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at the same time it is served on the BS&C.

In addition, the company is to give notice of a meeting to present its plan for servicing new customers to the public at a meeting in the company's office or some suitable place, and give the OCA an opportunity to meet with the BS&C and the company to review and comment on the report of the engineers before a determination can be made.

The OCA now claims that the company is in violation and has added at least six new services without following this procedure. OCA says the company also had not filed an engineering report with it.

The Consumer Advocate also claims that the company refused the OCA's request to hold a public meeting, nor gave it an opportunity to investigate an engineering report submitted by the company.

The Stone Hedge residents stated that company representatives and Kenneth Nicely of the BS&C met with them privately but refused to meet in a publicly advertised meeting to discuss the agreement.

"It appeared that the PUC had already made a determination," said John Molski, one of the complainants and a member of the Back Mountain Water Commission. "The water company officials stated that all wells of the company were interconnected and that they had enough water to service everyone in the Back Mountain including new developments for five years from 1989. They said their geologist's report showed where they could find additional water," Molski said.

Members of the Commission also said the officials said their wells and storage tanks were filled to capacity and that their Schooley well can put out 200 gallons per minute.

The Back Mountain Water Commission approved a motion to send a letter explaining the agreement and their belief that it had been violated to the state legislators including Senator Charles Lemmond, Rep. Scott Dietterick, other legislators and also to Gov. Casey.

In other business the commission members discussed computerization of their survey returns. Chairman Jim Ward said he had talked with Paul Franklin of DER about the legal aspects, who referred the commission to talk with its attorney. He also said that he would contact Penn State University to find out if the university is interested in helping with the survey. He has also contacted the USGS Office in Harrisburg who has 50 percent funding programs. Ward also told the other members that it appears the best approach is to buy or lease programs already in existence which could probably be adapted to the commission's project.



Old Friends

Henry VanHorn and Tom Edmunds, both of Dallas, shared a bench with their old friend Rev. Fred Schultz of Harveys Lake at last week's Back Mountain Library Auction. (Photo by Charlotte Bartizek)

Auction over, it's almost time to plan the next one

The colorful tents have disappeared, the food stand is closed with no sound of life in the air. The auction block is empty and there are no calls for bids coming from the loud speakers.

The Back Mountain Library grounds are quiet with only a few leaves fluttering in the breeze.

The volunteers have long departed and are relaxing at home after five days of hours and hours in the booths on the grounds.

The auction is over until next year, but in just a month or two the new chairman will start calling his committee people and begin organizing for 1990. Will the events be the same? Will there be new faces or will they be the same ones who have worked tirelessly year after year?

Whoever next year's workers may be, this year's auction will remain in the memories of many throughout the year as they talk with friends about the joys and the frustrations, about the experiences they had during the five days.

The booths that drew the crowds, the pieces that drew the most money over the block—there will be hours and hours of reminiscing.

The Nearly Old booth, staffed by Betty Walters and Maryann Daily, co-chairpersons proved to be a popular spot with the auction-goers. A spin-off of the antique committee the booth had a variety of items attracting attention such

as needlepoint pieces, hand-crafted 'Welcome' plaques hand-painted by Daily, odd pieces of crystal, hand-crocheted dollies and dozens of potted flowers and plants.

The Odds 'N' Ends booth under chairmanship of Sybil Pelton and Mary George was busy afternoons and evenings as shoppers browsed through the cast-off treasures of others selecting items they admired, and children brought their parents to the booth to purchase some of the toys donated by Back Mountain residents whose own children had outgrown the items.

As always, the antiques and new goods drew the attention of the bidders, who sat patiently and impatiently waiting for an item they wanted. Some had the foresight to ask the chairpersons when certain pieces would be sold over the block. One couple waited for hours to bid on an attractive Boston rocker, but finally gave up and went home, planning to return later Saturday evening. Whether they bought it or not, we'll never know.

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Lake Township residents ask for lower speed limits

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
Post Staff

Residents are asking the Lake Township Supervisors to find a way to slow traffic on Gordon Road for the safety of children living along the road.

The residents said at Saturday's supervisors' meeting they are concerned with a one-half mile, paved stretch of Gordon Road, where they say 19 children under 16-years-old reside. The speed limit on the road is 55 mph.

"We need something done before we have to bury one of them," exclaimed one resident.

The residents told the supervisors they feel the 55 mph speed limit is too fast for road conditions. They asked the supervisors to find a way to reduce the speed of cars traveling the road. The residents said they prefer a reduction to about 25 mph.

The supervisors explained that lowering the speed limit is a difficult process requiring many studies, including a study to determine the regular flow of traffic on the road.

Township Solicitor R. James Kamage suggested putting an

unofficial, lower speed limit sign on the road. The sign would be a deterrent, although the police would not be able to cite violators.

Chairman Charles Balavage told residents the supervisors would "look into the matter and see what can be done."

The supervisors discussed several options, including the placement of a 'Watch Children' sign. The supervisors explained the 'Watch Children' sign could be obtained easier and more quickly than a speed limit sign. However, a speed limit sign is paid by the township, whereas, a 'Watch Children' sign would have to be paid by the residents.

"We will do something," Balavage told the residents.

In other business, the township entered into an agreement with the Luzerne County Conservation Commission regarding projects involving land movement.

The agreement requires the township to notify county officials of any project which involves the movement of five acres or more of land. The agreement also requires the township to allow erosion studies of any land before the township issues permits to such projects.

Back Mountain Glimpses

By Charlot M. Denmon

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Chief's request for new patrolman put on hold

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Dallas Township Police Chief Carl Miers told the township supervisors at Wednesday's July 5 meeting that the department needs a new part-time policeman.

Miers told the supervisors that some of the part-time officers now on the list are not available because of their other jobs or because of where they live. He explained that now that Officer Rauschkalb is a full time officer at Kingston Township, he can't work part time in another municipality and that due to personal problems Officer Kelly is not always available.

The supervisors told Chief Miers to get rid of the men who are unable to participate part time and then they will discuss hiring someone else for the police department.

E. Sidorek complained to the supervisors about a neighbor who was storing grass. He said there was a terrible odor coming from it and he wanted to know if something could be done. The supervisors said they would look into the problem.

The supervisors also discussed ownership and responsibility of Goldsmith Road. The road was opened jointly by the Dallas and Franklin townships as far back as about 1845, with the understanding that each would take care of the footage in their respective townships. Now nothing is being done and the question is how much of the footage is in each township, and who is to be responsible for

Kingston Twp. man arrested in Wilkes-Barre cocaine bust

By SCOTT A. DAVIS
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A Kingston Township man and a Puerto Rico native were arrested on drug charges following a bust by two drug task forces operating in Wilkes-Barre late Saturday night.

Sean Brennan, 24, Meadowcrest, Trucksville, and Hesdor Froes, 32, native of San Juan, Puerto Rico, now residing at 117 Linden St., Allentown, were arrested on South Main Street,

each part of the road. The problem will be referred to the township engineer.

It was approved by the supervisors to sell a large backhoe since they have found it faster and more economical to hire someone to do the necessary work.

The next meeting of the supervisors will be Tuesday, July 18, at the township building.

Wilkes-Barre and charged with trafficking in cocaine.

According to reports, information was channeled through the Attorney General's office to the Wilkes-Barre Special Investigation Division and the West Side Mid-Valley Narcotics Task Force indicating Puerto Rican drug dealing may be operating in the Wyoming Valley.

Froes and Brennan were arraigned before Edwardsville District Magistrate John Hopkins.

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