

# **CURATOR'S REPORT**

## **THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**MARCH 12, 2024**

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### **RICHARD STURTZ RESIDENCE**

**BUILT 1989 FOR WILBERT, MILDRED & RICHARD STURTZ**

**LAMBERTSVILLE AREA**



This picture from the collection of the late Alfred Knotts features the former James P. McCabe home on Main Street in Berlin. The remodeled structure now serves as Fox Pizza in the community.

### DONATIONS

**Lannie Dietle** donated a copy of him and his wife, Dana's genealogy book, "Descendants of Johann Adam Dietel (Dietle)". **John Ross** donated a book, "Civil War Generals".

**Joyce Knotts** donated items from the estate of her husband, Al, which included a hat he wore at the Whiskey Rebellion celebrations, an assortment of advertising ball caps representing local businesses, and pictures from the Whiskey Rebellion celebrations. Joyce also donated a children's book, "Peter Rabbit".

**WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, I HAD TO  
WALK 10 FEET THROUGH SHAG  
CARPET TO CHANGE THE TV  
CHANNEL!**



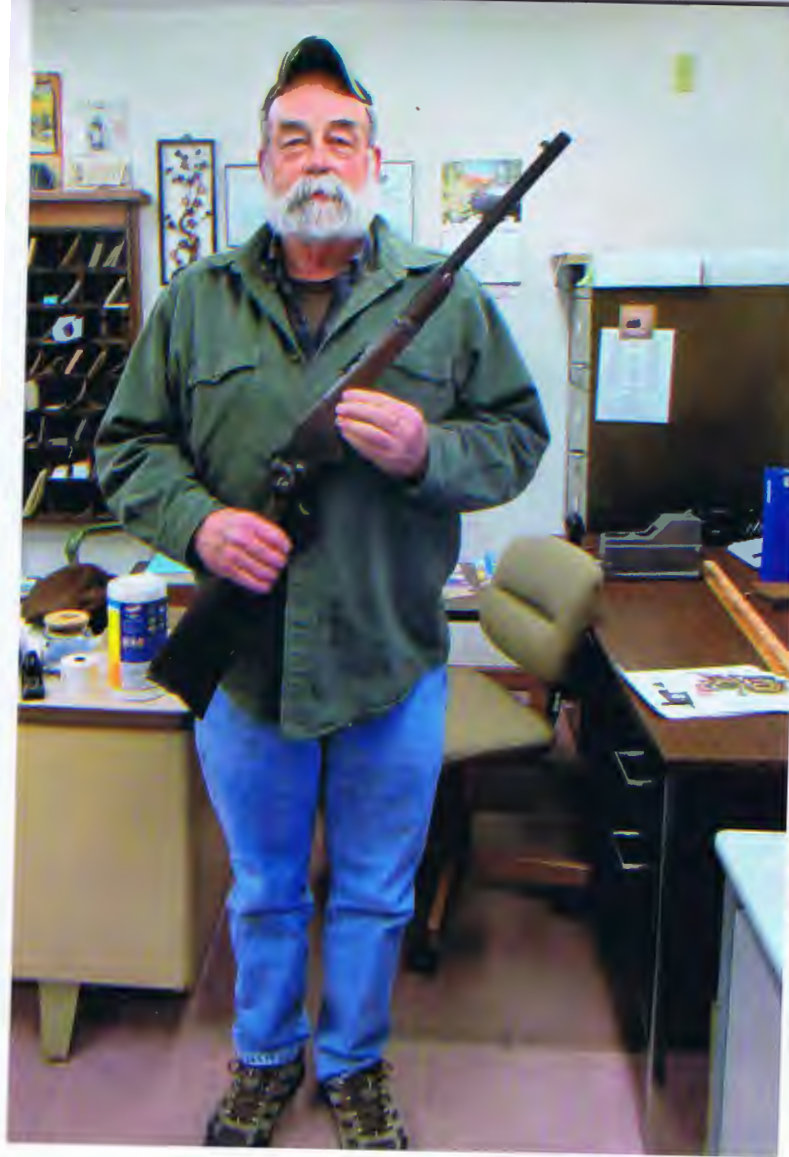
## **BERLIN VFD LADIES AUXILIARY**

**NINE MEMBERS HONORED IN JANUARY 2024 FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO THE LADIES AUXILIARY. JANE KELLER 35 YEARS; MARILYN BAKER 30 YEARS; HELEN BARTON 45 YEARS; CARRIE CRONER 5 YEARS; KAROL SAYLOR 35 YEARS; MICHELLE ENGLEKA 40 YEARS; CAROL LEYDIG 50 YEARS; MARY MARGARET WERNER 30 YEARS AND BRANDY MERKEL (NOT PICTURED) 10 YEARS. DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS!**



### **SAD NEWS**

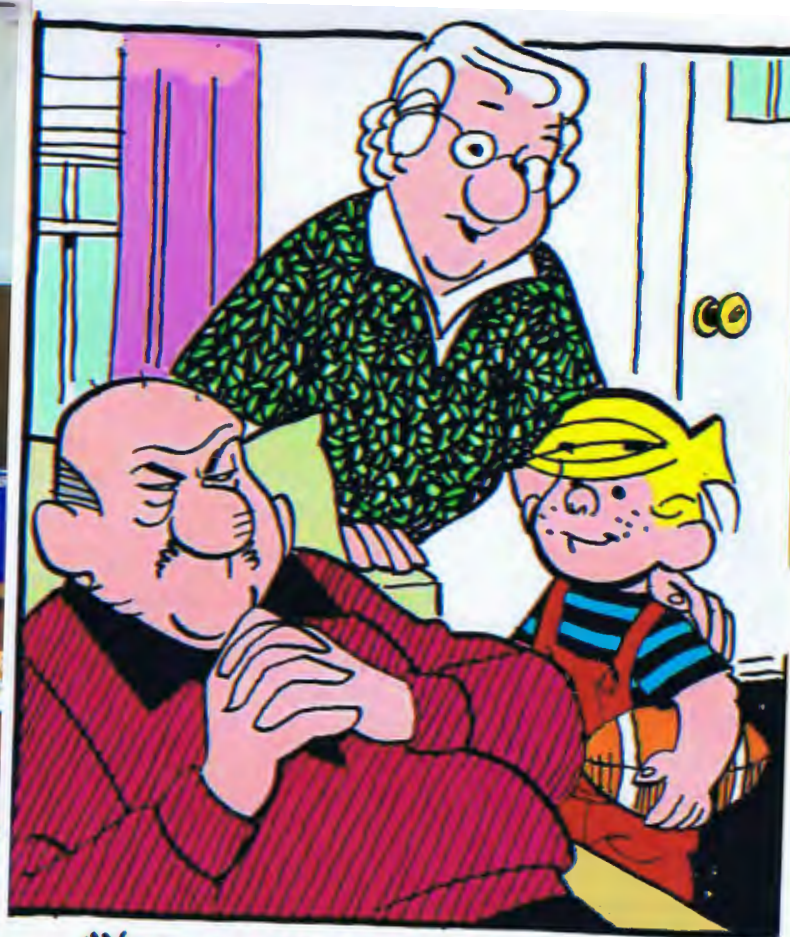
Please join me in remembering  
**YET ANOTHER** great icon of the  
entertainment community. The  
Pillsbury Dough Boy died yesterday  
of a yeast infection and traumatic  
complications from repeated pokes  
to the belly. He was 71. Dough Boy  
is survived by his wife, Play Dough  
three children, John Dough,  
Jane Dough and Dill Dough, plus  
they had one in the oven.  
Service were held at 3:50  
for about 20 minutes



**RICHARD BERKLEY** is shown above with the Civil War era (1860s) Spencer rifle that he has placed on loan at BAHS. The rifle originally belonged to his Grandpa, Charles W. Rhodamer.

## DONATIONS:

**Amy Bowman** donated family crests for the Dively and Philson families. **Gary and Wanda Gindlesperger** donated a Trinity United Church of Christ plate in memory of Clarence "Poss" and Ruth Gindlesperger and a framed CCC camp picture.



"YOU LOOKED BORED, GEORGE, SO I INVITED DENNIS OVER."

**Joan and Jay Buratty** donated four books of original poetry that were written by Howard Phillips.

**Elmer Altfather** has completed restoration work on the John S. Engle desk. (Pictures and history of the desk will be shared in the April Curator's report.)

**Al Knotts, Jr.** donate a time card machine from the former Maple Mountain Manor.

**Leigh and Robert Snyder** of the New National Hotel donated \$455 from a soup sale promoted by their patrons on Super Bowl Sunday.



## **CRONER INC. CAP**

**DALE W. DEEM** donated the above pictured cap – circa 1940s - advertising Croner Inc. that belonged to his father, the late Clyde Deem. His dad worked for the Croner family on various enterprises during his lifetime.



## **A SIGHT TO BEHOLD – WATER GUSHING OUT OF OLD MINES**

Located below Station Hill near Berlin. Near the weighing station for the Fieg Brothers' weighing station (formerly Scurfield's) and the former Meadow Gold Dairy Station. After melting snow and heavy rains. January 27, 2024.



**MARGORY (LANDIS) WILL DONATED THIS PHOTO OF HER FATHER, ROBERT WALKER LANDIS WHEN HE SERVED IN THE MARINES.**



**ROBERT BLUBAUGH DISPLAYS HIS ART WORK ON OUR SAYLOR LOG HOUSE WHICH HE HAS DONATED TO THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

**DAVID R. HAY, CURATOR**

### **THE PASSING OF JOYCE (SMITH) HOLMAN**

**JOYCE (SMITH) HOLMAN** of Tucson, Arizona, passed away in recent weeks. She was the widow of James Kenneth Holman. Since 2000 the couple resided in Tucson after living many years in Wilmington, Delaware. Joyce graduated in 1960 from Berlin Brothersvalley High School. She was the only child of the late Harry Gruver and Mildred (Hastings) Smith, former residents of 1100 East Main Street in Berlin. Joyce's children: Julie Ann (Christopher) Savage and James Kenneth Holman, Jr. are planning to donate a spinning wheel from Joyce's family that will be transported to Berlin from Arizona by way of Delaware. Joyce's paternal grandparents were George Washington and May (Hauger) Smith of Brothersvalley Township.