

Old, but not yet antique, find it here

The Neary Old booth is a treasure trove of serendipity - older things which are fun to have but aren't quite yet antiques. A 40-year-old full-length outer fur coat in mint condition is one of the more unusual offerings this year.

A prominent Wilkes-Barre furrer once mistook it for beaver, but after fur is a lot finer than beaver," said chairman MaryAnn Daley, who has been hard at work accumulating and cleaning items with Bette Walters and Jack and Carolyn Johnson.

Several lamps, including a hanging coach lamp and two Stifel lamps are sure to be excellent buys.

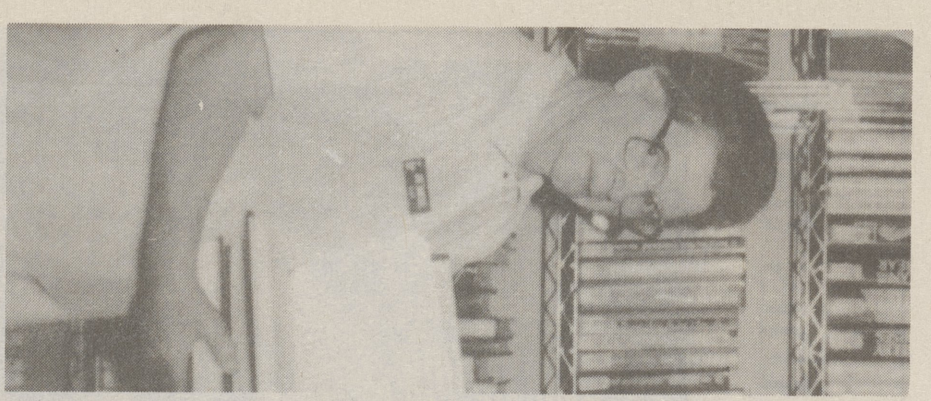
In need of a little TLC, several old American Flyer sleds from the early 1940's, a folding child's wooden stool, lots of baskets, crocheted lace pieces and many nice linens in good condition await eager buyers.

A huge blanket box with drawers, which can be stocked with two woolen blankets which have never been used, is also featured this year.

Classware, china and a pair of five-candle silver plated candleabra are among the many lovely items for sale at the Neary-New booth.



POST PHOTOGRAPH R. DOVE Committee co-chairmen Bette Walters, Carolyn Johnson and MaryAnn Daily show off a full-length outer coat, china and linens, several of many interesting items to be offered at the auction.



POST PHOTOGRAPH R. DOVE Staff member Jane McMichael selects books to take to The Meadows Apartments for the residents at the beginning of every month.

Saturday morning's just for kids

Kids attending the auction will have their own special time to bid on items which interest them, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, July 9.

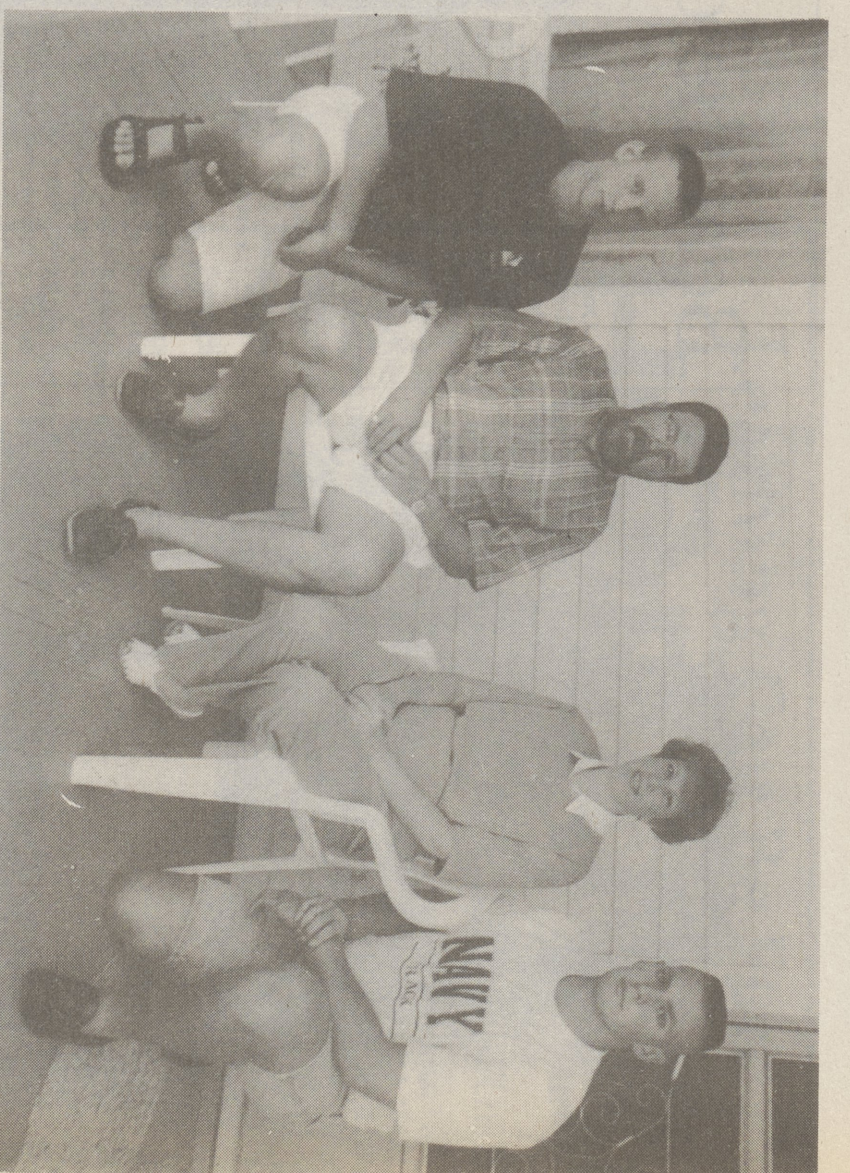
Organized and operated completely by Boy Scouts from Dallas Troop 281, the Children's Auction is always popular with the younger set.

The Scouts have been hard at work collecting new and good used toys, which they will sell across the block.

The younger set can expect to find stuffed animals, posters, games, boys' and girls' items and gift certificates from Back Mountain businesses.

Local author Susan Rukstalis, who wrote and illustrated *How Many Steps Before the Queen*, and an Iron Temple Clown will visit the grounds during the Children's Auction.

Brought back to the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction in 1990 by chairman Connie Scott, the children's auction is a good community service project for boys ages 11 to 18 working towards Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class and Eagle Scout ranks.



POST PHOTOGRAPH R. DOVE Lois and Jeff Townsend and their sons, Scott and David, have worked at the auction for many years.

according to assistant scoutmaster Jeff Townsend.

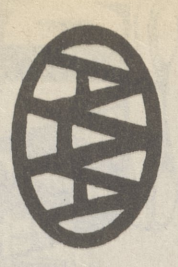
"The boys have so much fun up there as auctioneers that they don't want to stop," he laughed. "It's something very special for the kids."

When they're not working at the children's auction, the Scouts from Troop 281 will help to man the refreshment stand.

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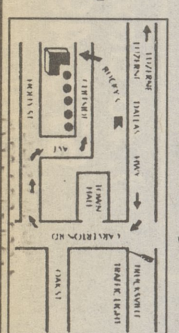
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