## Communication Committee no longer a dr

By JOHN HOINSKI Staff Writer

The concept of a Back Mountain Communication Advisory Committee officially became a reality last week at a meeting at the Kingston Township Municipal building with eight representatives from four communities comprising the board.

The commission, which is the only one of its kind in the area, will be made up of Kingston Township, Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Harveys Lake Borough, with the communication center to continue operating out of the Dallas Township Municipal building.

Those making up the board include: Ambrose Gavigan, vice chairman of the Kington Township supervisors; Paul Sabol, Kingston Township police chief and chairman of the group;

Tim Carroll, Dallas Borough councilman; Ed Lyons, Dallas Borough police chief and secretary-treasurer of the commission; Phil Walter, chairman of the Dallas Township suprvisors and vice chairman of the board; Carl Miers, Dallas Township police chief; Joe Boyle, mayor of Harveys Lake and Lionel Bulford, Harveys Lake

Under the new format, each community would have an equal say on how the operation is run. That makes it unique from other similar setups that provide dispatching or answering services only, but do not allow any input on funtional matters from those towns that are being served.

The elected officials would vote solely on financial dealings, although the police chiefs could offer input, while all eight members would have a vote on items such as hiring, firing, reprimanding and other matters. It has not yet been decided who oversee daily functions, but that appointment is expected to be made by

"What we are doing is upgrading what we already have," Sabol noted. "The day-to-day business will basically be the same. What we will be working on is improving what we can through training and the addition of equipment."

Currently the three pay approximately \$14,500 to Dallas Township which has the final say in all matters. Under the new agreement, which is a one year deal that may be extended to three, the commission will operate on a separate budget. Each of the four could already expect a 5 or 6 per cent increase for the 1987 budget.

To help defray costs, the Commission is also looking to expand the dispatching service to smaller neighboring police departments that presently have only an answering service. Those who wish to join would probably pay on a per capita basis but would have no say on the commission.

One improvement the board has already talked about is the buying of a recorder that would tape all phone calls that come into the

"It would be more professional and we would cover ourselves for liability," Sabol explained.

'Now it is one person's word against anothers." The commission has also talked about purchasing a 911 emergency unit, but that will probably come some time in 1988, possibly with the aid of federal grant money.

The board will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at revolving sites among the four communities. The November meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the Dallas Township Municipal



Helping a cause

A woman makes a purchase at a table filled with baked goods Sunday at the Arts and Crafts Auction held at the Lake-Noxen Elementary School. The auction was held by the Harveys Lake Woman's Club and will benefit the programs sponsored by the club



Christmas shopping? Doing some early Christmas shopping these two young ladies make purchases at the Arts and Crafts Auction sponsored by the Harveys Lake Woman's Club at the Lake-Noxen Elementary School Sunday.

### **Property transfers**

(The following Back Mountain properties have been listed for transfer at the Luzerne County Courthouse:)

JEAN, F. SHRADER, Est, al to HARRIET J. and C. KING PARKER, ux, 93 Shaver Ave., Shavertown, Property-Dallas Township, L-17, 16, 2 parcels,

JOHN DAVID JOHNS, to CAROLYN C. GAUNT, RD 1, Box 178, Lakeside Drive, Harveys Lake, Property--Harveys Lake Borough, 2 parcels, 1. Lot 8. 2. Rte 415-Lakeview Terrace,

\$85,000 EUGENE W. CHISIMER, ux, to DONNA M and BRUCE S. POSTUPAK, ux, Pole 259, Harveys Lake, Property--Harveys

Lake Borough. SHAUN F. KENNEY, al, to SHAUN F. KENNEY, RD 1, Box 262, Dallas, Property--Lehman Township., 0.49 acres,

WALTER H. CARSON, ux, to HENRY J. FUNKE, Box 412, RD 4, West Pittston, Property--Dallas Township, 44. 61 acres. RICHARD W. WEBSTER, and

MARILYN O, ux, to JOHN B. COLLINS, AND SUZANNE M, ux, 106 White Birch Lane, Dallas Township, Property-Dallas Township, L-106 Elmcrest Woods, White Birch Lane, \$112,500.

JOHN B. HIBBARD, and MARJORIE MICHAEL L. SWANSON and VICTORIA A. ux, 187 E. Eighth St., Wyoming, Property-Kingston Township, 5.027 acres, Firewood Farms.

#### Good stuff!

Bob and Doris May of Noxen prepare to partake of a delicious chicken dinner served by the Noxen Volunteer Fire Company. The chicken dinner was held Saturday evening at the fire company building.



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