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Special points of interest:

- Visit the Dover History Museum House, now open every Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.



Roof Chevrolet Parade circ 1940.

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Masonic Lodge's Gift To Dover

DOVER—Having long, deep roots in Dover's history, since around 1850, members of the Acacia Lodge #20 F&AM felt it only fitting to give the citizens of Dover something special. In an effort to help preserve Dover's wonderful history, under the leaderships of **Worshipful Masters Joseph F. Carlson and Christopher D. Orlandi**, they decided to dedicate three major rooms on the second floor of the museum house, by restoring them to the splendor and beauty they once had. Practically every Tuesday night, a work crew under the direction of **Dave Tweed, Mike Cilurso and Bill Gregory**, would show up and scrape, peel, sand, tear down old sheet rock, put up new sheet rock, spackle, paint, polish floors and clean the entire area. This showed true dedication for the respect and appreciation of Dover's rich history and helping preserve it for generations to come. Pictured above from left to right are **Roger Dickerson and his two**



sons, Mike Cilurso, Dave Tweed and Bill Gregory. With the three major rooms nearly completed on the second floor, there are still three other areas that are open for organizations and/or groups that wish to volunteer restoration.

On the third floor, the East Dover Social Club and the New Jersey Radio Museum are renovating two rooms which leaves one large area, a workshop and a hallway open for pledges. The workshop area

is being prepared as a high tech research center for area students to study and research the Dover area's history. Grants are being sought in hopes of making this a reality. If your group or organization wishes to offer a pledge to repair and renovate one or two or more rooms in the museum house, please contact us 973-361-3525. Your continued support is always appreciated. The Dover Masonic Lodge's website is:

Support Grows For The Dover Museum

DOVER—The love and appreciation for Dover's history continues to gain support from the Dover area as well as those former Doverites who now live elsewhere. With membership on the rise, donations coming in and volunteers lending their support, the historical society is on good footing as it proceeds with its 25-year lease with the Presbyterian Church. The list is growing of

those individuals and organizations that take a special interest in how well the society performs with its efforts in preparing a museum to display its artifacts, pictures, posters, documents, books, etc. along with those who help expose the stories, legends and the historic facts of our town. Most of all, the historical society is deeply indebted to those members who

continue to pay their dues year after year and to the life members and to all those who offer to help out in anyway possible. Whether you are an active member or a supportive member, the Dover Historical Society wants to thank you again. Remember, the museum is now open every Sunday between 1 and 4 pm. The Dover History Museum House is your

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 Maggie Fisher & Bob Starling, Dover

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The History of Dover General Hospital

After Early Rejection by Prominent Businessmen, A Woman's Club Opens the Hospital

By Bob Meeker

DOVER-The idea for a hospital for Dover, was that of Rev. W.W. Halloway of the Presbyterian Church who with a number of interested and public-spirited women of the Nos Ipsae Club met at the church on September 10, 1907. A panel of incorporators were named, most of them prominent men in the town. When they failed to act, the most influential of the men withdrew their support and suggested the ladies of the club form the desired corporation. Discouraged, but not daunted by this lack of cooperation, the ladies formed the corporation with Mrs. M.M. Searing as president; Mrs. R.L. Cook as first vice president; Mrs. Mary Waer second vice president; Mrs. J.H. Hulsart secretary; Mrs. A.P. McDavit treasurer and the advisory board of Rev. Dr. Halloway, William Baker, George Pierson and J.H. Hulsart. Dover General Hospital was incorporated in 1909.

A women's auxiliary was organized at once, headed by Mrs. Mary Searing and six other women, and a campaign to raise money was launched. By 1913, the treasury had over \$4000. The board was reorganized and increased to 30 members.

Although a parcel of land 85 x 100 feet had been donated by Col. Nathaniel Mase in 1909, the trustees decided that the purchase of an already constructed building would be more economical. The large old Victorian mansion of Richard George on Ann Street, was purchased from his estate for \$7000, in May, 1914. It needed considerable alterations and repairs before it could be used as a hospital.

Work started, and the hospital was dedicated January 9, 1916, with Mrs. Munson Searing, "Mother of the Hospital," as President. It was the only hospital along the D L & W Railroad between Morristown and Easton.



During the first year, 336 patients were treated. The hospital on Ann Street served the community until 1926. **Pictured, the Ann St. hospital, formerly the home of Richard George. (Not George Richards)**

Picatinny Explosion Proves Need For A New Hospital

DOVER-The great Picatinny explosion of 1925 proved that the Ann Street Hospital was too small to handle the needs of a rapidly growing region. On August 19, 1925, ground was broken for a new hospital on Jardine Street. The cornerstone was laid April 19, 1926, and it was formally dedicated April 15, 1928. It cost more than \$200,000. It was an up-to-date, fireproof building, with accommodations for 64 beds, laboratory, X-ray and emergency and accident wards, and a maternity ward. It was LI-shaped in

design, of red brick, and had major and minor operating rooms.

In 1927, construction started on a Nurses Home, by Gallo Brothers of Netcong, at a cost of \$50,300. It had facilities for 34 nurses. The combined cost of the hospital and nurses home reached \$350,000. In November, 1946, the hospital opened an addition to the nurses home, bringing the total to 80 rooms.

Photo shows cornerstone laid at the corner of Elk Ave. & Rt. 46.



Wm. Jardine & Harry Schwartz look on accompanied by Major N.F. Ramsey, Elizebeth Miller Harry Armitage, Joseph Baker and others.

Hospital History

A South wing was added to the hospital in 1959, with 124 beds, and a new surgical suite. The Charles T. Barker wing opened in 1970. It was named for a Director who served for 20 years. It contains 18 beds, radiology department, laboratory, emergency department, and an 11-bed intensive care and coronary and burn units, and a pharmacy. In 1985, another addition opened with same-day surgery suite, and a mobile intensive care unit. In 1978, the hospital changed its name



to Dover General Hospital and Medical Center, the second largest hospital in Morris County.

In 1988 the hospital celebrated its 80th birthday and the construction of the most



modern facility in Morris County. In 1994 the Trustees of Dover General Hospital agreed to a merger with St. Clare's Hospital. The name, Dover General, was recently reinstated.

Thank You For Your Continued “Sustaining” Support

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Upcoming Events for the Society

Tuesday - April 17th - 7:30 pm
Capture of John Nannery
(Dover the “Hick” Town)
at The Museum House
Call 973-361-3525 for info.

Friday - May 11th - 7:00 PM
**UNCLE FLOYD
DOVER HIGH JAZZ BAND**
at The Baker Theater
Tickets \$15 call 973-361-3525

Tuesday - May 15th - 7:30 PM
BON TON MOVIE NIGHT

at The Museum House
Call 973-361-3525 for more info.

Friday - June 8th - 7:00 PM
**3RD ANNUAL
HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ FEST.**
at the Baker Theater
(Area H.S. Jazz Bands perform)
\$5 adults Call 963-361-3525

Tuesday - June 19th - 7:30 PM
MONTHLY MEETING
(Program to be announced)
The Museum House

Call 973-361-3525 for more info.

Sunday - July 8th - All day
4th ANNUAL YARD SALE
at The Dover Flea Market
For reservations and info. 973
-366-0629

UPCOMING FALL EVENTS
**Dover High - Decade of 60’s
The Dover Speedway
Paul Guenther Hosiery Mill
Classic Movies At The Baker**

*These Programs are subject to
change.*

Dover’s Famous Snow-Melting Machine



This circa 1949 photo shows Dover’s famous snow melting machine, invented by Carmine Gangemi.

The machine was the marvel of its day and caught the attention of larger companies that studied the basic concept and went on to produce some of the best snow melting equipment in the world.

Pictured to the left, melting the snow along Blackwell Street.



Pictured is this 1947 shot of the girls of Dover’s Y. Notice Joan Munson to the far right. Location of this photo, unknown.

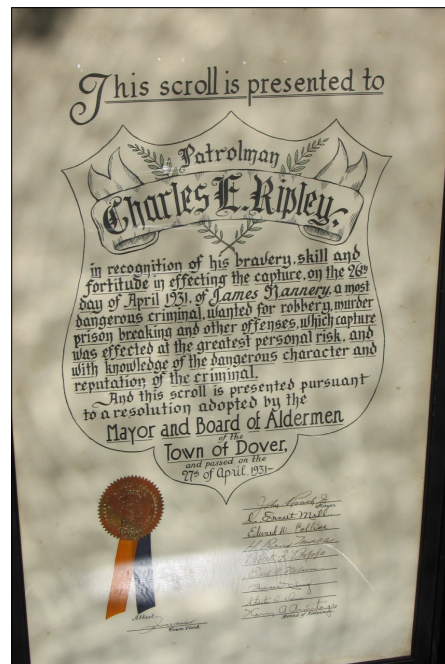
"MOST WANTED" - CAPTURED IN DOVER

America's #1 Criminal Wanted Dead or Alive

DOVER-News flashed around the country that James Nannery, one of the most dangerous criminals in America was back in custody and locked up in Sing Sing Prison in New York. Thanks to the quick thinking, alert patrolman in Dover, N.J. named Charles E. Ripley, this killer was taken off the streets. The following is an article taken from Time Magazine, Inc. dated May 4, 1931.

"The streets of Dover, N. J., were wet with rain one afternoon last week. An expensive coupe rolled up the main street, parked impudently in a bus stop. A woman got out, went into a drug store. The man who was driving saw rain-caped Policeman Charles E. Ripley come over to him, but did not notice the concealed interest with which the officer observed his license plate—V-2880. "Don't you know you're parking in a bus stop?" Policeman Ripley began pleasantly. Then, before the driver had time to reach the two revolvers in his pockets, or the

tear gas gun in his vest, or the two other revolvers concealed in the car doors, or the one under the cowl, or the machine gun in the rumble seat, alert Policeman Ripley covered him with the weapon he had hidden beneath his rain-cape. The officer marched his prisoner, hands in the air, through the rain to the police station. Word soon flashed throughout the East that James Nannery, ruthless young desperado wanted dead or alive in New York for killing a patrolman, fugitive from Sing Sing since 1928, suspected of many a big holdup including the unsuccessful one at Brooklyn Navy Yard (TIME, Nov. 25, 1929) had been captured. His girl friend, who fled in the coupe, was taken not long after along Mt Hope Ave. Said Badman Nannery, "What gets me is the way that hick flat foot kidded me with that poker face of his." **Recently unpacked after 26-years in storage by the historical society, the original plaque present to Charles Ripley by the Town of**



Lowell Thomas, Radio Newscaster, Criticized by Dover

By New York Herald Tribune
DOVER—"An astute policeman in this stable town of Dover, New Jersey accomplished late yesterday (April 27, 1931) what New York's best-trained detectives have failed to do for three years. He captured James Nannery. Nannery, a young gunman of shrewd mind, a pair of patent leather shoes and enough bravado to make him boast that he would never be taken alive, vanished on July 15, 1928 from Sing Sing, where he had served 11 months of a 12 year sentence for robbery and carrying a gun. Patrolman Charles E. Ripley was the observant and quick witted patrolman who captured Nanny single-

handedly."

THOMAS COMMENTS

In the 1930s, Lowell Thomas was a popular news broadcaster on NBC Radio. Thomas was internationally known for his travelogue movies of events and places around the world. Apparently Mr. Thomas commenting on this story on his nationally broadcast news program referred to the Patrolman Ripley of Dover, NJ as a "hick cop." Well this did not sit well with the townsfolk's as many became anti-Lowell Thomas and vowed to shut their radios off during his broadcast. Mayor Roach said "New York and other large cities would be a whole lot better off and would have less crime and fewer criminals if they hired a couple of "hick cops" like Patrolman Ripley." A Dover police committee under the direction of Alderman Dr. Raymond Mutchler was ordered to contact Mr. Thomas and go on record as to

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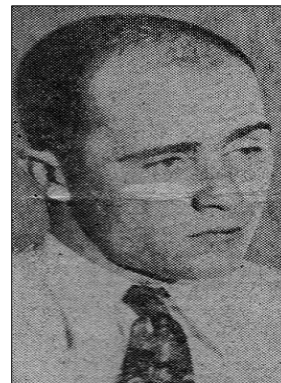


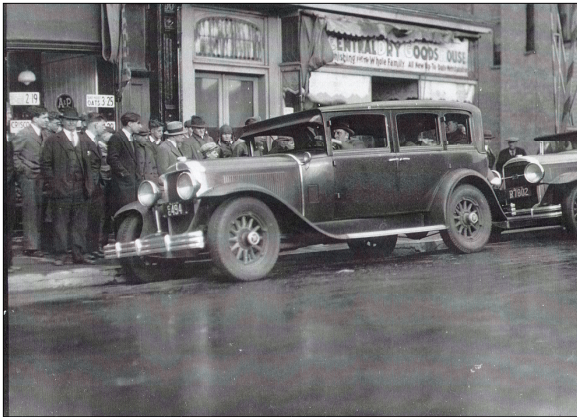
Considered "Most Dangerous" Criminals in America

DOVER-According to the Dover Advance: "James Nannery, notorious gangster and "big shot" of the underworld, was captured by Patrolman Charles Ripley on Blackwell Street yesterday. Nannery, who has been wanted, dead or alive, by the New York police for the past three years, is considered to be one of the most dangerous criminals in the country. He is believed to have committed murder twice, involved in numerous hold-ups and staged a spectacular escape from Sing Sing prison on August 8, 1928. Patrolman Ripley spotted the criminal parked in front of the Bergen Building and immediately covered Nannery with his

revolver and walked him to Morris Street where he motioned for Sergeant John Valley, stationed at Sussex Street. Ripley kept Nannery covered while Valley searched him. Nannery was escorted to the Dover police station where he was locked up under heavy guard. In order to prevent any possible escape by Nannery or a possible gang-land style rescue attempt, Nannery was heavily guarded by the State police.

Pictured to the right is a photo of James Nannery.





Pictured above is the Federal Car that transported Hannery back to Sing Sing. Perhaps Hannery was seated in the back seat when this photo was taken. Notice the building is today's Laughing Lion Restaurant. The right photo is the testimonial dinner to honor Patrolman Charles Ripley and Sergeant John Valley held at the Elite Hall on May 6, 1931.

Charles E. Ripley

Uncle Floyd "Live" At The Baker

Last year, Uncle Floyd was amazed at how well the Dover High School Jazz Band performed and fell in love with the old vaudeville playhouse, the Baker Theater. This year's program should be bigger and better than ever with the return of the Jazz Band and the every-so-funny Uncle Floyd. Call 973-361-3525 info.

Dover High School - Decade Of The 60s

This is another in a series of the decades at Dover High. Stan Schoonmaker presents this program using the latest "Keynote" technology. The decade of the 60s were turbulent years at Dover High and Stan has captured this in this program, you won't want to miss. For dates, time and location, call the Dover Area Historical Society at 973-361-3525. This is a program you don't want to miss.

Old Dover High School Destruction - 1938—2007

By George Laurie

DOVER-Photo to the right shows the original 1918 Myrtle Ave. High School building in 1938, just prior to adding the new addition. Notice to the left is the original 1918 auditorium with the fire escape in the rear. Despite assurances and promises to the town and public that the original structure would not be touched, the photo to the right shows developers renege on their promise and tearing down the 1918 high school auditorium to make way for a Walgreen's Store. Hundreds of area residents visited the site with cameras and



fond memories of the good old days attending Dover High School at Myrtle Ave. The original 1918 high school building



facing Myrtle Ave. is being remodeled for the Joe Kubert School of Cartooning and Art.

PAID MEMBERS

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Forgot to pay your 2007 dues? Call 973-366-2319.

Dover Police Protection Started in 1891

By Bob Meeker

DOVER-As Dover began to grow from a small hamlet in 1832 to a small village in the 1840s and 50s to a sizable town around the time of the Civil War, by 1880 there began a need for police protection. The earliest protection came in the form of a Police Marshal assigned by the county to Dover from 1880 to 1911. The first officer to serve Dover was James Hagen from 1891 to 1901. He was succeeded by Ethelbert Byram, who served as chief for the next 20-years, until November 1921, when he moved to Morristown and served as Sheriff.

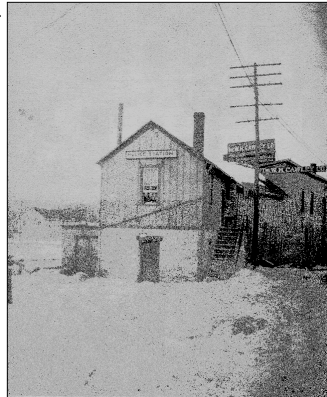
A town ordinance was adopted to regulate and control the police department on August 21, 1911. The ordinance called for a Police Chief, Sergeant, Detectives and Patrolmen. The ordinance also gave the Mayor and Board the responsibility for new appointments from time to time.

The new ordinance also listed the qualifications to join the police force. The applicant must be able to read and write

English, be a citizen of the United States for 5 years, live in Dover, never convicted of a crime, at least 25 years old, have good health, a sound body and in good moral character. A jail cell was established in the police station building on the south side of the Morris Canal at the site where the canal crosses the Rockaway River.

The police department moved into the newly constructed Municipal Building located on Sussex Street in 1875.

Today, the Dover Police Department consists of 37 sworn personnel where officers are broken down into two sections, patrol & Investigative or Detective Bureau. The officers of the police department are trained initially at the



Morris County Police and Fire Training Academy. Officers must attend a certified police academy that is recognized by the State of New Jersey Police Training Commission. **Pictured is the original 1911 police station behind Crawley's Bottling Co. Same view today is the rear of the Benson-Thompson Insurance Agency on Morris Street.**

Dutton Hotel - The Last of Dover's "Big Time" Hotels



DOVER-The Dutton Hotel was the last in a long history of Dover's great hotels. The six story structure at the corner of Clinton and N. Sussex Streets for many years, was the tallest standing building in Dover. Opened in 1952 at the site of the Lodge No. 541, Loyal Order of Moose, the Dutton would become that last of Dover's "big time" hotels. Mr. Harry Dutton and Willard M. Hedden were principle owners until their interests were purchased out in 1952 by Mr. Lonny Lindsey. In 1970, it was renovated and became the Dover Christian Nursing home. Today, it is known at the Regency.

Pictured is a night-time photo of the Dutton Hotel. **Pictured to the right is a 1954 wedding bill for 91 guests - Total bill: \$311.00. Not bad.**

Hotel Dutton DOVER, N. J.	
All Bills are Payable on Presentation	
PLEASE PRINT NAMES FULLY IN THE HOTEL AND AMOUNT AND SIGNATURE	
91 Dinners @ 2.00	182.00
1-1/2 Gal. Cranberries	27.30
1-1/2 Gal. Mannhattans @ 20.	30.00
5 Gal. Beer @ 8.10	40.50
1 Bot. Canadian Club @ 4/526	3.00
8 Bot. Soda @ 35¢	2.80
	310.10
Deposit	25.00
Bal. Due	285.10
HOTEL DUTTON	
JUN 19 1954	

Old Dover Photos by Rama



Two great views of Dover. Left is the Route 46 overpass shortly after the razing of the old Ulster Iron Works. The space would eventually become the Dover Drive-In Theater and the Dover Shopping Center. Right is a snowy night on Blackwell St. Notice the Christmas lights used to string across the streets making the downtown a festive atmosphere during the holidays.



Dover's Historic Downtown District

During The Civil War, Dover's Buildings Were Wood Framed



DOVER-Up to the time of the 1860s & 70s, most of Dover's downtown buildings were wood framed structures, except for the Goodale Drug Store building which was Dover's first brick building constructed in 1850. Pictured above is the original wooden structure of the McDavit building, sitting on the site of today's Iron Carriage Antique's Center. The picture was

taken in 1868, the year before Dover was incorporated as a town and just prior to being torn down to make way for concrete, brick and steel buildings. In 1870-71, two new buildings were constructed at this site (see right photo) to make way for the National Union Bank and the Geo. Richards Dept. Store. This long frame building was occupied by two families, the east end by Henry McDavit and the west end by Capt. Charlie Gage, who had just returned from the Civil War.

The four men standing in front of the house were Stephen J. Palmer, Henry McDavit, Ed Losey and Isaac Searing. The building directly to the left was the Geo. Mann saloon and the house to the right was the home and office of Dr. T.R. Crittenden. **The photo to the right shows the Geo. Mann Building and the newly**



constructed National Union Bank Building. Notice the Geo. Richard Building not yet constructed. This dates this photo as 1870.

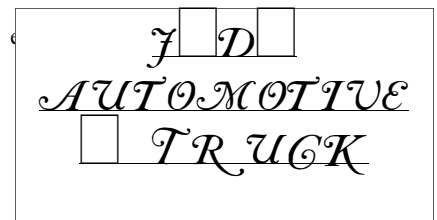
Dover's Old Billy Ford's Pond Is Now Crescent Field

By Charles Platt

DOVER-When Blackwell & McFarlan began selling property rights to this newly formed village of Dover in 1832, William Ford was one of the early settlers to make Dover his home. He purchased a large parcel of land on the south side of Dickerson Street that contained a sizable pond. Here, using the water from the pond, Mr. Ford set up Dover's first blacksmith shop and hired a great many apprentices, mostly young boys, whom he instructed in this kind of trade. Soon Billy Ford became known as "the father of Dover's mechanics, machinists and workers in iron."

Ford became widely known for a special kind of ax he manufactured at his plant. How the townfolks loved "Billy Ford's Pond" for swimming, fishing and boating in the summer and ice skating in the winter.

When the railroad arrived in Dover in 1848, Billy Ford sold his property to the railroad as a watering refill station for the steam locomotives, and railroad station house and rail yards. In 1850, Ford moved his operations to McFarlan Street, across from the Grace Methodist Church at N. Sussex Street. Here, Ford built one of Morris County's largest machine shops, specializing in mining machinery and



Dover Renaissance, Inc.

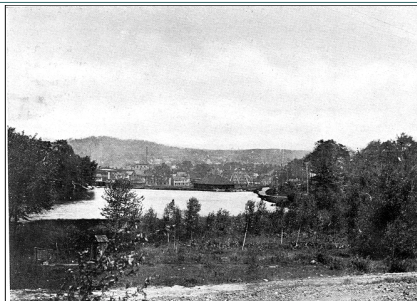
Fostering Pride in the
Community

Billy Ford's Pond

By Charles Platt

In our town on a warm Spring day
The children, busy with their play,
Flock to their favorite playmate pond,
Dearest of all...Billy Ford's Pond.

Billy Ford Pond knows many a game,
You may have heard of his wondrous fame,
"Robinson Crusoe," "Digging for Pearls,"
Sailing rafts to terrify girls.
Fishing and swimming are the games Bill can play,
And even others on a cold winter day.



Then grown folks with hockey club
vigorously skate
And worship old Bill for a winter playmate.
Pictured above are two views of the then Billy Ford's Pond and today, the site of the



beautiful Crescent Field. These two views looking north standing on Second Street. Notice the newly laid artificial turf making Dover's soccer field one of the best in the county. Go Dover Strikers!

The Renaissance of Dover

An Astrological Viewpoint by Kathy Kerston

By Kathy Kerston

DOVER-After a town meeting and listening to the re-development plans, it occurred to me that it would be interesting to cast a chart for the city of Dover. The beginning of everything has a birth: a person, a corporation, a county, a town, etc. The Town of Dover, New Jersey was incorporated on April 1, 1869. When casting a chart, it is necessary to have a time for when the event occurred. Since I could not find out the exact time, I opted for 10 am as the time the papers were signed, which gave Dover a Cancer ascendant, or rising sign.

A chart is like a map; it offers a view of where we are and where we have the potential of going, just as maps show different areas to travel and ways of

arriving at your destination. Everyone's chart is different, it has a beginning, which shows the potential, and it has many planetary aspects that show how this can be achieved.

When Dover was born, the Sun was in the sign of Aries, a pioneer sign, and the Moon was positioned in Sagittarius, the sign that rules, amongst many other things, foreigners. If the papers were signed between 10 am and 12 noon, then the sign of Cancer adds the sense of family and tradition.

The Sun and Moon make a beneficial angle to each other, which can make for great success. Mars, the ruler of Aries, also makes a positive angle to the Sun and Moon, giving this town courage and the energy to succeed.

However, from time to time with this aspect, there is always the danger of being too comfortable and sitting in the comfort zone until things slide too far back. This slide can come relatively quickly and unexpectedly.

Saturn rules the destiny of the chart. This planet demands hard work and responsibility, and in this chart it sits next to the Moon. The foreigners who made Dover their home were expected to be hard workers, responsible and steadfast. Those who lived up to this expectation made Dover their permanent home. It is interesting to note that the Moon (Sagittarius) makes a tension-friction aspect to Mercury. Mercury rules communication, how we think and what we believe. We could jump to the logical conclusion that the language barrier created some

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The Moon and Sagittarius would also put a lot of emphasis on education, and the residents of this town would have come here wanting to seek new frontiers through travel and education, which proved itself by the many nationalities that populated the town from the beginning.

With new re-development approved and a visit from the Mayor of Dover, England, I was not surprised to see some great aspects in Dover's future. When I progressed the chart to the fall of 2006, I was delighted to see the progressed Sun, making a beneficial angle to Jupiter. Jupiter is called the Great Benefactor and is the ruler of the town's

Moon, Sagittarius. The old astrologers wrote "when the progressed Sun makes a beneficial angle to Jupiter, an aspect that lasts a couple of years, never before and never again will the doors of opportunity be so wide open." A general sense of prosperity and happiness are promised from the configuration which can only occur once in 360 years.

Also this year, progressed Venus makes the same aspect to progressed Jupiter, indicating more wonderful changes. Venus seeks beauty and harmony, while ruling love, money and creativity. Jupiter seeks to expand anything it targets and with Venus, that's a good thing.

Whatever changes the town is making will enhance work possibilities, health benefits and

a new sense of self-value for its citizens. There is an optimistic feeling in the air and it seems Dover is ready for a face-lift and a new lease on life. **Kathy Kerston, International Astrologer, Sparta, N.J.**

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Pictured below is the stand set up by the Dover Area Historical Society that Kathy Kerston approached during the dedication of the Dover Dogs. After complimenting the Town of Dover and its wonderful citizens, Ms. Kerston decided to do an astrological viewpoint of the town.



Seated left to right, Betty Inglis, Stu Inglis, Brenda Woodhull and Bill Woodhull. Standing left to right, George Laurie and Stan Schoonmaker.

NBC Explains Dover "Hick" Episode News Commentator Lowell Thomas Meant Well

NEW YORK-The Lowell Thomas-Dover, NJ "hick" controversy resounded throughout the nation when NBC commentator Lowell Thomas explained his Dover "hick cop" comments regarding the capture of James Nannery. Mr. Thomas read a poem he quoted from Roy S. Tinney of Chatham: **"When the hard-boiled guys from the big bad town— Come wanterin' out in the sticks— They are not so wise as they cruise around'-In**

the land of the country hicks.— Who guard their homes in the same old way— That their fathers did in earlier day.— To Dover Town came a 'dangerous' crook— Who'd 'never by taken alive'-And a country cop placed him in jail— Along with his guns, all five.-For the gangsters know hick cops shoot straight-And to reach for a gun is tempting fate." With that, ended the controversy between Lowell Thomas and the Town of Dover.

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Dover High Reunions

If you and some of your old classmates are planning a Dover High reunion, contact the Dover Area Historical Society. We may be able to help make your special event an enjoyable and memorable one that will be remembered and talked about for years to come. Through our highly skilled "Outreach" program we can provide some of the information and assistance you may need in presenting your reunion event. With our complete collection of Dover High School yearbooks, our vast collection of photographs and old school programs along with our PowerPoint and Keynote technology, we may be able to offer just what you may be looking for to produce a successful event.

The historical society has already extended its help to numerous Dover High reunions, along with programs for various organizations, churches and groups in the Dover area. Whether it's your 10th, 20th, 25th, 40th, 50th, etc. anniversary reunion, contact the Dover Area Historical Society and get us involved.

For more information, contact our Outreach Chairman, Stan Schoonmaker at 973-366-2319. The Dover Area Historical Society is looking forward to seeing you at your next Dover High reunion.

