

# **CURATOR'S REPORT**

## **THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**APRIL 9, 2019**



# **HILLEGAS SUGAR CAMP**

## **KYLE HILLEGAS, OWNER**

### **ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP!**

**Processing sap from over 9,000 taps.**



# HILLEGAS SUGAR CAMP – ONE OF 19 CAMPS ON THE 2019 COUNTY MAPLE TOUR!



**BRANDON AND KYLE HILLEGAS**

**Assisted by numerous other family members in  
hosting the taste and tour visitation!**





**BERLIN PUBLIC SCHOOL AND  
G. E. FOGLE'S CIGAR FACTORY  
BUILT IN 1876**



**(FROM THE ESTATE OF BARBARA CRONER)  
LAST USED AS A STAINED GLASS FACTORY**

**THE FAMILY OF  
GALEN SCHROCK PLATT &  
MINNIE MAE (ADAMS) PLATT**

**A farm family in the “Sandy Hollow”  
neighborhood of Brothersvalley Township!**



**Front Row (l to r): Rev. John Gomola, Anna (Platt) Mancione, Ruth (Platt) Miller, Emma Grace (Platt) Kaap, and Janet (Platt) Gomola.**

**Second row (l to r): Ray E. Platt, Marie (Stull) Platt, Raymond O. Miller, Glenn A. Platt, Ursula (Barclay) Platt, Clyde L. Platt and Ruth (Shockey) Platt.**

**October 1988 Donated by Larry R. Pritts.**



## THE ALEXANDER AND LULU AGATHA (KIMMEL) FISHER BIBLE



**LARRY R. PRITTS**

**Larry Pritts** delivered the large, heavy Bible belonging to the Alexander and Lulu Agatha (Kimmel) Fisher family to BAHS on April 1, 2019. It was presented by Wayne and Joan (Bowser) Bush. Joan is a daughter of David Ross and Emma Elizabeth (Fisher) Bowser and a granddaughter of the above couple, who were former residents of Friedens.

**Alexander Fisher** (1873-1956) was born in Berlin and was a son of Joseph and Susan Ann (Queer) Fisher. **Lulu Agatha (Kimmel) Fisher** (1873-1957) was a daughter of Charles and Lydia (Trent)

Kimmel. Alexander and Lulu Fisher are buried in the Pike Cemetery in Brotherton.

The Bible includes interesting dates of birth and deaths of the Fisher family.

### ADDITIONAL DONATIONS

**Gregory Croner** donated a collection of photos from the estate of his mother, Barbara Y. (Miller) Croner. He has also ordered, donated and paid for another carton of the Heffley Diaries for BAHS.

**Tim Rhoads** donated a 1961-62 bus schedule that was used by his Grandma Katherine Rhoads on her bus route for delivering country kids to school in Berlin. **Larry Pritts** donated various pictures and a program from the Berlin School Class Play, "High School Musical".

**Audrey Twombly** donated a potato stumper, a pottery canning jar, a Somerset Sesquicentennial book, a candle mold, a History of Pennsylvania booklet, and a papier-mâché chicken Easter basket. **Elizabeth Deal** donated her mother, Joyce Twombly's Girl Scout beret and sash, and a 1973 Bervalon.

### ON THESE DATES:

**April 3, 1860** – The legendary Pony Express began carrying mail between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. (The delivery system lasted only 18 months before giving way to the transcontinental telegraph.)

**March 31, 1943** – "Oklahoma!" the first musical play by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, opened on Broadway.

**April 1, 2019** – The United States Air Force Academy was established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

## **KYLE HILLEGAS NAMED 2019 MAPLE KING!**

Congratulations to Kyle R. Hillegas of Allegheny Township who has won the title of 2019 Maple King for the Pennsylvania Maple Festival. Kyle and his family are owners and operators of Hillegas Sugar Camp in the Dividing Ridge area.

Kyle began making maple syrup using his grandfather, S. Richard Hillegas' equipment that had been used to tap trees in the early 1900's. Over a span of two decades, Kyle expanded his production site from the back yard of his parent's home to its current location on White Horse Mountain Farm, where he and his wife, the former Rebecca Emert, have built their home.

Kyle is a son of BAHS Director Russell "Russ" Hillegas and Jeanne (Paul) Hillegas.

Kyle currently serves as treasurer of the Somerset County Maple Producers and is employed by the PA Turnpike. He and his family hosted one of the maple tours the weekend of March 9 & 10 when the picture of Kyle's maple camp (on the cover of this month's Curator's Report) was taken.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BERLIN BROTHERTSVALLEY MOUNTAINEER LADY'S BASKETBALL TEAM!**

The community is extremely proud of the Lady Mountaineer's basketball team and Coach Rachel Prosser for winning the state championship – a first for women's basketball in Somerset County. The Mountaineers were instrumental in a 41-32 victory over Our Lady of Lourdes Regional in the PIAA Class A championship game at the Giant Center in Hershey on March 22.

Also congratulations are extended to the outstanding Shanksville-Stonycreek Lady Vikings basketball team and their participation against Berlin's team in the PIAA Semifinal contest. Shanksville's team challenged the Lady Mountaineers at UPJ. The Lady Mountaineers accomplished a 55-37 victory to earn the right to play for a state championship in Hershey.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO SHANKSVILLE- STONYCREEK BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM!**

Shanksville's Boys' basketball team went 21-6 this season under the coaching of Shanksville-Stonycreek's Robert Snyder, who is retiring as head coach. The team finished as the WestPAC and District 5-A runner-up. The Vikings advanced to the first round of the PIAA Tournament, falling to District 7 third-place Cornell, 56-50.

## **ADDITIONAL DONATIONS:**

**The Berlin IOOF Cemetery Association** donated cemetery updates and a 2019 map. **Jean Ann Darr** donated Rainbow Girls rituals/manuals. **Terry DePhillips** donated the book "Freedom Denied" written by Ernest O. Kooser, who passed away in 1954.

Our thanks to all the persons who have made donations and to our volunteers for your assistance and expertise with our many projects!

**David R. Hay, Curator**

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO LYDIA KRAUSE AND BROOKE CORNELL**

These two young ladies from the Berlin Brothersvalley High School are serving as princesses in the court of Queen Maple LXX11 Grace Oakes.