

He wants to involve the children

William Runner, chairman of the Children's Auction, at this year's Back Mountain Memorial Library's annual auction, is hoping to make it so interesting for the children that they will want to keep coming back. Runner recognizes the importance of bringing new blood into the auction each year.

He is chairman of the event this year, which will be held Saturday morning, July 12, because his wife volunteered his service. She is a member of the library board.

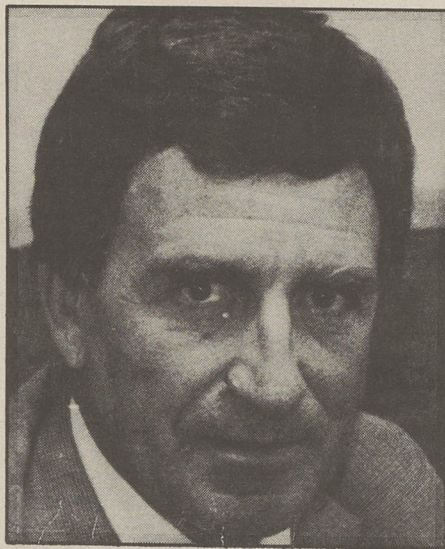
Although Runner has not been too involved for the past few years, in the past he has been, having worked on the buildings on the former site, and putting up the book booth for three or four years.

One year, he and his younger son put on clown suits and went up to the auction and this proved to be a big hit with the younger set.

Runner didn't like the silent bidding system used the last year or so for the youngsters. He didn't believe it was interesting enough for the children. He wants the children to get back into the bidding and have some fun.

"If they enjoy the auction now, it will bring them back in the future," said Runner. He plans to set a time limit on the bidding by the youngsters and use spotters for those bidders who are not seen from the block.

A member of Irem's Shrine Clown Unit, Runner and Jim Eason, also a member, plan to come to the auction



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block as clowns. The chairman believes this will amuse the children and hold their interest. He also plans to have his son, Greg, help on Saturday morning. David Jenkins, also in the clown unit, has agreed to play his role as a clown for the amusement of the young people.

Runner, who is vice president for First Eastern Bank, stated that he has not seen all of the items to be sold over the block at Saturday's Children's Auction but he knows that there are some really terrific items.

There are all kinds of stuffed animals, variety of games, Western hats, every kind of doll one can think of, and toys, toys and more toys. Among the items are some of the most popular currently, such as Garfield, Strawberry Shortcake, robots, transformers, and many others.

The Children's Auction will be held Saturday morning, July 12, until noon.

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Mrs. Crump has always been involved with auction

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"We must have thousands of them," said Mrs. Florence Crump, who has been chairman of the Back Mountain Memorial Library book booth for more years than she can remember. She does know that she was chairman of the first book booth and has remained in that position since.

A summer resident of the Back Mountain since 1907, Mrs. Crump was the former Florence Tremayne. Her father was in the food business, a name which is still known to many of today's residents for the Tremayne food stores located in Wyoming Valley.

The Tremayne family came to the Back Mountain area because of Mrs. Tremayne's health and was going to stay for only two or three months. Florence's father built a small cottage on the land where today stands St. Therese's Catholic Church. It was a small cottage because Mrs. Tremayne told her husband she knew she would stay only two or three months and then go back to the city.

Within two or three weeks, the entire family loved the area so much, they came back every year until 1927 when the family moved into the house year-round where Florence Crump now lives on Yeager Avenue, Shavertown.

Mrs. Dana Crump became active in the

Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction from the first year it started, as chairman of the booth where pocket-books, toys, lace and yarn could be purchased. A short time later when it was decided to have a book booth, she became chairman.

She and her committee take donations of all kinds of books — hardcovers, paperbacks, comic books — any book at all, even magazines.

"People come looking for comic books," said Mrs. Crump. "Certain ones, that is."

Working with Mrs. Crump this year as co-chairmen are Priscilla Reese Liput and Mrs. Kenneth P. (Benny) Matchett. Priscilla is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reese of Dallas. Tom is the Dallas Borough tax collector. Mrs. Crump remembers teaching Priscilla and her sister in the library reading room when they were young children and came to the reading hour.

This is the second year that Priscilla has served as co-chairman.


Mrs. Matchett is Mrs. Crump's next door neighbor on Yeager Avenue and also a great lover of books.

"We always have a good year at the book booth," said Mrs. Crump. "Most people love books and they crowd around the booth browsing through them. They usually buy a number of them, few buy only one. We sell all magazines at 10 cents each."

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