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should not be so sure their children will not go out to drink if they are allowed to drink at home. "If the parent takes the car keys off the minor when he is drinking, what is to stop him from walking down the road and getting pickedup by someone?

Sgt. Jerome B. Majeski, district office commander for the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement, said even in a private residence, underage drinking is against the law. He said the bureau would raid any home they find to have underage drinking occurring.

"My parents give it to me as long as I don't drink and drive. They figure I would get it someplace anyway."

17 year-old, Dallas

began being issued in the mid-1980's, has several features designed to make successful tampering with them almost impos-

There are certian hidden identisiers on the new driver's licenses," explained Sgt. Majeski. "Investigative officers are able to look for

where else," she said. Tupper said if a person forgets their license, they can fill out a Declaration of Age form which is checked later. The person must still have some form of identifica-

they refuse to serve, I go some-

"No identification, no service, no exceptions," Tupper said.

Another source of alcohol for minors is college parties. One 19year-old Dallas youth attending Wilkes College in Wilkes-Barre said, "All I have to do to get alcohol is go to a college party." He said students over twenty-one buy the alcohol and then charge the students for admission into the party. "For two or three dollars, I can have all the alcohol I want," he said. "They have never checked my I.D. and I never saw them check anyone else's."

The youth explained that the college parties are thrown by older students. The money the students make on the parties is used to pay their rent. "Sometimes there are up to 200 students, mostly underage, drinking in the one house," the youth said.

Sgt. Majeski said any college party serving underage drinkers can also be raided. "You have to develop probable cause and get a warrant," Sgt. Majeski said. "Probable cause is developed through being at the party, then coming back out and getting a search warrant. That sometimes takes

According to Sgt. Majeski, one exception to the search rule is the possibilty of exit of offenders before authorities can obtain a warrant. "If we feel the party might break up before we can get a search warrant, or if it is at a time that is not conducive to get a search warrant; then we, without the warrant, have the probable cause that a crime is occuring. We go ahead and just arrest right then and there," Sgt. Majeski explained.

DOT explains that carrying a fake I.D., lying about one's age to get alcohol, or by purchasing . consuming, possessing, or transporting alcohol, a person could have his driver's license suspended for up to two years, plus fines. The person will pay a fine up to \$500 and police will notify the offender's parents, even if the offender is over



NO WAY - Former police officer and present owner of Tup's Beverage Barn, James Tupper has a simple motto for his beer distributorship when it comes to minors. "No identification, no service, no exceptions." (Photo by Scott A. Davis)

actually is occurring," Sgt. Majeski explained. "There are certain investigative tools that we use, which I would not want to become common knowledge, about how we go about getting into a place. Nothing is done illegally.

One 15-year-old Dallas youth said it was difficult for a minor to purchase alcohol in the Back Mountian. "Most stores are strict about the age of their customers,' she said. "The trick is to find someone over twenty-one to buy it

She claims an adult has been purchasing alcohol for her from a local beer distributor for two years. "It is a little more expensive than (the distributor) charges," she said explaining she has to pay the person who is getting her the alcohol. "I think he (the adult) buys it for me to make extra money," the youth

A 20-year-old Dallas youth said his brother buys him alcohol. "He figures I am almost twenty-one. Besides, he drank when he was underage. I'm just following in his footsteps," the youth said.

The youth said it is difficult to obtain a false driver's license, so he relies on his brother. "These new-fangled licenses can not be copied. It's too chancy. It is too easy to get caught," the 20-yearold said.

Officer Fowler said he believes the two beer distributers in his jurisdiction are responsible and do not supply knowingly minors.

James Tupper, a former Dallas Borough police officer and present owner of Tup's Beverage Barn in Dallas, agrees with the youth. "The new licenses are hard to fake. We get a lot of the old Pennsylvania driver's licenses which were faked. The old ones are easy to fake," Tupper said.

The new driver's license, which she forgot her license at home. "If drunk?

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"If it is in a home, we have to get these hidden identifiers and into the home to see that the crime thereby determine quickly whether or not a license is fictious.

Sgt. Majeski said the photograph, lamination, paper, and several other parts of the new li-censes would be very difficult to alter or copy without detectable

"Aside from the hidden identifiers, are the normal attempts that kids do to change a license," Sgt. Majeski said. "Erasers or maybe the date of birth does not line up,

Tupper said that it is difficult to 18 years old.

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> James Tupper Owner of beverage store and former police officer

catch someone who is purchasing alcohol for minors. "Kids will come in and get turned down," Tupper explained. "Next thing you know, someone twenty-one comes in and not really know if they are supplying the kids or not."

'I get served just about anywhere," said a bearded 17-yearold from Shavertown. "The trick is

Tupper admitted it was difficult to tell if a person is underage or not. "It's hard to tell ages nowadays," Tupper said. He said he recently carded someone who looked thirty years old who turned out to have just turned twenty-

counter," Tupper said. "As a cop, you think it is easy for us to tell who is underage. But from behind

here, it's not so easy."

The court may require an offender to complete alcohol education, intervention, and counseling. Before an offender can get his license back, or before he can be asks for the same beer and you do considered for a learner's permit, he must also pay a \$25 restoration fee. After the license is returned, the offender will carry five points against his license.

If the offender does not have a to grow a beard. It makes you look license and gets caught drinking or carrying a false I.D., he will be unable to apply for a learner's permit for the time period of the suspension. For those under 16years-old, their suspension will not begin until their 16th birthday.

Chief Fowler offered tips to parents who may fear their underage child is drinking. "Get up close to "I have been on both sides of the them. Smell them. Do not be afraid to get right into their face. You may be averting a tragedy. Also, make you child's friends pick him up at the house. Make them come in. An 18-year-old Dallas youth said How do you know your kid is not she gets alcohol by telling the clerk getting into the car with some



AUCTION CHAIRMEN-Pictured above, from left, are Dr. John Shaskas, general chairman; James Cocolin, refreshment stand and John Grote, grounds chairman.

## Library auction set to open July 5

By CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Writer

The social event of the year in the Back Mountain is just one week away - Wednesday, July 5 is the opening day of the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, the event which brings back former residents to renew old friendships, to meet new friends and most important, to attend the 'Auction'.

The auction, which has been held annually since 1942, is the only fundraising held to finance the operational expenses of the library. It has grown in size, it has changed somewhat in appearance, changed location and greatly increased its annual goal, but is still the event most attractive to former residents and to their friendsan event many out of state former Back Mountaineers plan their vacation around.

This year's auction officially opens Wednesday, July 5, but it is hoped that the Library Auction Horse Show held Sunday, June 25, will also become an annual event and one that will do a great deal to supplement the funds raised at the auction.

For the second consecutive year, Dr. John Shaskas is serving as chairman of the auction assisted by his co-chairman Dr. Durelle T. Scott, who with his wife plans to make the new goods booth bigger and better than ever.

Dr. Shaskas, chairing the auction for three out of the past four years, announced that this year's auction goal is \$90,000. "That's the amount we need and that's the amount we will try to make," Shaskas said.

New to the auction this year are five spaces for exhibits, three of which are already taken-one for tee-shirts, one for woodwork and one for encyclopedias.

For the first time in some time, parking has returned to the Gate of Heaven parking lot thanks to the generosity of The Most Rev. William Cusick. The members of the Dallas Lions Club will be in charge of parking the cars.

However, there will be no parking in the Gate of Heaven lot on Saturday until after 7 p.m. because of church services.

The Rotary Club will be in charge of the food booth this year rather than one person trying to manage the busy concession.

A departure this year from others is that the auction volunteers are not accepting large used items.

"We appreciate the residents' generosity but it is difficult for us to get rid of them," explainedShaskas. "Last year it cost us more than \$1,000 to have them taken away. That's \$1,000 that could have gone to the library. We just can't afford them."

be 50-50 chances sold at \$5.00 breeze.

each. II there are 2,000 tickets sold the first prize will be \$2,500, and there will be cash prizes awarded for the first five places.

There will still be games for the children and new this year for the children will be the 'Moon Walk', which is expected to be popular. New goods are coming in better

than ever before. Received already are a gazebo, a rolltop desk, four new sinks, and a wood stove, to name only a few. There will be an antique raffle again this year and some beautiful

antique pieces have already been collected and stored by the com-The auction will open Wednesday, July 5, at 6 p.m. and continue until 10 p.m.; open Thursday, July

6, the same times; Friday, July 7,

6 p.m. till midnight; Saturday, July

8 and Sunday, July 9, 3 p.m. till closing. Familiar sights will continue to be the food booth, book booth,

odds and ends, nearly old and the The popular spot at the auction, however, will be the auction block

where people will sit or stand, if necessary, waiting for the items they are looking for to come across

Volunteers are ready, booths are in order, auctioneers are waiting anxiously for their turn. Now all There will be no car raffled off that is needed is plenty of sunthis year but in its place there will shine, blue skies and a gentle





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