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January 31, 1947

Old Furniture Auction Planned To Raise Funds For Library

Miss Frances Dorrance, chairman of Friends of Back Mountain Memorial Library, announced last night at the annual meeting of the Library Board of Directors that her committee will hold an old furniture sale and auction on Saturday, June 7, in Howard Risley's Barnyard to raise funds for the library.

Many persons have already offered to give used furniture, antiques, china and other articles to the sale and the committee is listing these so that they can be collected and classified on definite dates this spring. There will also be a refreshment booth.

Miss Dorrance said her committee will contact persons in the community who may have articles to give to the sale; but persons who want to give should not wait for a call from the committee but get in touch with the library at once so that the articles can be collected and stored at once.

"Housecleaning time will be an event in the Back Mountain Region this spring," Miss Dorrance said; "and we expect to have our committee on the job every minute to help busy housewives get rid of the things in their attics that they no longer desire."

April 4, 1947

The sale is expected to consume a full day and may have to be extended into the night hours if contributions from all parts of the country continue to pour in. Henry Peterson, chairman of the grounds committee, is making provision for such a contingency by having Paul Shaver install flood lights at the Barnyard on Lehman Avenue.

Serving with Mr. Peterson are Charles Wheaton Lee, Charles Nuss, Atlee Kocher, Jack Richardson, Joe Hand and Stanley Rinehimer.

Pillar To Post

It is a safe bet that every household has something of value in it which can easily be dispensed with and sent to the Auction Sale.

This Auction sounds as if it would be more fun than a county fair. There'll be hot dogs on tap, with the proceeds going to the Library. There'll be amusements for the small fry, so that nobody will be able to squeal out of attending this community affair on the grounds that the children prevent. Bring them along. They'll have the time of their lives.

This is going to be an OCCASION.

May 2, 1947

Mrs. Harris Haycox, chairman of the baked goods booth, announced that several women have offered to assist her collect baked goods which have been offered by women throughout the Back Mountain area.

Harry Ohlman, chairman of special gifts committee, said that Dallas Rotary Club has assumed responsibility for contacting all business men through the area for merchandise that will be offered at auction.

Mrs. Fred Howell, reporting for the telephone solicitation committee, said that many people seem to be under the impression that only antiques are wanted for the sale. "This is wrong; we will be glad to accept anything that has value or that somebody might want to buy."

May 9, 1947

Anyone who hangs on to an old piece of china, a duplicate bit of furniture or some article in the attic that he might without regret contribute toward the Library Auction ought to consider what the Library means to the boys and girls of the Back Mountain Region. He ought also to consider comparative costs to the average citizen for some other items in his daily living.

It costs a heap of money to buy the little things of life.

A contribution to the Library Auction is insignificant when you consider that it is probably the only actually functioning memorial to World War dead and living in Luzerne County.

May 30, 1947
Pillar To Post

There is something contagious about an auction sale, a species of mob psychology that induces wild bidding on an antique cradle, while allowing an essential kerosene heater to go a-begging. This time I shall make a list and adhere to it as rigidly as possible, to avoid struggling home with my head inside another surplus Boston rocker. Anybody want to place a small bet?

Let's get behind the Back Mountain Memorial Auction Sale one hundred percent, and make of it an annual event to be looked forward to each year as a combination community picnic and money-raising venture.

June 6, 1947

Library Auction Sale Expected To Attract Throng on Saturday

Lehman High School Band will be on hand to open the festivities and will play several numbers from the band stand on Dallas High School grounds. At noon the Lehman Band will be relieved by Dallas Township High School Band and at 5:30, when Huntsville Christian Church serves its roast beef dinner (by reservation only) in Dallas Borough High School Building, Dallas High School Band will present a concert.

Herman and Ralph Sands, auctioneers, will be assisted by a corps of helpers headed by Frederick Eck, cashier of First Natinal Bank, who will keep a record of sales. Howard Hendricks, Mr. Bossart and Harold Payne will assist Mr. Eck.

The cashier's job will be a big assignment for the barn is filled on three floors with all types of used furniture, hardware and glassware, and a second warehouse is filled with new merchandise donated by local and Wilkes-Barre business houses.

Most of the livestock will arrive on the morning of the sale. Included are a registered Guernsey bull donated by Col. Reynolds, sheep and pigs from Hillside Farm; baby chicks from Hilbert Hatchery; English and silver pheasants from Harry Ruggles; baby ducks from Wayside Duck Farm; rabbits of all kinds; pedigree Spaniel from Dr. F. Budd Schooley; English shepherd puppy from Mrs. Gordon Yetter; racing pigeons from Nelson Garinger.

June 13, 1947
Pillar To Post

Well, and so it rained. But everybody had a lot of fun at the Auction Sale last Saturday in spite of the weather. The almost constant drizzle did not dampen the enthusiasm of the bidders until the drizzle turned into something approaching a cloudburst, when the crowds melted away as if by magic and the auction came to an end.

Take a tip from one who has seen a treasured item bid out from under her very nose. If you want that crock, or that cake-tin, or that piece of milk glass, speak up in accents loud enough to be heard at headquarters.

I was on my way out of the crowd last Saturday with a small white ironstone pitcher under my arm, one which matches the large pitcher I bought at another auction sale last fall, when somebody caught me by the elbow. The owner of the arretin hand inquired, "What did you pay for that pitcher?" and I answered ten cents. She was much incensed. Seems she had bid a quarter, and the auctioneer had not heard her voice.

If you actually want to bid on an item, instead of merely considering how nice it would be if you had it, make yourself heard. Wave an arm or a leg, or waggle your ears, or get a megaphone.

June 30, 1947

Auction Sale Nets \$3,000 For Back Mountain Memorial Library

In spite of the weather that failed to co-operate and poured forth rain for two successive Saturdays, Back Mountain Memorial Library concluded its Auction last Saturday night with a profit of \$3,000.

Postponed from the previous week because of a downpour that scattered crowds and auctioneers, the auction was held on Saturday under a canopy provided by Fern Knoll Cemetery Association.

Even with this precaution there were times during the afternoon when part of the crowd was unable to get under cover during the frequent showers.

Safety Valve

To The Dallas Post

May I enlist a little further your long continued support of our Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction sale in order to extend to every one, yourself largely included, the Committee's thanks - the Library's appreciation - of the splendid cooperation which made the day a rousing success despite the weather.

With such widespread manifestation of the community's supporting interest, the library looks forward to a widening of its services to all the people of the Back Mountain area, both old and young.

As Chairman of the General Auction Sale Committee, I would like to express my personal thanks for the ready response which made my part an easy and enjoyable one.
Sincerely, Frances Dorrance

Barnyard Notes

It is amazing how many people will stand in the rain to listen to the chant of an auctioneer. Made no difference Saturday whether it was a professional like Herman Sands or a raw amateur like Harry Ohlman, everybody was good natured and refused to let a little rain deter them from their desire to buy.

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May 21, 1948

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I hope somebody will contribute a crib to the cause, a good stout article capable of withstanding the combined onslaught of a pair of redheaded twins. The crib which we have on hand is in a weak and run-down condition, suitable for one placid child, but never for two active ones, developing a rhythm that skates the crib around on the floor, knocking into other furniture as it progresses in a series of fits and starts. Comes the day when they manage to scale the sides, we'll invest in a bull-pen.

Hundred Women Start Canvass For The Auction

More than 100 women, covering twenty Back Mountain districts started a house to house solicitation this week for articles for the Library Auction scheduled for Saturday, July 10 at Howard Risley's Barnyard on Lehman Avenue.

Mrs. Arch Hutchison, chairman of the solicitation committee, is being assisted by Mrs. Fred Howell and Mrs. A. C. Dick.

July 9

Everything Ready For Biggest Auction

Thousand buyers expected if weather is nice. Three hundred pound boar, given by Col. Henry Pool.

July 16

Pillar To Post

It is amazing how quickly a popular event takes on the flavor of tradition. The Library Auction, held last Saturday at the Barnyard, was actually celebrating only its first anniversary, but in the eyes of the community it may as well have been lighting the candles on its twentieth birthday cake. The great Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction Sale has taken its place on the calendar of important yearly events, not only in its own immediate area, but in the metropolitan district.

A lively auction is as much as a three-ring circus. You can have the time of your life without spending a dime, watching your neighbors get hot and bothered over some hotly contested item, but very few spectators remain in the spectator class. Sooner or later you hear yourself bidding on a piece of junk, and after you have spent your first dime the sky's the limit.

July 16, 1948

Library Auction To Be Continued This Saturday

Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction will stage a repeat performance at Howard Risley's Barnyard starting at noon Saturday and continuing until midnight.

While last week's auction hit a new peak in attendance and volume of sales, the auctioneers were unable to dispose of much more than half of the merchandise stored in two barns.

Barnyard Notes

An out-of-town visitor summed it up: "An auction like this does something for a community."

July 30, 1948

Executive Board of Back Mountain Memorial Library meeting last night heard Henry Peterson, treasurer, report that receipts from the Library's two-day auction will exceed \$4,500.

The Board voted to buy five U.S. Savings Bonds until conditions are better for expansion.

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Barnyard Notes

The price of an auction is two full days of weeding in the garden.

There's a right and wrong approach to weeding. The rain Friday night gave the assistance we needed and made the weeds come out rather easily Saturday morning. But the proper approach is to have the right frame of mind. Never let yourself look at the whole garden.

Take one row at a time and let each weed you pull assist you with the second one. The satisfaction of doing one row clean will encourage you to tackle the second one and eventually the whole garden.

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