

Ham 'N Yeggs is her business

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It takes many diversified and talented volunteers to make the Back Mountain Library Auction the success it has grown to be. Volunteers like Gert Moss, 84, of Trucksville.

Mrs. Moss has been an active supporter of the library for decades. She is presently serving as this year's chairperson for the annual "Ham-n-Yeggs" club drive. In fact, not only is Mrs. Moss the chairperson for the club this year, but has been for the past 10 years. She explained how she became involved.

"My husband came up with the idea for this fund drive back in 1966," she said. "One other woman, Mrs. Higgins, helped him address the letters, while I took care of the books. After he and Mrs. Higgins

passed away, I had to do it by myself."

Mrs. Moss' job entails quite a bit of book work, writing and, above all, licking! Fortunately, she doesn't have to write each letter individually.

"After my husband passed away, the General Chairman assumed the responsibilities for writing the letter and running it on a copy machine," she said. "But, I still have to find all the addresses, address the envelopes and lick all those stamps!"

With no one to help Mrs. Moss, it takes her an entire weekend to make out all the letters.

"I have sent out 586 letters this year," exclaimed Mrs. Moss. "So far, within a week and a half, the drive has raised \$1,856. Last year we raised around \$3,000."

Mrs. Moss jokingly explained just how someone can become a proud member of the Ham-n-Yegg Club.

"All they have to do," she said, "is send me a check when they get their letter! When we first began, we were asking for a \$10 donation. Now with higher prices, we are asking for a \$25 donation. However, if they can't afford that, we will accept what they can give."

"We're very lucky to have a library nearby," added Mrs. Moss. "If it needs our help, we should be willing to lend a hand."

That explains why Mrs. Moss feels so strongly about supporting the library, but why the Ham-n-Yegg Club?

"I feel it's a job I can do well," she said. "I can't get out very well, but this is something I can do while at home."

It's nice to see that people like Mrs. Moss are still willing to give what they can to such a worthy cause as our library.



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