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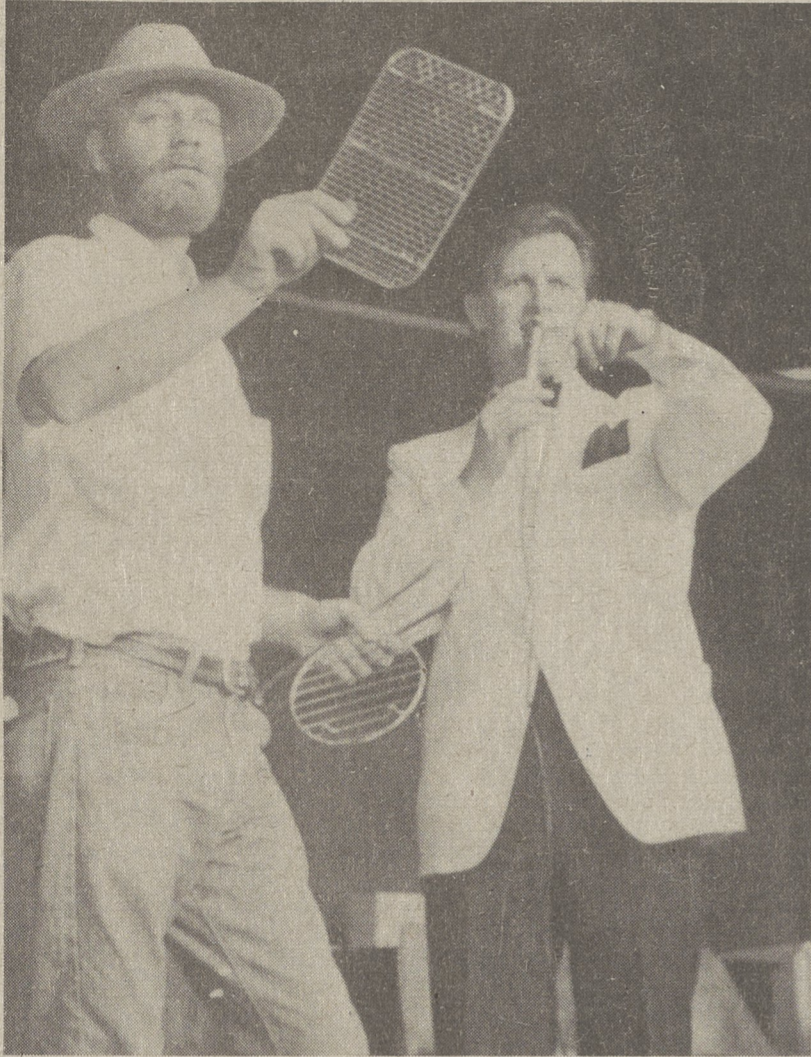
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## Auctioneers In Action

Jerry Fritzges, above left, and Monty Evans, above right of "Monty's" in Luzerne, display their form as auctioneers by calling for bids on merchandise at the 37th Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.

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## Something for Everyone

# 37th Annual Library Auction Lived up to Its 1983 Theme

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"Welcome Friends" was the message read to the crowd from a handsome wooden plaque that was the first item to cross the block last Thursday night as the 37th Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction opened. The bidding went back and forth under the guidance of veteran auctioneer Dr. Craig Aicher until the plaque went to the highest bidder - Kerry Freeman. Freeman's wife, Joann, was the chairman of this year's successful auction.

There was something for everyone from depression glass to handmade bird feeders by John Paul and golfball-shaped ice cube trays. Dorothy Anderson took home a yellow begonia, Frank and Lenchen Townend were the successful bidders on a fireplace screen, Florence Crump left the Book Booth long enough to capture a year's subscription to The Dallas Post and a front wheel alignment. Kay Whitehead bought a permanent wave - "not a temporary wave" - from tuxedo-clad auctioneer Monty Evans who also humorously auctioned off a four-foot statue variously entitled "Embrace" and "Man's Inhumanity To Man."

There were lots of action as hams from Darings, a self-help book written by Tommy VanScoy, a roll-top desk in several pieces, and a spitoon with a fuschia planted in it that crossed the block. The crowd bid and bid as the night turned from "perfect auction weather" to a crisp chill that saw Mary Bevivino huddled on the

bank under a plaid blanket and Muriel Slaff arriving in a winter coat.

The Odds and Ends Booth, manned by Marion Harvey and Sybil Pelton, did a brisk business as did the booth where Mrs. Spencer Martin was selling printed T-shirts and "Garfield the Cat" lunch bags. The food was also in the something for everyone category from funnel cakes, homemade fudge and bowls of fruit to the traditional auctionburgers being served by hardworking Pauline Roth who was wearing a colorful apron announcing "I'd Rather Be Golfing."

Congressman Frank Harrison arrived to auction off an American Flag that had flown over the capitol to a crowd that included such longtime auction supporters as George McCutcheon, Marsha and Al Landis, Lee Ann and Ed Johnson, Pug and Bill Berti, Barbara Vivian, Ernie Gay, John Farkas, Peg and John Butler and former chairman Joyce Krivenko.

There were three generations of more than one Back Mountain family present and the youngsters were having a wonderful time playing the innovative games capably organized by Jacquie Downend and jumping in the sweet smelling hay while their parents and grandparents browsed through the Book Booth.

Features of Friday night at the auction ranged from timed items like the antique silver condiment tray to fish fry dinners topped with green cotton candy. The most spirited bidding came when State Senator Frank O'Connell personally auctioned off a state flag with the bids raising dollar by dollar all the way to \$75, earning him a reputation as a seasoned auctioneer.

Charlie Lemmond was spotted in the crowd eating his dinner, Jackie Williams was selling chances under the yellow and white umbrella, Rena Rothschild was top bidder on a Royal Doulton "Doctor Plate" which her doctor helped auction off without noticing she was bidding. Bob Besecker was cooking hamburgers in the Refreshment Stand, Bill Roman was parking cars up at the school and a lady in a straw hat effectively kept the bugs away by placing sticks of lighted punks in the brim of her hat.

Pillows and more pillows crossed the auction block, along with plants, a fishing rod and reel, a goldfish bowl in a stand, children's skis and a pot of mint complete with the auctioneer's recipe for mint juleps. In the crowd helping the bidding along were Claudia and David Stevens, Al Lipko, Jane Toor, Kenny Young, Mary Ruckno, Homer Moyer, Bruce and Nancy Slocum, Bill Brislin, Ginger Banks, Helen Newberry and Gloria Brennan who took home a box of homemade fudge.

The children of the Back Mountain had their own auction on Saturday morning just as they have their own library every day of the year. The youngsters bid enthusiastically on stuffed animals, games and camping equipment with the biggest bargains being real live kittens for 45 cents each and rabbits for \$1 apiece.

As the afternoon wore on, the items crossing the block ranged from an old-fashioned mangle to iron and fold sheets, to a street sign, a bug zapper, shares of utility stocks and a pen autographed by Governor Thornburgh. Barbara Evans leaned out of the Food Booth way in the

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## Hopeful Cyclist

Peter Scott is shown here with members of Kiwanis as he embarks on his cross-country bicycle trip to benefit Project Concern. Little did anyone know, however, that the trip would come to an abrupt end. From left, Ed Wodaski, Kiwanis immediate past president; George McCutcheon, State Chairman for Project Concern; Scott, John Luke, Kiwanis president; and Reese, Pelton, Kiwanis secretary.

# Cyclist Was Determined, but Obstacles Stood in His Way

By JOAN KINGSBURY  
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Determined is the word to describe Peter Scott. Scott, 18, who lives in Shavertown with his mother, Michelle Rinehimer, recently undertook the task of riding a bicycle cross-country from Shavertown to Tijuana, Mexico for the benefit of Project Concern.

Project Concern is a life-saving organization known throughout the world for helping people help themselves toward better health. Supported by contributions, they develop people to institute health-care programs in medically underserved areas of the United States and developing countries.

Although Scott was unable to complete his trip because of some unfortunate circumstances, his story is nevertheless, exciting.

The idea of riding his bicycle across country came about during a discussion with his brother. Scott is a veteran bicycle rider, able to ride to Binghamton, N.Y. and back in one day. When Scott mentioned the cross country bike trip to Kiwanis member George McCutcheon, the idea of riding for Project Concern was born.

McCutcheon, who has been active in Kiwanis for a number of years is currently chairman of Pennsylvania Major Emphasis Programs. For Kiwanis, these programs are presently concerned with raising funds for Special Olympics and Project Concern. McCutcheon contacted Betsy Clever, Project Concern representative for Pennsylvania, relayed Scott's idea to her. Clever approved of the idea and the trip was on.

A bicycle of the best caliber was needed for such an extensive trip. Through the efforts of Doug Gay, Lt. Governor of Division 15 Kiwanis Clubs, a bicycle was donated by the Raleigh Bike Company.

Scott planned his own trip. He sent out leaflets to prospective sponsors explaining that his 5,000 mile cross country bike trip was for the benefit of Project Concern. It was Scott's goal to raise \$5,000 for the fund.

McCutcheon wrote to Kiwanis and Project Concern chapters explaining about Scott and the trip's purpose. This yielded about \$1500 in donations.

Leaving on June 4 from Shavertown, Scott basically had good experiences. Often when he stopped to get a drink at a gas station, soda would be on the house once the purpose of his ride was known. At one bus stop, a man bought his lunch. When staying with Kiwanis or Project Concern families along the way, they would show Scott around their town, provide him with a meal and a place to sleep. When no families were in the immediate area for his evening stay, the cyclist stayed in campgrounds. Scott's friends, family and sponsors like the Dallas, Back Mountain, Tunkhannock and Montrose Kiwanis Clubs earmarked funds for his travel use.

About the fifth day of travel Scott experienced some trouble when two young people in a small car ran him off the road causing him to pull the muscles in his ankle. Undaunted, he pressed on. But when he reached Springfield, Illinois, a motorcycle group threw beer bottles at him hitting him in the knee and causing a flat tire on his bike. Despite the injury, Scott continued to St. Louis. Although he suffered a bruised knee with a partially torn tendon, he wanted to continue but had to return home at the insistence of his doctor.

To attempt a six-week trip bicycling 100 miles a week seems difficult enough but experiencing these hardships is enough to make anyone quit. Right? Wrong! Scott hopes to pick up the trip at Colorado Springs and travel through Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, California to his final destination of Tijuana when his knee is improved.

Funds are still needed for Scott, a student at Luzerne County Community College majoring in bio-chemistry and physics, to complete his trip and reach his goal of \$5,000. Anyone who wishes to make a contribution is asked to send a check payable to "Project Concern" to George McCutcheon, Pennsylvania Major Emphasis Chairman, 131 Overbrook Avenue, Dallas, Pa. 18612.

# AFS International Students Entertain in Back Mountain

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The 1983 American Field Service Bus Stop is now history.

During this past week, Back Mountain Families opened their homes to AFS students who are on their way home following a year's stay in the United States. This year's 38 students spent the year living in the greater Cleveland, Ohio area.

Arriving on July 3, the students enjoyed Fourth of July celebrations

with their host families. They toured the N.P.W. Medical Center where they enjoyed a delicious lunch. A rousing softball game with the WBRE-TV Peacocks ended with the AFS kids losing by a mere two points. The fact that many of them had never played softball added to the fun. An interesting tour of Proctor and Gamble showed the students how paper is made and how the finished products. The tour was followed by a picnic lunch.

The AFS Talent Show held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church completed the Bus Stop students' activities. Musical acts showed students from

Norway, Finland, France, Japan and Thailand singing. Comedy was a big part of the show as the kids came up with some zany sketches. And, of course, songs about AFS were a must. The song, "Leaving On A Jet Plane," brought tears to many eyes. A farewell reception was held following the talent show.

Kate Dickson and Jackie Sheehan were responsible for this year's Bus Stop arrangements.

According to Chapter Development Specialist Sally Davenport, boys from Denmark and Bolivia will be attending Dallas High School next year.



## Wedding Boat

Believe it or not! Kathryn McDowell of Dallas and Francis Fertal of Lake-Lehman were married July 2 in a motorboat in the middle of Harveys Lake. The happy couple is shown here with members of their wedding party as they depart from a dock near Pole 303 just before taking their wedding vows. Ms. McDowell and Mr. Fertal are shown seated in the rear of the boat while other participants include Beth Ann Delaney of Dallas, maid of honor; Daniel Shilanski of Boston, formerly from Lake-Lehman, best man; District Magistrate Andrew Barilla, who performed the ceremony; and Richard Harris, of Harveys Lake, owner and driver of the wedding boat. The couple were honored at a reception at the Dallas American Legion following the ceremony.

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# Donachie's May be Sold

Donachie's Restaurant, Memorial Highway, Trucksville may be sold to the McCabe family of Mountaintop, according to Mrs. Alice Donachie, current owner of the restaurant.

The McCabes are the proprietors of the Alberdeen Inn in Mountaintop.

Mrs. Donachie reported that she and her family will continue to operate the restaurant through the month of July with the transaction not expected to take place until early August.

Mrs. Lenore McCabe reported there are no final plans as of yet, however, she said there are still a lot of things that have to be worked out.

Mrs. McCabe added that her family plans to do a certain amount of facelifting that is necessary to restore the outside of the building but that they hope to keep the same menu and the same clientele.

Donachie's has been in business for approximately 30 years while the McCabes have operated the Alberdeen Inn for seven years.