts the attention of the crowd on Friday morning although the three matrons with sun glasses in the foreground appear to be turning their backs on such practical merchandise.

Mrs. Dick Mitchell, Mrs. Bert Fennel and Sandel Hunt were among those who stayed throughout the two days. There were buyers from Binghamton, Scranton, Nicholson, Tunkhannock, Montrose, Shamokin, Towanda, Philadelphia,

and two from Atlanta, Georgia.

Sylvia Doan, Ann Peterson, Cora Finn and Mrs. Ray Hedden preside at the novelty booth which was headed by Mrs. Henry Peterson. Not shown in these pictures was the popular candy booth conducted by Teen-Agers under the supervision of Mrs. Jack Barnes assisted by Mrs. Jonathan Valentine and Mrs. Bob Weaver. Mrs. Valentine decorated the flower boxes and painted the play house, given by Shavertown Builder's Supply, which brought in \$200.

Photo By Hudson

Dallas Store Changes Hands

Eugene Sick Buys 5c, 10c to \$1 Store

Eugene W. Sick, Wilkes-Barre, has purchased Dallas 5c, 10c to \$1. Store from Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Paul. The transaction was completed last week and Mr. Sick took possession on Thursday.

The Dallas store was established nineteen years ago by the late John Williams and his wife, now Mrs. Paul. From a small beginning the store had a healthy growth and in 1940 it was completely re-modeled and enlarged to give Dallas its first modern store on Main Street.

Mr. Sick has been engaged in business in Wilkes-Barre for the past fifteen years, owning two stores, one at the corner of Ross and South River streets and the other at Horton and Carey Avenue. (Continued on page five)