



1960 - Serving ware and accessories filled this table during the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction 34 years ago. There will be that and more when this year's auction kicks off July 7.

Library news

Anticipation of annual auction is growing

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The 48th annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction is almost here and the activity in and around the library and the auction grounds increases each day. The antique booth is filled to near capacity with great antiques. The new goods are arriving daily; books are being sorted and packed; odds and ends are being sorted and packed ready for the booth. The refreshment stand is being readied by the Dallas Rotary Club for opening day at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 5.

Our special auction corner in the lobby of the library has been spruced up with two blanket chests from the antique committee; one a 1860, hand decorated and refinished by Maryan Daily and the other completely restored by David Krachkevich, c 1880. There is a red and white antique quilt with them. A beautiful handmade quilt made by the 3rd grade reading class of Dallas Elementary School is hanging in this corner also. It will be auctioned off as a New Goods timed item at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 8.

The antique chance items are displayed here; 1st prize, walnut victorian candlestand; 2nd, brass lamp with parchment shade; 3rd, cloisonne vase. The library is selling raffle tickets for special prizes at the front desk for \$1.00 each. Library auction #48: July 7 through the 10th.

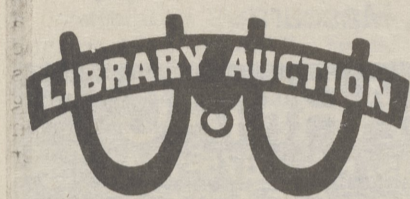
The Book Club met for its final time until Fall and had a special program given by the Rev. James Wert of Shavertown United Methodist Church on one of his favorite subjects: trolleys! It was a very interesting and enlightening program complete with maps of the old trolleys, pictures of the trolley stations of old; and copies of "The Trolley Song" which we all read instead of singing. He also showed many of his collectible trolleys and presented two videos about trolleys and the new 'light rail' trolleys coming into use in many areas.

New books at the library: "Mistress" by Amanda Quick is an unforgettable tale as a proper spinster embarks on a delicious masquerade—and a handsome

earl finds himself tangling with the most exotic and captivating mistress London has ever known. After being trapped in a little country town for 26 years, Isphigina Bright lost no time in closing down her academy for young ladies to set off on a life of grand adventure. A passionate story! "The Haldeman Diaries", 'Inside the Nixon White House' by H.R. Haldeman reflects an unvarnished view of the triumphs and

tragedy of these years. Here is a riveting portrait of that period's more celebrated events—the Cambodia bombings, the Kent State killings, the ground-breaking Russia and China trips, the 1972 election campaign, the Vietnam peace negotiations and especially, the Watergate scandal; written exactly as they happened and reported in astonishing detail. A fresh view of Richard Nixon by the man who knew him best.

Library Auction Corner



July 7-8-9-10

For 47 summers, the people of the Back Mountain have come together to donate their goods, services and time for the auction block of the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

The life of the library is a year-to-year proposition, and the auction is crucial to its operation. Twenty-five percent of the annual budget comes from the auction.

This year's 48th annual auction will be held July 7-10 at the library grounds on Huntsville Road in Dallas.

Any and all donations of cash or saleable items can help assure continued service of the library to our communities. For more information, call the library at 675-1182.

A sampler of items that will be on sale:
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Letters

Reassessment only solution to tax reform

Editor,
I am opposed to HB 2202 in its current form. It seems to me that it amounts to little more than another raid on my wallet by an ever-growing voracious government. I'm an "Old Geezer" now trying to get by on Social Security and the savings I accumulated over the years. For me, any increase in taxes means a reduction in assets (savings).

I realize the property tax is not fairly assessed. Like you, I bought my home long ago when the dollar was worth a lot more (nearly double). Clearly, newer home owners are being "robbed". But, I

suggest the answer is reassessment rather than abandonment of the property tax in favor of the income tax.

As I see it, the clamor for expanded taxing authority is fostered primarily by the demands of the Teachers Union for expanding wages and benefits while overburdened property owners are beginning to resist with increasing vigor. The fact that the S.A.T. scores in public schools have been declining for more than a decade (while they have not in private schools) leads one to believe that something is very wrong with the public school system. (For ex-

ample, in spite of the S.A.T. scores, I doubt that Catholics are inherently any brighter than other kids.)

As long as the Teacher's Union has the right to strike and to shut down the public schools, I expect that we'll all be stuck with escalating property taxes far in excess of so-called "Cost of Living" increases. Shifting the burden from property taxes to income taxes may reduce taxpayer resistance to teachers' demands, but it won't improve the public educational system.

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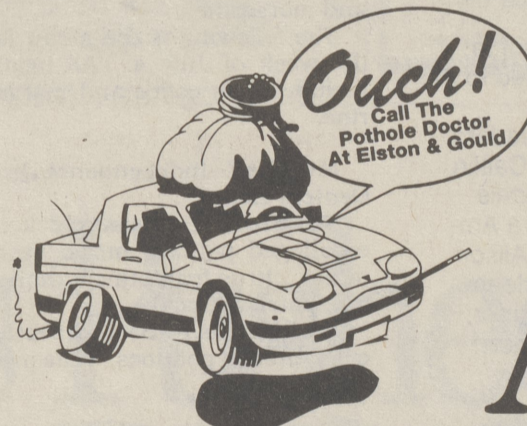


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