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From the Editor

At the Society's initial meeting of the 2009-2010 "season", we were honored to have as our guests two well-known political figures, retired State Representative Carole Rubley and State Senator Andy Dinniman. Rep. Rubley was recognized for her efforts in supporting the Society by sponsoring grant applications on our behalf. Sen. Dinniman was likewise recognized for his sponsorship of a \$7500 grant recently received by the Society from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. This funding will be used by the Society to acquire additional photographs that document our region, and to continue efforts to record and transcribe oral histories shared by long-term area residents.

In other grant news, Society member and Quarterly contributor Sean Moir was instrumental in securing a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service, to be used by Chester County for the creation of the Brandywine Landmark Atlas. The Atlas will merge data from the county's Geographic Information System with historic data on troop movements during the Battle of Brandywine. The resulting system will be used for land planning and preservation purposes and also as an educational tool. Sean is optimistic that funding can be obtained for a similar project covering the Valley Forge—Paoli Battlefield area.

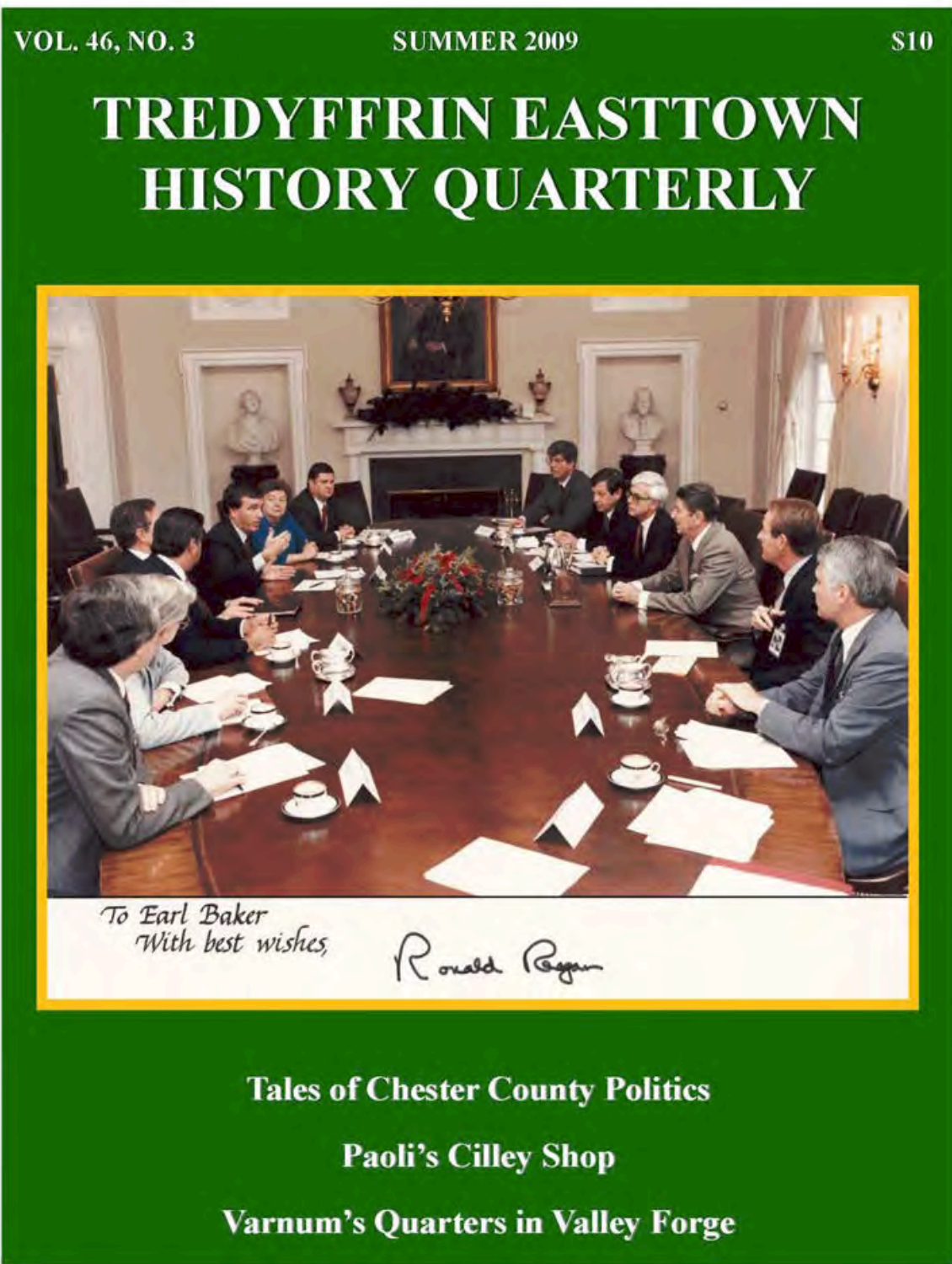
With our region and our Society benefitting from such county, state, and federal government funding, it is fitting that this issue of the Quarterly highlights the career of former State Senator Earl Baker. Sen. Baker shared his story with us at a presentation to the Society in September 2008. He has kindly agreed to document his experiences representing the Upper Main Line for the Quarterly as well.



State Senator Andy Dinniman presents Roger Thorne with the ceremonial DCNR check. *Photo by John Senior.*

Cover Descriptions

Front Cover: Earl Baker representing the nation's County Commissioners in a meeting with President Reagan on National-State-Local matters with Governors and Mayors in White House Cabinet Room, 1985. *Courtesy of Earl Baker.*



Back Cover: Adelaide Cilley Ward's paintings of the Knox Covered Bridge and Old St. David's Church. Courtesy of Mary Robertson Ives.

