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MORE THAN A NEWSPAPER, A COMMUNITY INSTITUTION

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## 23d Library Auction starts today!



### LIBRARY AUCTION

The annual Library Auction is an outstanding example of what can be accomplished by the unselfish effort of hundreds of individuals working toward a single goal. Much discussion of how to finance the new library led in 1947 to the first Auction. Launched as a trial balloon with a hoped-for goal of a few hundred dollars, this first Auction, held on two successive rainy Saturdays in June, 1947, netted \$3,500. The following month the Library Board voted to make the Auction an annual event.

Each year three-fourths of the Library's operating expenses are paid with proceeds from the Auction, with the balance of the funds invested for future Library needs. Today the Auction nets about \$20,000 a year. From an affair attended by a few hundred people, mostly Back Mountain residents, the Auction has become an attraction attended by thousands of auction-lovers and antique enthusiasts from the eastern portion of United States. Former local residents now scattered throughout the land, return to the Back Mountain each summer solely to attend the Auction.

The first few Auctions were publicized only in Dallas, Pa. Now national publications "cover" the event with pictures and stories. Key personnel of the Auction receive hundreds of requests from libraries and service clubs on the operation of the Auction with the hope of possible duplication.

Residents and businessmen of and beyond the area served by the Library annually donate the items which are sold over the block and at the specialized booths. But perhaps the most distinguishing feature of the Auction which lifts it above a money-raising venture, is its festive atmosphere of a community reunion. Its purpose is serious but its mood is gay. Both those who work and those who watch have a good time. It is, year after year, a success.

### 2nd half of rate increase denied Trucksville Water

With only three members of the Kingston Township Water Commission appearing Thursday evening for a regular scheduled meeting no business was transacted at the Municipal Building.

However the Rev. Charles Gommer, chairman, announced that he had contacted the Public Utilities Commission upon the failure of Trucksville Water Company to live up its deadline of June 1 for installation of pumps and lines.

He said the PUC will not grant the July 1 increase which had been earlier announced by the PUC, and a new deadline of Aug. 1 was set for required repairs to be made.

The Trucksville Water Company was granted a 4 1/2 percent increase effective in March of this year with another 1 1/2 percent to be approved in July.

In the meantime, he continued, none of the main lines have been tied into the homes in the area affected and no new pumps had arrived as of the meeting date. He reported that water problems continue in the Staub Road sector.

Eugene Goffin, vice chairman of the township commission reported better pressure on the other side of the hill but said the water was grimy. Mr. Goffin concluded that if conditions are bad enough, long enough, it would appear that the people would accept it.

Mr. Goffin also suggested that an up to date discussion

study be held on evidence which he felt was no longer pertinent.

Also in attendance was Mrs. Joan Lenahan, secretary.

### municipal building taking shape

Dallas Township's new municipal building which is now rapidly taking shape will probably be ready for occupancy next month.

Perched atop a high section near the Outdoor Theatre it commands a fine view of the surrounding terrain. The 40 x 100 structure which will have a brick front is now under roof and concrete floors for the office will be laid this week.

The new building will have a meeting room for the Board, police office and lavatory in the front while 20 x 60 feet will be devoted to garage space to house equipment and give ample space for repairs to trucks.

Police are now using a rented house nearby for their headquarters. The new location will make for excellent radio reception which should be a boon to surrounding communities.

### landfill agreement reached at lake

An agreement between Lake Borough and Lake Township failed to be signed Saturday morning as Township officials wished some changes made in the contract.

The new agreement which was to go into effect June 30 was changed to be effective July 7 giving Borough residents three days per week dumping privileges at the landfill operated by Lake Township.

Hours of opening will be Monday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday, 12 to 7, and Saturday from 10 to 7, and will continue in effect including Sept. 15, at which time the dump will be open only Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Lake Borough will pay 80 percent of the costs and the township 20 percent during the summer months, with the original 75-25 percent breakdown in effect thereafter until a new contract is signed.

It was stipulated that both municipalities meet no later than Dec. 1, 1969, to set up a new agreement for the coming year.

Sharon Whitesell, supervisor of Lake Township said he felt this would put a noose around officials of the township should a decision be handed down by the court in the pending property division, in the hands of a special commission for many months. Chairman Walter Hoover agreed saying he did not wish their hands tied.

Solicitor William A. Valentine added the following to the agreement: "However, in event the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County renders a final decree in the proceedings now

pending, prior to said date of Dec. 1, 1969, in which any term of this agreement may be modified, then this agreement shall automatically terminate and be of no force or effect."

Chairman of Lake Borough, Francis Fisher, who was present, agreed to the terms and said he hoped his group would approve. He took the contract to solicitor John O'Connor for correction. It was also approved on motion of the three township supervisors that the proper officials be authorized to sign the corrected contract without calling a special meeting for this purpose.

Mr. Fisher said the contract

insures that representatives of both communities will have enough time to set down and draw up another agreement fair to both. Solicitor Valentine advised the time element may allow sufficient days to work out the contract for 1970 since if an appeal be made on the court decision this would allow three months additional.

Mr. Whitesell reminded those present that the present agreement does not allow for costs of repairs to equipment and this is a heavy burden on the township's treasury. He also remarked that the Borough should not be billed for Jan. 4 or May 31, on which dates the landfill was closed.

### Copperhead shot in Trucksville

Chief Herbert Updyke and Officer Luther Rozelle were patrolling in the Trucksville sector Saturday evening at 10:30 when officer Rozelle noticed a copperhead snake crawling across Cliffside Avenue, where a wooded area surrounds many residences.

Officer Rozelle, a noted woodsman, pointed out the reptile to Chief Updyke who fired a 38 scatter shot into the creature. It slithered away into the bushes and officer Rozelle searched for 15 minutes until he spotted the brown and tan reptile. He killed it with a shot from his 38 revolver, the bullet striking it in the head.

Officer Rozelle expressed concern for children playing in

the sector and warned youngsters not to pick up any snakes lest they accidentally mistake a poisonous one for the less harmful.

The Copperhead can be identified by its rectangular head which is brown and devoid of the hour glass markings which are prevalent throughout its body. A poisonous snake possesses elliptical pupils and not oval ones predominant in the common non-toxic varieties, pointed out Chief Updyke.

Two fangs of good size were found in the reptiles mouth, one of the most dangerous of snakes. William Robbins, expert on wildlife, warns that the Copperhead rears right up and strikes with a passion.