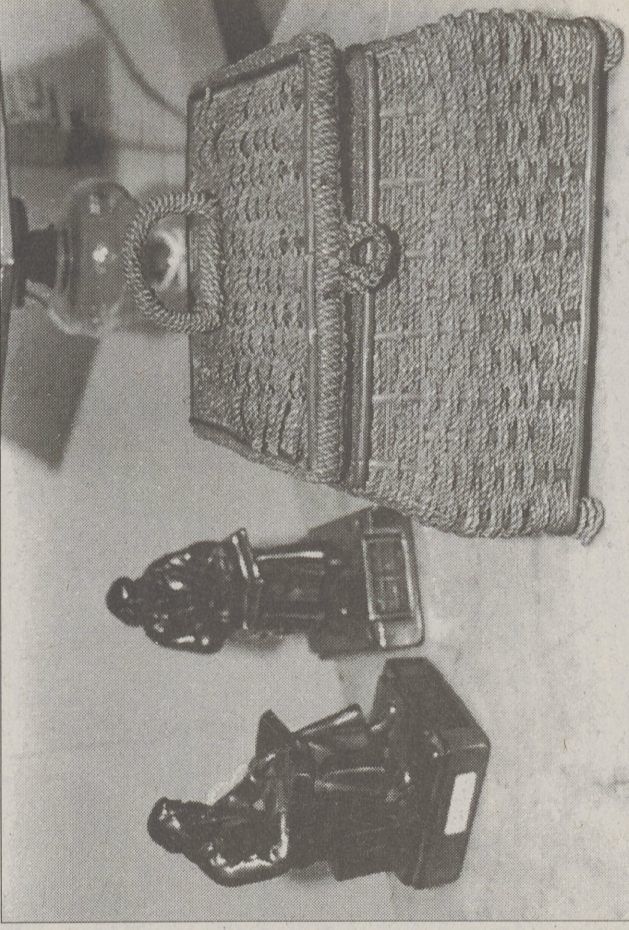
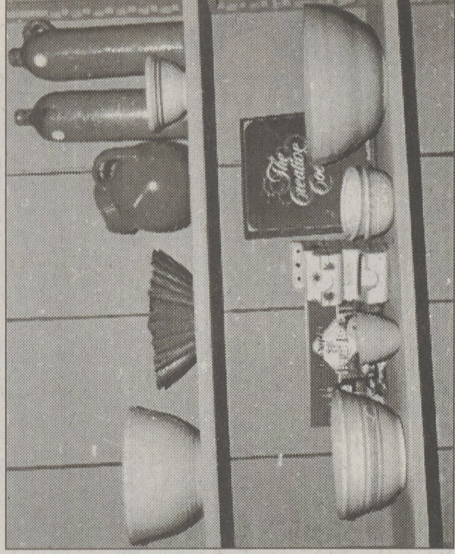


**How to get to the Auction**



Whether your taste runs to wicker, above, or stoneware and kitchen items, you're sure to find something you'll like at the 52nd annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.



# Running a school was never like this

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOEITZER

Problem solver, facilitator, organizer. These are some of the many hats the chairperson of the Back Mountain Library Auction must wear. Luckily, Ruth Tetschner comes prepared for the job. As the former principal of Westmoreland Elementary School, she has the skills to perform all of these duties and more.

Being an educator, Tetschner knows the importance of a good community library and relationship of the library and school.

"Preparing for the auction is keeping me very busy," she said. One of her larger responsibilities is to keep in touch with all of the chairpersons to make sure they have what they need and understand what is needed from them.

"The chairpersons are very pleased with how things are going. So, hopefully when they come together, the whole will be wonderful," said Tetschner, who was co-chair last year, serving with Joe Stager, the former chairman.

This year there is no one to fill the co-chair position. "In this day and age everyone is so busy," she said.

Even without a co-chair, Tetschner says she has plenty of help in the reliable core group of folks who come back year after year to make sure the

auction is a success for the community's enjoyment and the library's benefit.

She also noted how cooperative all the volunteers are. She cited Ernie Ashbridge and Karen Boback as examples. "Ernie has been very helpful to Karen (antiques chairperson) and been there to answer any questions she might have. Karen is doing a wonderful job with the antiques," she said.

Ashbridge was the auction



Ruth Tetschner, 1998 auction chairperson.

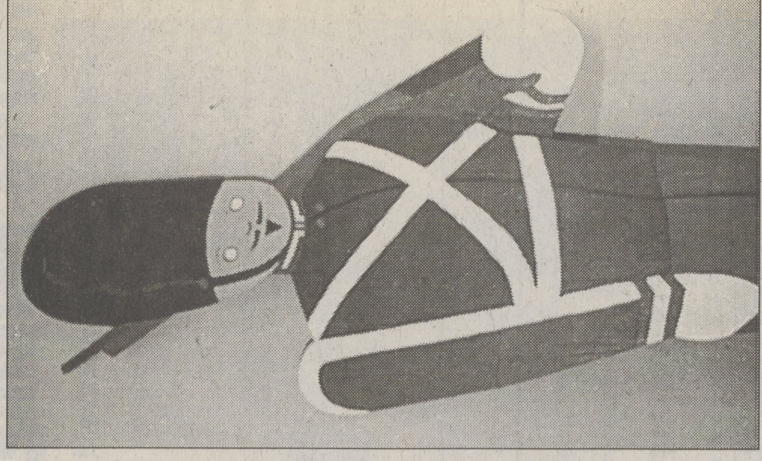
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Auction chairman

chairperson for 25 years before retiring from the position last year.

Tetschner said her goal is to keep everything running smoothly. "I hope I can measure up as a chairperson and to the wonderful things the others in the past have done," she said. This is her third year involved with the auction and fifth year on the library's board of directors, on which she has served as president twice.

"It's such an important part of the fundraising and a wonderful community event," said Tetschner, when asked what keeps her coming back. She enjoys the feedback she gets from people who have been coming to the auction for years. Some folks from out of state arrange their vacations around the event.

And this year people can use their credit cards for the first time at the auction. No more worrying about how much cash to carry or running off to the MAC machine because you found more good stuff.



A wooden soldier, one of the many antique and collectible items



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