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This week's \$1.00 prize goes to Charlene McDevitt for telling us about Barney's anniversary party. The story appears on page 2.

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FIFTEEN CENTS



The Germers pose with cans, coasters, and labels: from the left they are Chad, Jean, Stacey, John, and Doug.

1000's of beer cans unearthed by Mount Joy residents

The family that collects beer cans together, collects beer coasters together and collects beer bottle labels together and roots through far-away dumps together.

John Germer and family fit this adage. John is one of the five local members (1800 nationally) of the Beer Can Collectors of America; his wife Jean

collects coasters; the thick paper discs that bartenders put under beer bottles), and his son Doug collects labels.

The family often goes "dumping," looking for old beer cans in dumps in out-of-the-way places—recently in Perry County. When an old beer can is found, it is dipped in acid and scrubbed as clean as

possible.

Members of the BCCA meet at regular intervals to trade cans. No money is involved by association rule. Most of the beer can collectors in the area have been involved in the hobby for about 3 or 4 years, and have collections of around a thousand cans. Some folks, into it longer, have well over 10,000 different cans. **[continued on page 3]**

No federal funds likely for Donegal Heights sewer

Federal funds will probably not be available for the proposed Donegal Heights sewage collection system, the East Donegal Sewer Authority was told Thursday.

John Saylor, a representative of Buehrt-Horn engineers, said a feasibility study had been conducted and an application for the funds was filed in 1975. The funding has since been denied and the authority sought reasons for the denial at a special meeting Thursday.

Louis Sperla, authority chairman, asked why the funding had been denied and whether another application for funds could be made in the future.

Tom Kaylor of the state Department of Environmental Resources, was at the meeting to explain the situation.

Kaylor said the Donegal Heights project, when evaluated by the state committee, rated 57 points. The current cut-off for federal funding for such projects is 70 points and above. Pennsylvania funding, according to Kaylor, was reduced by \$215 million this year for projects like the one proposed for in Donegal Heights.

Kaylor gave no encouragement for future attempts at acquiring federal funds.

Federal Housing administration funds or local funds were the alternative

funding sources outlined by Kaylor. The authority will look into the possibility of a grant from the Housing and Urban Development, also.

The collection system proposal discussed Thursday would include Donegal High School and properties in adjacent areas in Mount Joy, where the sewage is to be treated.

Persons attending the session in addition to the above authority members were Mike Pricio, John Zeller, Helen Hollenbaugh, John Hoffman and Mike Roman, an attorney representing Dave Greer, solicitor for the authority. Joe Bateman, Mount Joy's boro manager, was also present.

Historic District:

Part of Marietta was declared an "Historic District" last week.

Do you own property within the boundaries of Marietta's new federal historic district? If you do, an avalanche of federal dollars may be waiting to pour through your front door—if you're lucky. If you're not so lucky, there may be few financial benefits for you, except for the general rise in property values which inclusion in the National Register may create.

Before listing some of the goodies you may qualify to receive, we might as well tell you the only apparent piece of bad news connected with Marietta's new status. If you want to tear down an historic structure, you can no longer write off the cost of demolition on your income tax.

You are allowed to tear down an historic building if you want to, but it will be more expensive for you than it formerly was.

Now, for the unqualified good news:

—Anybody who wants to borrow money for home improvements can get it, if he lives in the historic district. HUD will guarantee any loan to rehabilitate an historic structure.

—If you own a commercial or income-producing property, in the historic district, you can write off improvements to your property at an accelerated rate. For example, suppose you are a landlord, and your apartment house, in the historic district, needs a new \$10,000 roof. Instead of amortizing your tax write-off over the twenty-year life of the roof, you will be able to deduct the cost over a much **[continued on page 3]**

What does this mean for residents of the area?



Buildings like this one on West Market Street are part of the reason the Office of Historic preservation put Marietta on the National Register. Notice the ornate carving around the roof.