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#### IN MEMORIUM

Paula Kassell 1917-2012

Founder of the first national feminist newsletter and a leader in the Morris County chapter of the National Organization of Women . Page 8



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Joe Kubert 1927-2012

Internationally known for his school of cartoon and graphic art established in Dover in 1977.

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# 5th Afternoon Tea A Huge Success Society Pays Tribute to Dover's Beautiful Parks

DOVER-"The Ladies of the Society" presented their 5th annual "Afternoon Tea" with this year's theme being a tribute to Dover's parks... "Afternoon Tea in the Park."

The event was a huge success with both seatings sold out weeks in advance. As a matter of fact, no advertising was needed as most returned from last year's event and reservations are already being taken for next year's tea.

The hard work and dedication of so many members and volunteers made this tea gathering a great success, just as the same dedication and support that went into making the Dover History Museum House the great success that it has become over the past 10 years.

Special thanks goes to the Tea Committee for all the hard work and planning: Phyllis Casey, Jane Curtin, Bonnie Daboney, Kathi Gilbert, Betty Inglis, Linda Mullin, Elizabeth Olney, Alice Wagner and Brenda Woodhull, Chair. Also to all those supporters from high school students and Girl Scouts, to those who provided the food and supplied the decorations.

#### **Brenda Woodhull:**

"There were fancy lovely ladies with happy faces, sounds of laughter, and chatter filling the museum while enjoying a variety of sandwiches and homemade sweets. All blended in with so many flavors of tea. Each table was set with antique and old dishes, new dishware, glassware, lace and linens of all colors and

shades. Gold and silver sparkled with the crystal. The sweet scent of roses at each table gave the park theme authenticity. In the background was a faint sound of chirping and singing birds.

As Chair I am so proud that the tea committee has been able to succeed in making the Dover Area Historical





Photographs by Rick Kelly

Society one of our community's highly regarded social events. We are certainly looking forward to next year."

Brenda's complete acknowledgment along with photos can be found on our website.

## Dover Library Bld. Celebrates 80 Years

DOVER-When the doors opened for the first time at this newly constructed library building in 1932, it was the pride and joy of the community. The \$40,000 red brick building was strategically located on Clinton St. with a commanding view of the beautiful Dover Commons, today JFK Park. Never before in the history of Dover had more dedication been given to the

public library as to have its very own building. Free public books in Dover had its roots dating back to 1832 when William Young and the "Sons of Temperance" offered free



borrowed books from Mr. Young's bakery shop

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## Extremely Rare Photo of Henry McFarlan's Estate Site of Dover's First Post Office circa 1810 - 30 Yrs. After USA Started

DOVER-This photograph shows one of the earliest estates established in Dover circa 1792. It was originally occupied by Jacob Losey who established Dover's first post office at this site in 1810 along with Israel Canfield. Both men ran the "Dover Rolling Mills."

Joseph Blackwell and Henry McFarlan Sr. foreclosed on the Rolling Mills in 1816 and established the "Dover Iron Works" making it one of the most successful works of its kind in Northern New Jersey. The Iron Works produced much of the tools and machinery needed to develop the Morris Canal through New Jersey.

Henry McFarlan Sr. passed away in 1830 and his son took over the Dover operations while spending his summers in Dover and winters in New York City.

Henry McFarlan Jr. moved into this house around 1830 and established the Dover city grid and began selling property lots to newcomers settling in Dover.

Here Mr.
McFarlan established
the beautiful "Mc
Farlan Park" which ran
on the north side of
Blackwell St. from
Warren St. all the way
to the Prospect St. intersection.

The McFarlan regime lasted in Dover for about a half a century and then it ceased upon Mr McFarlan's death in 1880.

Soon, "McFarlan Park, the pride of the village, was sold and eventually all traces of the old gardens on both sides of Blackwell Street gave way to the show windows of thrifty storekeepers, the bill-

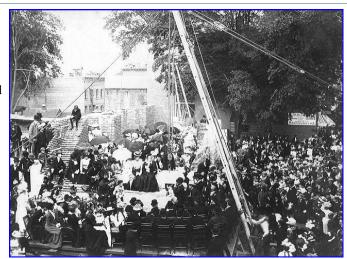


boards of the Baker Theatre and the Hoagland Memorial Church." This photograph shows the digging of the foundation for the new Presbyterian Church about to be constructed in 1899. Photo courtesy of George Coulthard

## McFarlan Park circa 1900 Church Services Before the Sanctuary

DOVER-This photograph shows the Presbyterian congregation holding services in the newly constructed foundation of the Hoagland Memorial Church. In April of 1899, the church body accepted the generous offer from Hudson Hoagland to build this new church. The new church was named in the memory of his wife, Martha G. Hoagland and his mother Elizabeth Hoagland, was constructed in McFarlan Park on land purchased from William H. Baker.

The original McFarlan Estate as pictured above, would be sitting in the church's parking lot if it still existed today.



## Joe Kubert - An Icon In Dover

DOVER-Joe Kubert, who lived in Dover and operated his school in Dover, died on Sunday, August 12 at Morristown Medical Center following a short illness. He was 85.

Joe and his wife Muriel moved to Dover in 1976 and in 1977 founded the first and only accredited school devoted solely to the art of cartoon graphics, The Joe Kubert School of Cartoon and Graphic Art, Inc. At the time, many aspiring artists were asking Joe how they could learn the comics trade, but there was no formal education available to them.

The school, which has produced many of today's leading cartoonists, features a three-year program in cartooning and graphic art. Courses require students to be at their drawing boards eight to 10 hours each day.



Joe at his Myrtle Ave. School, the old Dover High School

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#### 2013 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Family - \$20 \* Individual - \$12
\*Senior Citizen (62 and older) - \$8 \*
Junior Member (Student) - \$6 \*
Sustaining Member - \$75
(Display Ad or Compliments of:) \*
Life Membership (one-time payment) (Husband & Wife or
Individual) - \$300

## Dover Museum Part of "Pathways To History"

MORRISTOWN-Small museums continually search for innovative ideas to promote community history and to entice the public to visit their museums and historic places. In 2010 five enthusiastic Morris County groups conceived an idea designed to highlight their distinctive museums and historical properties. Housed in venerable buildings of local significance, each had a unique and fascinating story to share. Aptly called "Following the Pathways of History – Links to Each Other and to the Past," this two-day museum tour was a huge success.

Now in its third year, the Pathways of History Museum Tour has grown to include 13 historic locations. The two-day 2012 tour will take place on Saturday, October 20 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Sunday, October 21, from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

The original five museums in **Boonton**, **Boonton Township**, **Butler**, **Kinnelon** and **Montville Township**, are honored to be joined by **Denville**, **Dover**, **Jefferson Township**, **Lake Hopatcong**,

**Pequannock Township** and **Riverdale's Glenburn**. The museums and historic sites will simultaneously open their doors in welcome.

Admission to this two-day event is free. Visitors may start the tour at any location. Detailed maps and an event brochure will guide you to the next stop. Refreshments will be served at various locations along the route.

Museums to the right are: Boonton, Jefferson Twp. and Denville.



Lake Hopatcong Museum







# Taking a Walk - "From Victorian to Vaudeville" Morris County Tourism Bureau Sponsors Dover's Historic Downtown Tour

By George Laurie

DOVER-Some would say it was the hottest day of the year (90+) but over 25 brave souls with plenty of water ventured out onto the streets of historic downtown Dover.

The July tour started at "Doctor's Row" and headed to the Morris Canal and the old Dover Shopping Center. We got to see the old Dover Drive-In before we headed to the Moller Opera House. There we found plenty of shade as we talked about the early minstrel shows. We then

continued on to Blackwell Street viewing the old Playhouse Theater and Bon-Ton Theater before getting to the Baker Opera House.

We wrapped our tour up by visiting the Baker Theater, and even caught a couple kissing in the balcony (like that's never happened before).

We completed the tour by getting treated to our very special brand of root beer floats.

Visitors standing on the banks of the Morris Canal. Photo by Beth Olney



## **Upcoming Events**

Tuesday \* Oct. 16th \* 7:30 pm MUSEUM HOUSE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS "Guess the Photo Contest" Back by popular demand. No Charge - Refreshments served

Tuesday \* Nov. 20th \* 7:30 pm MUSEUM HOUSE "100 Plus Years Ago In Dover" All photographs on display are 100 years old or older. See Dover what as it looked before autos, radio, TV, movies, etc. This is a program you don't want to miss! No charge - Refreshments served

Tues. \* Dec. 18th 4:00—9:00 pm MUSEUM HOUSE "Holiday Open House"

Come and join friends and supporters of the historical society. Holiday cheer and plenty of treats. Bring a small gift for the museum house.

No charge & Refreshments served.

Tues. \* Jan. 15th \* 7:30 pm MUSEUM HOUSE

#### "Dover - Then & Now"

Compare scenes of Dover back then to what the same scenes looks like today. Plenty of discussion and many laughs.

Bring a friend!

Dring a menu:

No charge—Refreshments served

(THESE PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Compliments of Rev. James J. Slattery Dover

Compliments of Scott, Judy & Jeffery Miller Dover

## The Pride Of "Made in Dover"

## The R&B Co. "Perfect Range" Sold Across America

DOVER-According to Charles Platt, "among the leading manufacturing interests of Dover is the Richardson and Boynton Stove Works where the Perfect Cooking Range is manufactured along with Steam Heaters, Hot Water Heating Systems and Hot-Air Furnaces. The company has salesrooms in many cities in the United States, but all its manufacturing is done in Dover, giving employment to about 800 men, who make good wages."

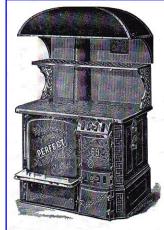
The Stove Works pioneered the 4 -legged cooking range, the first of its kind calling it the "Perfect Cooking Range." This modern invention made cooking and baking much more convenient than the old brick ovens. The firm was established in Brooklyn in 1837 and moved to Dover in 1896. The entire plant occupied 12 buildings and at its peak employed over 800, when running full time.

During World War I the company made specially designed furnaces for heating army barracks. Following the war, the company was plagued by a series of strikes, which eventually put the company out of business in Dover.

The most disastrous labor dispute of all was in 1927. The company shut down in December of that year and reopened in May of 1929 the men were told they work as individuals and not as a union. Most stayed away and the plant remained closed for the next ten years.

In 1938, the company transferred the production of furnaces and boilers to the Utica and Buffalo plants, leaving only cast iron, coal and gas ranges and furnace castings at the Dover plant which employed about 43 men.

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Richardson & Boynton Company's

works in Dover

<u>Cooking</u> Ranges

Heating Furnaces

Steam and Water Boilers

that is possible to make. Thousands sold, giving universal satisfaction.

The BEST EVIDENCE that these GOODS are GOOD is the yearly production at the works. If they were FAULTY they could NOT be sold, consequently would NOT be made. They ARE SOLD and MADE and USED by the thousand. Buy home productions in preference to others.

## RICHARDSON & BOYNTON CO.

Manufacturers.

DOVER, N. J.



In March of 1939, Richardson & Boynton filed a voluntary petition for bank-ruptcy. Above photograph shows the assembly line for the Rich-Boyton "Perfect Cooking Range" with distribution across America. Notice the various parts of the



iron casting being assembled. These men worked long hard hours with no air conditioning. Notice the belts & pulleys running the machinery similar to the ones Thomas Edison used in his factories.



## Orchard St. Cemetery Damage

Back in June, someone in the middle of the night came crashing through the front entrance to the cemetery. Thankfully, the damaged stone pillar has been repaired.

## **Briant's Auto Parts & Blacksmithing**

By Rick Kelly

DOVER-Walking down Blackwell St. recently, I noticed a horseshoe cemented into the sidewalk in front of the Payless Auto Store. I entered and discovered a great Dover history story thanks to the O'Shay family, owners since 1975.

Briant's history in Dover started in 1904, when William Briant opened his "General Blacksmith and Horseshoeing" shop. His son, Alvah, teamed up with his father in 1923 and the business became

"Briant's Garage" featuring automobile repairs and blacksmithing. Years later it was changed to "Briant's Garage and Auto Repairs" and finally to "Briant's Auto Parts."

In 1975, John O'Shay bought Briant's after twenty years in the automotive business with stores in Fairlawn and Paterson. The store today at 69-71 East Blackwell Street still retains its historic charm. Take a friendly



stroll inside and get a feel for yesteryear (cont. next page)

# Hygeia - Dover's Most Unusual Factory

## Produced Pig Iron On One End And Ice Cream & Dry Ice On The Other

DOVER-According to Charles Platt, Hygeia Ice and Ice Cream Co. were manufacturers that once produced the highest grades of "pig iron" while at the same time producing "dry ice" and "ice cream" using waste gases from the processes.

Hygeia Ice and Ice Cream Co. located at 15 N. Salem Street was associated with the Salem Charcoal Furnace Co. established in 1914. The iron material produced was of the highest grade that only a few plants in the country produced and was used in the manufacturing of automobile cylinders, chilled car wheels and chilled rolls.

The pig-iron was produced in a blast-furnace which typically consisted of a cylindrical steel hull and a refractory lining on the inside. The lower part of the furnace had openings through which charcoal-produced hot air was injected. Two openings closer to the bottom were used to tap

the molten iron and an opening above that was used to tap the slag. This was a complicated process of combining fuel, iron ore and flux (limestone) through the top of the furnace, while hot air was blown into the bottom of the chamber, so that chemical reactions took place throughout the furnace as the material moved downward.

The end process produced hot molten metal and slag at the bottom while the flue gases exited from the top of the furnace. These so called "dirty gases" were then processed through gas cleaning equipment where particulate matter was removed and the gas was piped to a different part of the plant and was chilled to a liquid state, thus beginning the process of producing dry ice. (cont. below)



The Hygeia Ice & Ice Cream Co. was backed by Alderman Edward Kelly, Augustus Munson and John Howard with offices and plant on Salem St. The capital stock was \$50,000 and the company was to produce over 20 tons of ice and 500 gallons of ice cream in its first year.

## Hygeia Ice & Ice Cream

The dry ice was produced by using carbon dioxide under immense pressure and refrigerated until it liquefied. Next, the pressure on the liquid was reduced and some of the carbon dioxide vaporized, which caused a rapid lowering of the temperature on the remaining liquid. As a result, the extreme cold caused the liquid to solidify and finally the chunk of solid carbon dioxide was compressed into blocks of dry ice.

With the abundance of ice and refrigeration all around, the company also decided to manufacture ice cream and ice cream products.

Chill Rolls are manufactured steel rolls for grain & cereal milling, flour mill-

ing, animal feed mills, oil mills, and other various industries using the highest grade of iron-steel products.

Chilled car wheels are iron molds or "chill" that melted iron was poured into the shape of an iron cast wheels for a car or a train. Iron for making chilled castings had to be strong, as chilling iron impairs the strength of the casting.

Pig Iron produced by Hygeia was some of the best iron material produced in America. As far as Hygeia's ice cream goes, most likely, there is no one alive today that can tell us of its taste and quality. Editor's note: If you have additional information on the Hygeia Ice Co. of Dover, please contact us at 973.361.3525.

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Dover

## The Perfect Range Poem

We make stoves in Dover; the molder's prepare Trim molds shaped of sand with the greatest of care-When ready, the iron is poured into each mold Where it hardens and cools into shapes manifold. So parts of a stove are first cast, then assembled, To make our new models of cook stoves so fine: The old-fashioned oven of ancient design-The open-air oven-but little resembled Our new Perfect Range, polished up, spick and span: The pride of the housewife, this stands in the van Of inventions sought out to rejuvenate Man; The Richardson-Boynton folks took up the story And covered themselves and old Dover with glory By making the Perfect Cook Range for our nation And that's why we stand as the head of Creation, Because of our toothsome, well-cooked, perfect ration.



#### **BRIANT'S AUTO PARTS STORE**

with the original tin ceiling still intact and the solid brick walls. Thanks to the O'Shay family, John, Dennie, and Barbara along with countermen Charlie Kleinle and Lou Ramos, this site has been serving Dover for over 100

## Rick Kelly Photographer

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## **Dover Public Library** (cont. pg. 1)

on Dickerson St. In 1888, the books moved to the Lucretia Stationary Store on E. Blackwell St. until 1901 when the "Octagon Club", a group of 8 young women who met at the Presbyterian Church for the purpose of reading, decided to form a public library and started the Dover Library Association.

They were Mrs. L. Whipple, Miss S. Crittenden, Dr. E. Griscom, Mrs. E. Neighbour, Mrs. Potts, Mrs. R. Kilgore, Mrs. A. Gelder and Miss Marion Beach. The nucleus of this new Association was now housed in the old Presbyterian Church

Building on W. Blackwell St.

In 1904, the Town of Dover took over the library after a public referendum in which approval was by a narrow margin of 55 votes and thus the Dover Free Public Library was born. On November 22, 1904, the town opened the new library in a vacant store in the Fair Building on E. Blackwell St. and in 1911, it moved over to George Buchell's Furniture Store, finally in 1924, it moved to the Moose Building on N. Sussex St. until the cornerstone for this new building was laid on October 10, 1931. The doors opening for the first time in 1932.

When the library opened there were 300 volumes on hand. Today, the library has a collection of over 52,000 volumes and millions more on-line.

On October 25th, the library Board of Trustees will be hosting an 80th Anniversary celebration of Dover's pride and joy, the beautiful red brick building of the Dover Free Public Library.

# 2013 Membership Dues Now is the time to pay your dues to be listed in all four editions of the 2013 Ye Old Tye News

## In Memory of PAULA KASSELL Cara Townsend

DOVER — Paula Sally Kassell, founder of the first national feminist newsletter and a leader in the Morris County chapter of the National Organization of Women, died on Aug. 20. She was 94. Paula Kassell was a long-time women's rights activist who founded the tabloid "New Directions for Women" and convinced the N.Y. Times to coin the use of "Ms" in addition to "Miss" and "Mrs." She was also one of the founders of the "Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press." Paula was born in NYC and graduated from Barnard College in 1939 majoring in psychology and sociology. She moved to Dover in 1941 after marrying Gerson Friedman and raised a son and daughter. Paula Kassell was hired as the first female technical editor at Bell Labs. Many family members came to see Kassell in hospice in the two weeks prior to her passing, her son Daniel said. Visitors came from as far away as Kentucky and California.

## Dover Women's Club Ends After 100 Years

By Phyllis Casey

DOVER-At the call of Miss Martha Burnett, a group of women met in the Dover Public Library in 1912 to start the Woman's Club of Dover. The Club was to be a non-political, non-profit organization "whose purpose was to interest, and encourage its members to participate in the civic, educational, social and moral welfare betterment of the community." The club was federated in 1913 and incorporated in 1931.

The founding members did not

foresee the Visiting Nurse Assoc., the Dover Little Theater, the Dover Art Assoc., the local Parent-Teacher Assoc. and the Town Recreation Commission's programs as they exist today. All of these groups are direct results of the early activities of these public-spirited women. The Women's Club founded the first Dover General Hospital on Ann Street. Not only did they sponsor Dover's first Visiting Nurse, but provided the transportation of the day, a horse and buggy, with hay for the horse as an item in their budget!

During the club's early years, several

projects were donations of the first two cherry trees planted at Hurd Park, the oak tree in the park was planted in memory of President Theodore Roosevelt. Due to the efforts of the Dover Recreation Comm. and the Women's Club, the Shade Tree Commission was established. In 1979, Dover was recognized as one of 100 towns in the entire United States to receive the Tree City USA award! (cont. on back page)

Compliments of Sylvia E. Rubens Randolph

## **Shopping Center At Night**

DOVER-In 1956, Mayor Roach promoted an inner-city shopping center, the first of its kind in America.

The multi-million dollar Dover Shopping Center attracted large and small retail stores such as J.C. Penney, W. T. Grants, F. W. Woolworths, Acme Supermarket, several clothing stores, shoe stores and other business along with a bowling alley. It even had the first of its kind in this area, a Chinese restaurant, The Shantung.

Another first, was the "in-town" theater, called The Dover Drive-In opened in 1957. The Drive-In became unsuccessful because of the glare of city lights upon it large movie screen.

Currently, the site is being eyed for development. (Photo courtesy of Shirley O'Brien)



The Dover Shopping Center attracted thousands of shoppers.

# Dorothy's Love Letters Go To Website Dorothy's Secret Letters To Be Viewed By Everyone

DOVER-The accidental discovery of Dorothy Condict's secret love letters has stirred a lot of interest and speculation as to the explanation of the strange events that have been occurring in the Dover History Museum House.

Literally, hundreds of people from miles around have made Dover a destination to hear the stories and perhaps witness the events occurring inside the house. Even a local Boy Scout troop spent the night in the museum to witness and capture on camera Dorothy roaming the hallways and giving small signs of her presence.

Several newspaper articles and even a television re-enactment of the events have now generated state-wide interest in Dorothy. Open houses and private tours have several people suggesting the historical society contact a group of specialists to come in and conduct a study of the strange events taking place. Hundreds of Dover area school children have already made field trips to the museum house to find out what's going on. They are thrilled to hear the story of Dorothy and her secret hiding place containing all her secret love letters. All of Dorothy's letters have now been scanned and translated into plain text format for easy reading. As of January 2013, all these letters will be placed on the Dover Area Historical Society's web page at: www.doverhistoricalsociety.com

Now for the first time, anyone from around the country or around the world can log in and view for themselves what little girls and little boys

Dear Dot, Wednesday Don't be mad because of didn't get this marked early this morphing. I didn't because I didn't get a chance to write this morphing. I'm larry of didn't get a chance to write this morning, I'm larry of didn't get human, I'm larry of didn't get human from the morries but hight after the morries but hight after the morries but hight for ware. I am going to the ly-cicle races tipright for ware. I spank Gramer That got a match race there will be a made by around here to an and make the track well so made by around here I can tell you that my rounds hered.

were doing back in 1916, 1917 and 1918. Take a peak back in time before radio & TV when the Morris Canal was a part of their lives and trolley cars ran up and down Blackwell Street. Those were the days!

## College Club of Dover Celebrates 80th Anniversary

By Phyllis Casey

DOVER-The College Club of
Dover is celebrating its 80th anniversary in
2012. In April, 1932, the club was founded
by Dover High School faculty member and
University of Vermont graduate Esther
Dunning King and 11 other Dover area
college-educated women. These charter
members were: Cornelia Boyd (Bucknell),
Alma Cameron, (University of California),
Angie Castner (Maryland College for
Women), Cythera Colburn (Bates College),
Elsa Ely (University of Michigan), Roberta
Iliff (Columbia University) Edith Johnson
(Maryland College for Women), Dorothy

Lamont (Cornell University), Jane MacMillan (Wellesley College), Henrietta Sutton (Barnard College), and Dorothy Lowe (Douglass College).

The club's purposes are to stimulate interest in the higher education of women, to promote social relationships and group activities within its membership, and to assist young women to obtain a college education. The scholarship program, which is highly competitive, awards scholarships on the basis of scholastic achievement and service to school and community, initiative, and financial need. (cont. next page)



2012 Scholarship Award winners, from left, Sarah Inglis, Christine Bentlyweski, and Michele Agudelo, with Scholarship Committee Chairwoman Ulla Shuler. Not pictured: Leslie Pyo.



Students, family and friends attending the High School Scholarship Awards banquet. Seated are Ashley Chavon, Christine Bentlyweski and Sarah Inglis.



The Dover Area Historical Society's 2012 Townwide Yard Sale at the Flea Market raised over \$500 At right, Stan takes a break after making hundreds of root beer floats.



Photos by Rick Kelly

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## HISTORY OF DOVER'S GREAT RADIO STATIONS

Read about the

history of the radio stations that served Dover over the years: WDHA-FM WRAN-1510 1250-WMTR

www.doverhistorica lsociety.com







## 100 Years of memories of the Playhouse Theatre

Oct. 18, 1913 to Oct. 18, 2013

The Playhouse Theater was such an important part of every child growing up in Dover.

#### DOVER WOMEN'S CLUB

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The club also established the first playground in Dover, the first PTA Assoc. and as an outgrowth of its Drama Dept., Ruth Beth Watts established the Dover Little Theater.

Activities in schools, churches, hospitals (Visiting Nurses Assoc.), and the Red Cross were sponsored by the club. The now defunct Dover Art Assoc. was a direct outgrowth of the club's art department.

Financial support, materials, items and services were given to many local, county, and state groups. In 1963, the club created an annual scholarship which was awarded to a graduating female at Dover High.

During its 100 years of existence, the Woman's Club of Dover (10th District) has given service to those in need and supported educational and cultural projects in the community, county, and state. Now, because of a lack of membership, the group has disbanded after 100 years of service.

Have a wonderful and safe Holiday Season! Dover Area Historical Society

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## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Family - \$20 \* Individual - \$12

Senior Citizen (62 and older) - \$8

Junior Member (Student) - \$6

Sustaining Member - \$75 (Display Ad or Compliments of:)

Life Membership (one-time payment) (Husband & Wife or Individual) - \$300

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#### **COLLEGE CLUB OF DOVER**

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So far, over 130 scholarships have been awarded to young women who plan to attend a four-year college and are seniors at Dover, Morris Hills, Morris Knolls, Randolph, and Roxbury High Schools. This past May, four young women, three from Dover High School and one from Morris Knolls High School, each received a \$1,000 scholarship. The Club has also established a Student Loan Fund to assist young women in obtaining their

educational objectives.

This past spring, the College Club of Dover received a letter of congratulations from Governor Chris Christie in recognition of its 80-year scholarship program. In his letter, Gov. Christie wrote: "On behalf of the state of New Jersey, I am pleased to recognize your efforts in awarding college scholarships to young women graduating from high school...That your club has continued this scholarship program for 80 years is a testament to the strong character and leadership of your members. I com-

mend your efforts to support such a worthy initiative that provides our young residents with the opportunity to achieve academic and lifelong success."

## **Holiday Open House**

Dec. 18th \* 4:00 - 9:00 pm



Come meet and greet friends, neighbors and members of the community. Bring a give for the