



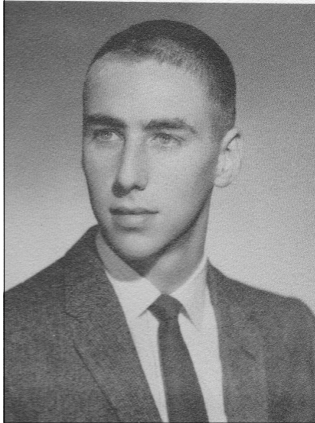
# The Old Tye News

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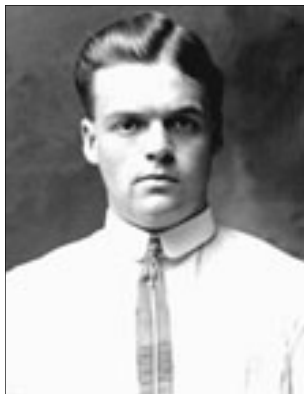
Spring 2010

LLOYD BERNSTEIN  
"Mel"

"Cougar" . . . happy and carefree . . .  
helpful hand . . . good-looking guy.



*"The greatest gift you can give". The Lloyd Bernstein story. Page 4*



*Thomas E. DeShazo, the first Dover Police Officer killed in the line of duty, is memorialized in the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC located at Panel 4 W Line 20. Story on page 8.*

## In Memory of John T. Duffy

Popular Dover educator.  
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## Museum Renovations Completed

DOVER-After nearly seven years of hard work by several groups of volunteers and individuals, the Dover History Museum House is nearly completed. All three floors of the historic Dr. Arthur W. Condict house have been renovated with just a few finishing touches remaining, three years ahead of schedule.

On October 21, 2003, the Dover Area Historical Society signed a 25-year lease with the First Presbyterian Church of Dover for use of the former "church house" as a Dover history museum. Part of the lease agreement stated that the historical society would renovate the house in the first 10-years. The agreement also stated that the historical society would take over all the expenses of maintaining and operating the house freeing the church of those expenses.

Not only have the three floors been renovated...through membership fees, donations, fund raisers and a couple of grants, the historical society had the exterior of the house completely painted,

installed a new roof, removed the sagging enclosed side porch and had a new one constructed with new secure footings, installed all new windows on the third floor, installed a new handicapped bathroom, converted from oil to gas heat and had a new hot water heater installed.

### ATTENTION TURNS TO EXTERIOR

With the interior nearly completed, volunteers will now turn their attention to the exterior of the museum. On the list of things-to-do are the construction of a new handicapped ramp; the enclosing of the side and back porches with lattice; the trimming back of the scrubs and the reconstruction of the original front porch as seen in old photographs.

The members and supporters of the Dover Area Historical Society are proud to finally have a real home after more than 25 years of being homeless. The Dover historical society is indebted to the Presbyterian Church for giving the or-



*Stan Schoonmaker puts the finishing touches on 3rd floor.*

ganization an opportunity to be good-trusted neighbors and giving to the citizens of Dover the biggest gift of all...a place to preserve Dover's wonderful history.

Look for the grand opening of the new Dover History Museum House.

*By George Laurie*

## Dover Protects Its Historic Nature Downtown Historic District Appearance To Be Preserved

DOVER- At a meeting on December 29, 2009, Mayor Dodd and the Board of Aldermen approved an ordinance that will rezone four sections of the downtown district, keeping in mind the respect for the historic makeup of the town. Founded in 1722 and developed as a community

in 1830 upon the arrival of the Morris Canal, Dover reached its peak of prominence in the late 1880s which still reflects the downtown look to this day. In the 1880s & 90s, many of Dover's downtown wooden structures were replaced with brick and steel.

In the 1970s when Urban Renewal was running

amuck tearing down Dover's historic structures without any consideration of their historic value is when an attempt was made to conduct a study of the downtown district. Upon conclusion, it was determined that there was enough value to place the entire Blackwell Street district on the  
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In Memory of Arch Nicholas

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 William H. Bennett, Montrose, CO  
 Willard Benson, Central, SC  
 Caroline Bentrovato, Dover  
 Joe Bentrovato, Dover  
 David & Flavia Brock, Dover  
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# The H.A.R. Dutton Scholarship At Dover High

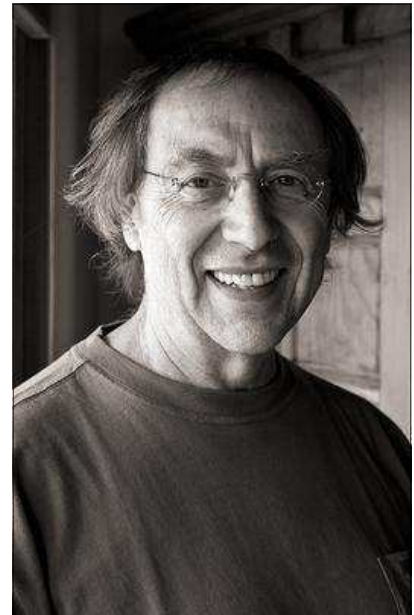
CINCINNATI-When young Lloyd Bernstein was a senior at Dover High, he had visions of continuing his education by attending college. Working hard at his studies and saving money from part time jobs, he felt bad when he realized he wasn't able to save enough. Realizing at the time, the Dutton Hotel in Dover was one of the largest hotels in the area and very popular, hosting many organizations like the Rotary Club, Lion's Club, etc. that held their monthly meetings there. It was also the site of wedding receptions in the ballroom on the top floor and a lunchtime radio program that aired over WMTR hosted by Phil Grassia. Mr. Harry Dutton owned the hotel and Lloyd figured that he was probably the richest man in town. Maybe, just maybe, Mr. Dutton would loan this high school senior \$500 to attend college.

Lloyd called Harry Dutton and made an appointment to meet with him. Having never met Dutton before, Lloyd got up enough courage to talk to him about his

dilemma of studying hard to keep his grades up, working part-time jobs to save money and then coming up short of funds for college. He asked if Mr. Dutton would consider loaning him \$500. According to Lloyd, "Mr. Dutton said No! I won't loan you \$500, but I'll give you \$500." The 1959 Dover High School graduate, Lloyd Bernstein then attended the University of Cincinnati and eventually embarked on a successful career in real estate development and consulting in Ohio.

Remembering his younger days in his hometown of Dover and the generosity of one Mr. Harry Dutton that gave him a life-changing gift over 50-years ago, Mr. Bernstein in 2009 developed the H.A.R. Dutton Scholarship Fund at Dover High School.

The \$2,500 annual award is to go to a student "who's strong academically, demonstrated strong leadership qualities, hopefully a student who has been working to save money for college, but came up

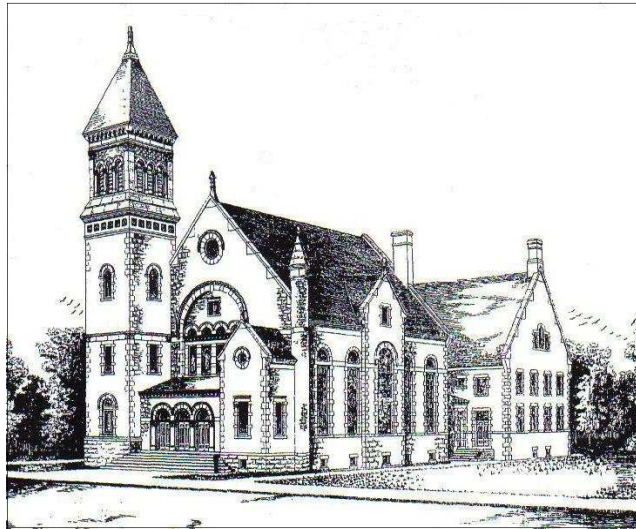


short" said Bernstein.  
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## Church Anniversary

DOVER-On April 23, 24 & 25th, the First (Hoagland Memorial) Presbyterian Church of Dover will be celebrating its 175th anniversary.

On Friday evening, the 23rd, the Dover Area Historical Society will present a PowerPoint photographic slide show on the history of the church from the earliest circuit-riders up to the present day. For info. call the church at 973-366-0216.



**THE NEXT VOICE YOU HEAR**  
Bon-Ton Movie Night - Tuesday,  
7:30 PM, Apr. 20th, Museum House  
No charge. Bring a friend!

## Up Coming Events

Tuesday \* April 20th \* 7:30 pm  
**BON TON MOVIE NIGHT**

Join host Bob Wagner as he presents another classic movie from his vast collection of great movies.  
**THE NEXT VOICE YOU HEAR**  
HISTORY MUSEUM HOUSE  
No charge - Refreshments served

Tuesday \* May 18th \* 7:30 pm  
**HISTORIC PHOTOS OF DOVER**  
Stan shows the programs he presents to the school children

through the Society's "Outreach Program."

**HISTORY MUSUEM HOUSE**  
No charge - Refreshments served.

Tuesday \* June 15th \* 7:30 pm  
**ANNIVERSARY OF PRES. CHURCH**  
Stan presents the program done for 175th Anniversary of Pres. Church  
**HISTORY MUSUEM HOUSE**  
No charge - Refreshments served.

Sunday \* July 11th \* All day  
**9th ANNUAL YARD SALE**

Dover Flea Market - Join us for a fun day of rummaging through old stuff & selling your own stuff.  
\$25 per space.

## COMING SOON

**THIRD ANNUAL TEA PARTY**  
Sept. 25th with two seating's

**HISTORY OF PAUL GUNTHER**  
Oct. 19th with an actual visit to the Guenther Mills on King Street

**HISTORY OF THE DOVER FIRE DEPT.**  
(These programs are subject to change)

## Paid Membership

### SENIOR MEMBERSHIP (cont.)

Joyce Boniface, Mine Hill  
 Henry W. Boschen, Randolph  
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 Charles & Marion Caccavale, Wharton  
 Frances Campbell, Mt Tabor  
 Patricia Carthage, Lake Hopatcong  
 Jean Cater, Dover  
 Jean Chervnsik, Dover  
 Robert D. Ciardi, Irwin, PA  
 Jane B. Cody, Pompton Plains  
 Kathleen Cole, Dover  
 Lowell Cook, Twp. of Washington  
 Frances Cordes, Tavares, FL  
 Ann Rumsey Cortese, Morris Plains  
 Margaret Hastie Coward, Houston, TX  
 Jean Crofton, Scotch Plains  
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 Sophie Goritski, Londonderry, NH  
 Florence Gray, Dover  
 Allen Hale, Lake Mary, FL  
 Leonora T. Harrison, Mt Tabor  
 William Hastie, Wharton  
 Audrey M. Hayes, Rayville, MD  
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 Betty Howard, Dover  
 Diane Hunter, Dover  
 Mary Jenkins, Dover  
 Catherine A. Jugan, Dover

John Kostakis, Rockaway  
 Judith Kovar, Rockaway  
 Helen & John Kuzel, Dover  
 Helen Lambert, Wharton  
 Jean Hastie Lane, Boonton  
 Virginia List, Dover  
 Shirley Lohman, Dover  
 Delores Lynch, Stevens, PA  
 Stanley & Rosalyn Manning, Dover  
 Athena Mantgas, Dover  
 Eleanor Mason, Hibernia  
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 Gloria Melnick, Atlanta, GA  
 Donald McElroy, DDS, Dover  
 Marion V. McKane, Dover  
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 Byard & Linda Miller, Heber Springs, AR  
 Roy & Marion Miller, Dover  
 Ruth Monahan, Randolph  
 John Morrison, Brooksville, FL  
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*History of the Dover Fire Dept.*

## “Greatest gift you can give” The Lloyd Bernstein Story

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According to Mr. Bernstein, “it’s not intended to be given to students who just need money to go to college, because there are plenty of those. The idea is to find someone who has all those good qualities, who has been working to save money for college and came up short.”

Through the Cincinnati Scholarship Fund, each year a Dover High School student who has worked hard and saved money but has fallen a bit short,

will be awarded the grant. The scholarship fund, built into Bernstein’s estate plan, is endowed in perpetuity. “I think it’s the greatest gift you can give” says Lloyd.

**Compliments of  
Mildred Davis  
Dover**

**Compliments of  
Don & Jean Alperti  
Oak Creek, CO**



*Dover High gives out thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving students every year.*

## The Riots And Burning At Fort Peanut

The photo to the immediate right shows the actual riot taking place on May 2, 1898 with the burning of John Mazza’s peanut stand next to the Baker Opera House. Crowds became angry after Mazza denounced the volunteer troops marching down Blackwell Street heading for the Spanish-American War. The photo to the far right shows the re-enactment of burning the stand which was practiced for several years after the incident. Mazza was run out of town and several years later sued and won a \$50 judgment.

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This corner was known as Fort Peanut following the burning of the Peanut Stand.



# Dutton Hotel - The Last Of Dover's Hotels

DOVER-In 1921, Lodge No. 541, Loyal Order of Moose, erected a home at Clinton and Sussex Streets which later, with renovations, became the Dutton Hotel and today the site of the Dover Christian Nursing Home.

The Dutton Hotel was six stories and was, for a long time, the tallest building in Dover only to be surpassed by the Mill Pond Towers. It was successful enough that it added a two-story motor lodge along Sussex Street in 1959. It served Dover well for about 15 years, but as the area grew, more lodgings began to appear along the many highways that surrounded Dover and began to decline. In 1970 it was renovated and became the *Dover Christian Nursing Home* and remains today a valuable addition to the community.

Roland True, an architect of Dover, drew the Moose plans for the \$100,000 club house to be built. It would be a three-story, brick and stone building, with space for five

stores on the ground floor. The Moose quarters would provide a lodge and commodious grill on the second floor and a dance hall on the third floor. A roof garden would also be provided for the club's 700 members.

In 1946 the building was purchased by the North Jersey Hotel Corporation while the Moose Lodge moved to Sammis Avenue. At the time of the purchase, war time restrictions prevented the buying of the necessary materials for hotel construction. However, in 1951, a permit was granted to proceed with the partitions on all the floors except the ground floor and adding an additional floor to the building making it six stories high. The installation of a new heating system, plumbing, and electrical equipment and wiring was completed for the entire building with the fifth floor converted



into a meeting hall and banquet room with a cocktail lounge. When completed the hotel contained forty-eight bedrooms, forty-two baths, and a fifth floor ballroom with kitchen, food elevator, and cocktail lounge.

All rooms were furnished with wall-to-wall carpet, Mengel furniture, and telephone. The hotel was opened for business on April 13, 1952 and would become the last of Dover's "big time" hotels.

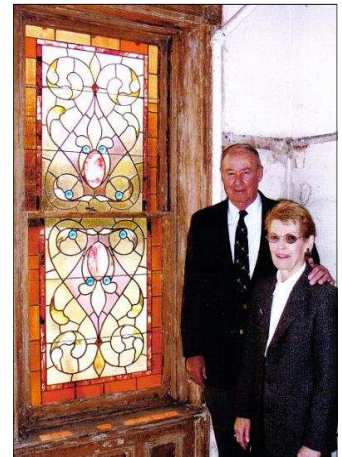
## Stained Glass Window Refurbished by the Johnsons

DOVER-The origin of the beautiful stain glass window in the Dover Museum House is unknown. But what is known is the fact that it was installed at a time when the old Doctor Condict's house was used as a church annex for Sunday School classes and offices by the First Presbyterian Church of Dover and later became Dover's first Thrift Shop. At the time when the church agreed to lease the house to the Dover Area Historical Society, the stain glass window was in serious decay. The pains of glass were buckling under years of pressure. Some of the lead seams were missing and the entire glass window was about to collapse.

Then came along Jim and Vera Johnson. Jim's first gift to the citizens of Dover was the complete restoration of this beautiful glass window. "Georgia's Stained Glass Werks" of Rockaway repaired the window in memory of Jim's parents, Howard C. and Helen Richards Johnson. Helen Richards was the niece of Dover's first mayor George Richards." According to Jim, "this is the first completed project for the interior restoration of the house. This stained glass window will provide

enjoyment to the public for many years to come." Be sure to take a look at this beautiful treasure upon your next visit.

Thank you Jim and Vera for this wonderful gift to the citizens of Dover.



## "The Perfect Range" Made In Dover Historic Kitchen Stove Sold Around The World

DOVER-There was a time when hardly a kitchen in America would be without a Perfect Range manufactured in Dover. The Richardson and Boynton Stove Works had showrooms across America and employed over 720 men. The company manufactured Steam Heaters, Hot Water Heating Systems and Hot-air Furnaces, but were best known for their cooking marvel of the day, "The Perfect Cooking Range" fueled by coal. Up

until this time, people in the Dover area would bake in their own home-made ovens. According to historian Charles Platt, "they use to bake using what was called a "pie-pan." This was set into a large fire-place and consisted of a large iron pan set upon legs about 4 or 5 inches high. There was a rim around this pan with a lid to fit it. The top of the lid was raised about 3 inches and on this lid were put the coals of a wood fire. (cont. page 7)



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

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Water Boilers

## Dover's Historic Nature (cont. from page one)

National Registry of Historic Places in America.

Mayor James Dodd said that when he first took office as mayor, one of his key goals was to preserve the historic nature of the downtown. Mayor Dodd said that the importance of this new rezoning ordinance was to be able to preserve what is already there and to make sure that any new development will enhance that historic nature.

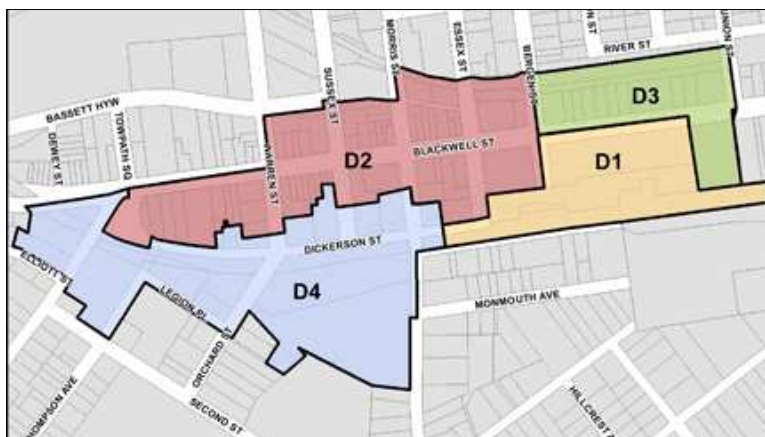
The four areas in the rezoning ordinance are the Dover Train Station Area, the Blackwell Street Historic District, the East Blackwell Street Business District and the South Downtown District. Another component of the new ordinance involves what is called the Form Base Code, which would require uniform heights and widths of buildings, along with streetscapes and facades.

According to Dover's official website, "the specific objectives of the

Downtown Districts are: (1) To create a framework for the construction of new buildings and renovation of existing buildings with a Form-Based approach and to reinforce the positive elements of the Downtown area. (2) To define distinctive street profile specifications considering the needs of various groups of users, businesses, pedestrians, motorists, bicyclists and transit riders, while creating a public realm that is active, comfortable and attractive. (3) To provide design standards for enhancing the Downtown and guide the form

and architecture of new development to be complementary to its historic character and context.

Mayor Dodd said that existing structures and businesses are grandfathered and that any new requirements apply on to new constructions or a change in use.



### Paid Membership

#### SENIORS (cont. from page 3)

Dorothy & Broadback O'Leary, Hanover, PA  
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### DONATIONS - Thank you!

Martin Kane, Mt Lakes	\$20.00
Attilio's Restaurant, Dover	\$50.00
Mt. Lakes Senior Citizens	\$50.00
Robert Ciardi, Irwin, PA	\$17.00
Dr. Patrick Owens, Dover	\$50.00
Walter Buczek, Totowa	\$25.00
Jean Cater, Dover	\$7.00
Robert Ciardi, Irwin, PA	\$5.00
Jane Curtin, Dover	\$5.00
Florence Gray, Dover	\$7.00
Nancy Hagerich, Dover	\$38.00
Joyce Lake, Dover	\$25.00

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## Beyond The D (A column - with a personal spin beyond Dover, but very close)

By Joan Bocchino

I am thinking of a city where both Aaron Burr and Chris Christie were born. Of course, George Washington slept there – for five nights with 3000 men. This city was founded by Puritan families in 1666 - their last attempt to build a City of God on this new continent. **Dover connection**— connected to this city by the Morris Canal, and then by the railroad.

Newark. When I grew up in Cald-

well, our Main St. was Bloomfield Avenue.

If you drove east, just eight miles of mom and pop stores through Verona, Montclair and Bloomfield you would end up in Newark. Home of the big shopping - Bamberger's, Hahne's. My first memory of Newark was being brought in my Sunday best by my Mom to be on the Uncle Fred TV show, where I horrified her – but got my close-up – by smearing the gooey cake all over my face. My first boyfriend was an

Italian from Newark. We ate at Ting-a-Lings, Dickie Dees, and the original Calandras – all staples in the North Ward. We rode on the little street car that ran in the bed of the old canal. He went to Essex Catholic, housed in a cavernous old insurance building, with the greatest dance floor and a full auditorium. My all-girl high school put on our senior play "South Pacific" on their huge stage.

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## Dover High's Graduating Class 100 Years Ago

DOVER-The photograph to the right is the 1910 graduating class of Dover High School, 100-years ago. The graduation ceremony was held at the Baker Theater on Saturday, June 25th, 1910. The Valedictorian that year was Edith Crevling and the Salutatorian was Mary Louise Jenkins. During the ceremony, the high school chorus sang, "The Red Cross Knight" by Callcott and "Ye Shepherds, Tell Me" by Mazzinghi. The class flower was the red rose, class motto was "virtute non verbis" and the class colors were crimson and gold.

Those graduating that year, in alphabetical order were: Harry Anderson, May Cuyler Andrews, Frank Luther Bird, Amelia Rose Budd, Edwin Clyde Burr, Clarence William Carling, Edith Crevling, Harold Varker Curtis, Susan Drake, Lillian Grace Eaton, Florence Fitzherbert, Eleanor Augusta Flood, Loretta Agnes Grimm, Grace Horney, Ruth Horney, Anna Elizabeth Jenkins, Dorothy Elizabeth Jenkins, Mary Louise Jenkins, Lovedy Chrystal Lamson, Dorothy Dennis Lynd, Maude Catherine Lyons, Robert Price Marsh, Nellie Broadwell Parker, Esther Fredericka Paulson, May Florence Payne, Stephen Broadwell Pedrick, Mary Edna Sayre, Vira Sayre, Vira Sharp, George Smith Swackhamer, Robert Chase Vreeland and William Harold Wiggins.

Some of the essays that were recited included "Boots" by Edwin Burr, "The American Woman" by Dorothy Jenkins and "Abolition of Capital Punishment" by Stephen Pedrick.



### DONATIONS (cont.)

Virginia List, Dover	\$8.00
Charlene Sue May, Manassas, VA	\$25.00
Kenneth Miller, Mine Hill	\$20.00
James & Linda Mullin, Dover	\$20.00
David Peer, Rockaway	\$2.00
Mary & Raymond Storey, Manchester	\$2.00
Leroy & Edith Varga, Dover	\$9.00
Henry Will, Ledgewood	\$2.00

## New Information Discovered On The Bon-Ton Theater

DOVER-Perhaps no one alive today remembers attending a movie at Dover's smallest theater, the Bon-Ton. The Bon Ton only existed for 6 short years (1906-1912) and became Dover's first "all movie" movie theater. Up until that time, all forms of public entertainment were live, on-stage, in the form of vaudeville and stage play productions. Following Edison's 1903 "Great Train Robbery" the public began paying attention to these silent movies. Dover's very own John Howell would purchase some of these early movies and travel around the country side in a covered wagon,

showing these movies in barns, halls and club houses. In 1906 he teamed up with Ed McDavit and opened a new theater at 11 W. Blackwell St. He married Clara Bowlby of Dover and she often played the piano at the Bon-Ton to dramatize the moving pictures by highlighting each episode. What Dover historians didn't know was, how did the Bon Ton get its name?

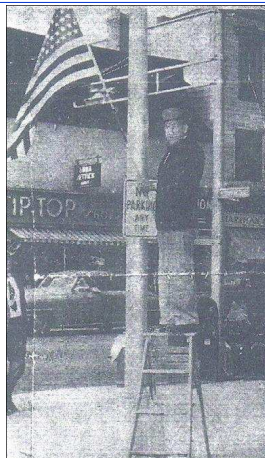
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## In Memory Of Fort Peanut

DOVER-Every May 2nd up until at least 1955, a flag was hung at the corner of Blackwell and Warren in memory of the burning of Mazza's peanut stand that occurred in 1898. George Gardner of Dover, past commander of the Spanish War Veterans would hoist the flag up a pole early in the morning and take it down at the

end of the day. He continued the annual transition started by Dave Heiman, himself a Spanish-American war veteran. Mazza fled for his life after a mob of Doverites took offense to his comments denouncing the American troops headed for Cuba.



## Perfect Cooking Range

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coals were also placed under the pan and around it. In this way, bread could be baked in this pan along with pies, cakes, etc. The Perfect Range revolutionized the way people cooked and baked. In 1928 the company transferred most of its production work to its Utica and Buffalo plants and finally closed the Dover plant in 1938..

# 1799 - Presbyterian Circuit Riders Discover Dover

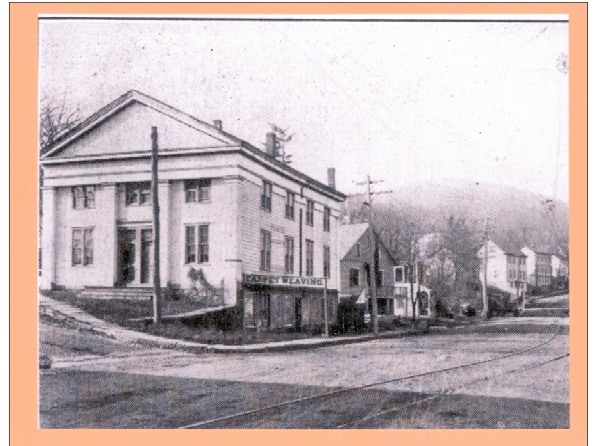
DOVER-Seventy-seven years after Dover was settled by John Jackson in 1722, Presbyterian Circuit Riders discovered the small village of Dover and decided it was time to bring the message of God to its people. Most of Dover's citizens at the time were miners and mill workers and their families and the last thing they needed, they thought, were preachers coming to town. After being threatened seven times by mobs in Dover not to preach, Rev. Aaron Owens labeled Dover as wicked and full of infidelity and vowed never step foot in town again.

In wasn't until 1816 that enough citizens wanted to start a Sabbath School. With the blessings of the Rockaway Church, a school was organized.

In 1832, Thomas Segur & family moved to Dover along with Jebez Allen & his family. They worked for the Sabbath School for a couple of years and realized the village was ready for a church.

By this time Dover was becoming a sizable village with a bank, two academies, a Sunday school, thirty downtown dwellings, iron works, blacksmithing, the Morris Canal, the Mansion House Hotel, new streets, building lots being purchased, etc. Dover was now indeed ready for a church. At first, the Newark Presbytery opposed such a request feeling Dover was still too small and a church in Dover would take away membership from the Rockaway Church.

On April 23, 1835, the Rev. John Ford from Parsippany and Rev. Peter Kanouse appeared in Dover with the authority to award a certificate of the 20 individuals, mostly from the Rockaway church. Thus the First Presbyterian Church of Dover was established.



The photo above is an old picture of the Presbyterian's first church constructed in 1842. The second church building on W. Blackwell St. was constructed in 1872 and the third building in 1901, which today is the Hoagland Memorial Presbyterian Church. April 23, 24 & 25, the church will be celebrating its 175th Anniversary. For more information on events, call the church at 973-366-0216.

## First Dover Police Officer Killed In The Line Of Duty

DOVER-On May 22, 1930 Officer Thomas E. DeShazo became the first Dover Officer Killed in the line of duty. While providing a motorcycle escort to a family member of Charles Lindberg through the Morris County area. Officer DeShazo, an 8 year veteran of the Dover Department suffered fatal injuries when he was thrown from his motorcycle. According to newspaper accounts, his machine hit an obstruction in the road and was thrown back upon him. Officer DeShazo succumbs to his injuries two days later. Hundreds of people lined Blackwell and Sussex Streets to pay final tribute as the body of the popular member

of the force was borne to its last resting place in Stanhope Cemetery. Merchants in the business section of town drew their shades and suspended business as a token of respect during the funeral. Officer DeShazo proudly wore his badge bearing the number 1. As a tribute to Officer DeShazo's memory, no other officer has or ever will be issued that badge number.

Mr. DeShazo was a member of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Assoc., Fraternal Order of Eagles, Odd Fellows and the Loyal Order of Moose. An editorial stated, The death of Patrolman DeShazo comes as a shock to all who knew him. A

fearless officer, expert marksman, friendly and courteous at all times, he had become popular among the townspeople during the 8 years of service. Members of the department loved and respected "Tommy" as a brother."

Meanwhile the Town of Dover issued the following resolution, "Resolved, That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen record its profound respect for Thomas E. DeShazo and its sense of great loss through his death. He set an example of service and self-sacrifice which is inspiring. Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to his family."

## John T. Duffy (1929 - 2010) By Stan Schoonmaker

DOVER- Jack started teaching in Dover at the old East Side School. He served there and also coached JV Basketball (very successfully) until he was drafted into the Army during the Korean War in 1953. Upon discharge, he returned to his teaching and basketball coaching assignments. When the new East Dover School opened he was transferred to that building and continued his teaching duties. In 1963, when there were considerable administrative changes in

the Dover Schools due to deaths and retirements, he accepted the assignment as Principal of the Academy Street School. He remained in that position until his retirement in the late 1980s. Jack and his family lived for a few years in Dover on Baker Avenue but moved to Sparta many years ago. John Duffy was highly respected as a building principal not only by his students but also by his teaching staff.





# Mollar's Opera Famous For The Orchestrion

DOVER-The Moller Opera House and Saloon must have been a pretty lively place in its day. Located along the busy Morris Canal on N. Sussex Street (today's Goodale Pharmacy), Moller's served the entertainment needs of the working men in Dover. Those men from the numerous factories, the canal, the railroad and of course the nearby mines would converge on Dover, especially on the weekends and spend lots of money.

Built sometime between 1850 and 1860, long before the Baker Opera House, Moller's would entertain with burlesque, minstrel shows, medicine lectures and early vaudeville. Early burlesque used spectacular scenery, beautiful and scantily clad women, music and comedy acts to attract large predominantly male audiences. The flyloft that raised and lowered scenery can still be seen today. Minstrel shows relied mainly on the popular songs of the day.

In 1885 when William H. Baker opened the Baker Opera House on Blackwell Street, most of the live shows followed and the Moller Saloon became just that, a saloon for pool, sing-alongs and the orchestrion, which was a machine that played music and was designed to sound like an orchestra or band.

No photos are known to exist of the interior of the Moller's Saloon, but one can only imagine a smoke filled dance hall, with round tables, a small stage for performances lite by gas light, sawdust on the floor and the clinking and clanking of glasses with perhaps a fight or two.

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## Beyond The D

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And his prom was at the Robert Treat Hotel on Military Park. Sweet memories. My high school graduation was held in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, upgraded to a basilica during Pope John Paul's visit.

There is another **Dover connection** – Jeremiah O'Rourke, the Irish architect who designed Sacred Heart Basilica, also designed St. Mary's Dover/Wharton.

Of course, the riots of 1967 and the exodus of the middle class to the

suburbs with the completion of Rt. 280 left the historic city wounded. But I returned to teach in Newark, and got to know the children and families, and the reality. Again like Dover, negative headlines and stories can seem to dominate the news, while the good and positive energy and people go under reported.

So I went back with my Mom last spring for a guided tour – by THE ambassador of Newark, Liz Del Torre. She was featured in the Star Ledger series "I am NJ". She claims that Newark is the most beautifully laid out city in the world. Two of our many stops that day were at Branch

Brook Park, designed by Olmsted, and re-splendent with thousand of cherry blossoms in full bloom. **Dover connection:** the prettiest park in Morris County is Hurd Park and its cherry blossom trees. Our tour ended in the Forest Hill Section by the park, with tea and cookies at the home of a college president and his family. This large comfortable mansion on a leafy street with a slightly overgrown, shady backyard retreat and garden – were we in Charleston?

Visit Newark, America's third oldest city. **Connect** - go to the museum or a show, or go to NewarkTours.com. Read the story. Watch the video. Be amazed.

## How The Bon-Ton Theater Got Its Name

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Now, newly uncovered documents explain how Dover's first movie theater got its name. Apparently, Howell and McDavit didn't know what to call it. They asked Howell's 14-year old sister-in-law what she would call their new theater. "Why not call it the Bon Ton?" Where did Miss Bowlby get that name? "There was this exclusive dress shop down in the Oranges, and it was called the Bon Ton" said Miss Bowlby. "And when I was asked for a name, that's what I said." The Bon Ton

Theater seated about 150 patrons and the movies changed twice a week. Theatergoers paid a nickel to enter and faced the audience upon entry walking under the screen.

*Photo to the right shows what the Bon Ton Theater looks like today 11 W. Blackwell Street.*

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