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Dover Museum House-New Porch Plans Call For Reconstructing the Original Front Porch

DOVER-A small group of the historical society's members met in February to study two plans for exterior improvements to the Dover History Museum House.

One project would call for the reconstruction of the original front porch of the Dr. Condict House as seen in old photographs.

The second project would be a handicapped ramp running to the side porch of the house from the parking lot, in order to meet ADA Standards assisting the handicapped.

Letters of intent went out to the Presbyterian Church, owners of the property, asking for permission to start the projects. Once approved, members will meet with an attorney, town officials and an architect to make all the arrangements necessary to proceed.

The historical society is now in its eight year of a 25-year lease on the building and continues to make improvement in and

around the house.

To date, with the help of dedicated volunteers and generous donations from members and supporters, all three floors have been completely renovated, a new roof was installed, the entire exterior painted with new shingles installed, a new side porch was constructed, new windows on the third floor, new electrical work throughout the house and a host of other improvements too numerous to mention.

The Dover Area Historical Society has been extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers along with the strong membership backing from members and supporters across the country. Old



Doverites and High School Alumni enjoy visiting the museum house and taking a walk back in time.

Individual tours are always available by calling Stan at 973.366.2319 or George at 973-361-6205. Or check our website at:

www.doverhistoricalsociety.com

Daily Record

VINTAGE IMAGES SHOW DOVER'S PAST

They call meetings in districts essential in past centuries

An exhibit will feature photographs taken by William Harris in the late 19th and early 20th centuries

Shooting victim fondly recalled

By [Name]

Plan for condos is complicating preservation bid

By [Name]

Visit Day • JANUARY 17 • 10 AM

Designed for high school students to learn about architecture and the history of the building

The Day Drinking Water Came to Dover Billed As One of the Largest Celebrations in Dover's History

DOVER-As Mayor Searing stated on that historic eventful day in 1903, "Gentlemen and fellow citizens of Dover, we have met today to celebrate the most important event in the history of Dover, the completion of a water system for the supply of water to every part of the

town—a water supply second to none in the State for quality and service."

Thousands of visitors and guests converged on Dover that day creating one of the largest festivals Dover ever had. (cont. on page 3)

**WATER CELEBRATION
A MEMORABLE EVENT.**

FIRE COMPANIES DO THEMSELVES PROUD.

TOWN IN GALA DRESS FOR THE DAY.

Council and Guests Inspect New Water Supply System—Parade and Exhibitions Make a Spectacle Long to be Remembered—Music in the Air All Day Long—Banquets Galore.

you, ex-chief of the Baritan Fire Department, and Theodore Statin. The South Cornet Band accompanied the visitors.

W. H. Cawley, Jr., foreman of the company, had reason to be proud of the perseverance his men made as they marched Blackwell street.

Newton Engine Co. No. 1 and the No. 2 Cornet Band came by special train, carrying also a large delegation of the people, besides the following who accompanied the Newton firemen as guests: Ben Lewis Martin, former Judge Hueston, J. H. C. Hunt, Town Committeeman, C. H. M. Beagle, G. M. Harris, of Kliffel House; Foreman William Price, of No. 2; F. L. Foster, foreman No. 3.

Front page story on Jan. 11, 2011

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 Ennette Boyiatgis, Dover (cont. next page)

Day Long Celebration of Pure Drinking Water

A Huge Parade & Exhibitions— Music in the Air With Over 7 Bands - Banquets Galore

(cont. from page one)

Visitors on that historic day included the Boonton Cornet Band, Boonton Fire Wardens, Somerville Cornet Band and Chemical Engine Co., the Raritan Band, Morristown Flute & Drum Corps., the Newton Cornet Band & Engine Co. No. 1, the Hamburg Band, Dover Fire Wardens and Protection Hook & Ladder Co. of Dover to name a few.

Elaborate luncheons were held at the Mansion House Hotel, the old Presbyterian Church, Moller's Hall and a huge tent adjoining the Free Methodist Church on Sussex Street. Following the luncheons Mayor Searing led the guests to a large viewing stand erected on Blackwell Street and made the following statements: "We are glad to have our guests with us today to celebrate the completion of these works. Over 30-

years ago citizens of this town talked of a water supply, but not until 1885 did any plan assume definite shape. But this system was so defective in construction that our people kept to their own wells. Like all great and important improvements, it has taken time and patience to get where we are today. The new plant consists of a gravity and pumping system combined. Ninety percent flows from pure spring water into a 500,000 gallon cement reservoir cut into solid rock and covered with a steel and slate roof located on the north side of Reservoir Mountain, 175 feet above the level of Blackwell Street. It is shielded from the sun's rays and from contamination of any kind."

Following the Mayor's speech



banquets were held at various location throughout the town well into the evening. It was said that this event will long and pleasantly be remembered in Dover's history. Now you know the story.

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The Bowlbyville Kids

BOWLBYVILLE-Before 1938, the Bowlbyville section of Dover belonged to Randolph Township and had its own public school and fire department. The Lincoln School of Bowlbyville was located on Lenord Street with the building still standing today serving as an apartment building.

Pictured to the right are some of the students of Bowlbyville in 1924. **Top row:** Edna Perkins, Clara Wearne, Kitty Grogan, Jennie Cutter, Olga Weber, Katherine Sullivan, Helen Grogan. **2nd row:** Ethel Ford, Anna Molnar, Lonnie Moore, Ethel Lambert, Laura Sullivan, Elsie Moore, Lulu Shepps, Beaty Lovas, Natie Cutter. **3rd row:** Louie Molnar, William McConnel, Joe Grogan, Vincent Duffy, Tony Tutalo, Roy Palmer, George Lovas, Russel Malory, Ted Palmer, Andy Chervinskik. **4th row:** Yotas Lovas, Dan Gorgan, Chas Weber, Keneth Malory, Mike Yachinskay, Russell Jones, Harold Brown, Joe Lovas, Clarence Shepps.

When Bowlbyville merged with Dover on November 14, 1938, the kids started attending the Dover Public Schools and the Fire Department was disbanded.

This merger proved very beneficial for Dover because it gave the town a new large tract of land, much of it undeveloped. In time a new high school and a new elementary school were built there.

In the late 1980's on the Dover side of Mount Pleasant Avenue, new businesses were constructed across from the Rockaway Townsquare Mall that included Casio Electronics and Home Depot along with today's



UPS and Hilton Hotel.

These new additions allowed Dover to extract a small measure of revenge on the surrounding towns that robbed Dover of much of its wealth and prosperity.

DOVER FLEA MARKET

**Opens May 1st in
Downtown Dover**

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Carolyn Seeger, East Stroudsburg, PA
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Ed Turocey, Margate, FL
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Jim & Rae Anne Visioli, Dover
Mrs. Louisa Wall, Dover

Marjorie J. Weber, Birdsboro, PA
Miriam Willinger, Dover

2011 Dues Deadline March 31st.
*If not paid yet, your next newsletter
will be a reminder.*
Thanks for your continued support!

Attention Businesses and Organizations:

A \$75 annual "Sustaining" membership allows you a business card size ad in Ye Old Tye News or a "Compliments of" box.



The Morris Canal Basin (today's JFK Park) taken from the Hudson Street Bridge looking westward. Notice the Grace Methodist Church in the upper left hand corner.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday * Apr. 19th * 7:30 pm
MUSEUM HOUSE

**"Bon Ton Movie Night
ABBOTT & COSTELO in
HERE COME THE CO-EDS**

No charge * Enjoy a cup of Stan's
famous **Manhattan Clam Chowder**
Call 973.361.3525 for info.

Tuesday * May 17th 1:00 & 3:30 pm
MUSEUM HOUSE

"The Vivian Berg Photograph Collection"
No charge * Refreshments served

Sunday * Jun. 12th * All Day
DOVER FLEA MARKET

**"9th Annual Townwide Yard Sale"
"Root Beer Social"**

Call Betty for reservations & info.
973-366-0629

Tuesday * Jun. 21st * 7:30 pm
MUSEUM HOUSE

"Dover High School's Hall of Fame"
Who are the members of the Dover High
Hall of Fame and why were they chosen?
No charge & Refreshments served.
Call 973-361-3525 for info.
(If no answer, please leave a message.)

Tue. * Jul. 19th * 7:30 pm
MUSEUM HOUSE

"Historic Post Cards of the Dover area"
No charge - Refreshments served
Bring a friend!
For more info. call 973.361.3525

Tue. * Aug. 16th * 7:30 pm
T.B.A. in the Summer 2011 Newsletter

(These programs are subject to change)

**THANK YOU Grant writer Linda
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Oldest Photo Of Dover Found So Far c.1869



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This very old and rare photograph of the corner of Blackwell & Sussex Streets was sent to the Dover Area Historical Society by Michael C. Smith of Santa Fe, NM. The corner

store was W. O. Donoghue who sold newspapers, magazines, stationary supplies, sheet music and musical instruments, a specialty in pianos and melodions, musical repairs and piano and organ tuning and also a fine line of tobacco products. The other businesses were E. Hairhouse Jewelers, Perrine-hatter; and the law offices of James Neighbor. Circa. 1869. Five years later, this building would be torn by to make way for George Richards huge department store, one of the largest in Morris County at the time. Still later in history this site would become the home of J. J. Newberry's and today is the home of the Dover Antiques Center. The building next to it, in the far left of the picture was Dover's Post Office, at the time. No poles or wires shows this picture taken before electricity.

A Rare Photograph of the Schwarz Block Building

DOVER—The Schwarz Building was named after Leopold D. Schwarz who came to Dover in 1869, becoming one of Dover's first Jewish residents. "An enterprising young man with interests in building, he bought a patent in laying concrete pavements from which he was able to realize a very well financial return" according to Arthur Spear.

His building on Sussex Street was constructed in the 1870s and housed his liquor store and several apartments. Leopold also went into the business of buying hides and tanning

them.

As Dover began an industrial expansion, Schwarz was instrumental in encouraging factory owners to settle in Dover.

In 1896, he helped establish the Rich-Boynton Stove Works in Dover.

Soon many small businesses and stores were opened for business. Thus began the rapid growth of the city.



Dover's WRAN-1510 AM

2—Daily Record, Northwest N.J., Thursday, December 27, 1979

Famous Disc Jockey Gets Local Air Time

'Cousin Brucie' Purchases WRAN



Bruce Morrow

...big voice comes to N.J.

By MIKE LAVITT

Staff Writer

RANDOLPH TWP. — Local

area radio listeners soon will be

able to hear Bruce "Cousin Brucie"

Morrow, the former New York

disc jockey, on radio station

WRAN, located off Route 10 here.

Morrow announced yesterday

that he and partner Robert Siller-

man have purchased WRAN, New

Jersey's most powerful AM radio

station, for more than \$1 million.

The Federal Communications

Commission is expected to ap-

prove the sale in 30 to 60 days.

"WRAN will become a voice of

New Jersey," Morrow said.

The 10,000-watt station is the

second one purchased by Morrow

and Sillerman. They bought

WALL-AM and FM in Middletown,

N.Y., about a year ago.

"I'm very, very excited" about

being in New Jersey again, Mor-

row said. Morrow said he did a lot

of promotional work in New Jer-

sey during his 12 years at New

York's WABC and his three years

at WNBC, a competitor.

Morrow said he plans to do live

programs on both stations every

day and hopes to build a regional,

suburban network of stations, pos-

sibly with the use of satellite com-

munications. "Every radio station

will have a piece of Cousin Brucie

live," Morrow said.

"I'm extremely aware of New

Jersey and its needs," Morrow

said. He plans to provide the kind

of radio the state needs with a

new format, which he calls fami-

ly-oriented radio.

Morrow's format will be a blend

of music, news, information and

features, he said. The station will

be programmed to cater to differ-

ent types of listeners during the

day.

The programming will be simi-

lar to that on Morrow's Midd-

letown station, where he says listen-

ership quadrupled in three

months. He plans to shuttle from

one station to the other every day.

WRAN's current owner, Dick

Bailey, said he expects Morrow to

refine the station's current for-

mat. Bailey said Morrow's promo-

tional ability and his commitment

to greater community involve-

ment will help the station.

"It's an exciting time for Morris

County," Bailey said. "(Mor-

row's) national stature will cer-

tainly help."

WRAN "has a tremendous po-

tential that's never been tapped,"

Morrow said.

Morrow said he plans to expand

the staff but does not plan to

change the staff now at the sta-

tion. "Everybody's going to go to

the Cousin Brucie school," said

Morrow.

Bailey, a pioneer in the field of

satellite communications, said he

is selling WRAN so he can re-

locate that field.

The FCC must approve the sale

before Morrow and Sillerman take

over at WRAN.



Music, Music, Everywhere

When residents in this Randolph neighborhood want to hear some music, they can either turn on their radio or pick up their phone. Because of interference with the signal towers of nearby station WRAN-AM, residents like Kelly Johnson, left, and Betty Goodwin hear the sounds of pop music day and night, sometimes coming from washing machines and electrical outlets.

WE HAVE

The Spirit of AMERICA

and OBEDIAH TOO!
Hear the continuing
saga of OBEDIAH CULBERT
every day on ...

WRAN 1510

Where there's more to listen for

In 1826, when the village was first chartered, the name of Dover, New Jersey became legal. In 1869, the New Jersey State Legislature recognized Dover as an independent town breaking it away from Randolph Township.

<u>DONATIONS</u>	
Rev. James Slattery, Dover	\$75
James Brooks, Ocean City	\$50
Donation from 1/18/11	\$70
Lyndon Hooper, Succasunna	\$10
Charlene May, Manassas VA	\$25
Jerry Mead, Bethlehem, PA	\$25
Betty Shunk, Dover	\$50
Linda Flatt, Landing	\$5
Peggy Bell	\$10
Donations from 5/15/11	\$60
George Coulthard	\$200
<i>(In memory of his neighbor & friend</i>	
<i>- F. Ricardo Gomez)</i>	
Arcadia Publishing, Inc.	\$25

Basement in dire need of straightening out and the repacking of memorabilia and artifacts.

Letters To Stan Schoonmaker's Outreach Students From Academy Street Show Their Appreciation

Dear Mr. Schoonmaker, Thank you for showing us all those historical sites that we didn't know about. I did not know that a train and a boat would collide like that! Is it true that there is a ghost? I hope that the ghost is real. Sincerely, Johan

Dear Mr. Schoonmaker, Thank you for coming to Academy. We really appreciate you coming. I learned that Crescent Field and JFK Park was mostly water a long time ago. I also learned that the fire dept. had horses instead of cars. Sincerely, Christian

Dear Mr. Schoonmaker, Thank you for coming and giving us a presentation. I never knew the town hall dogs were soooo old! I still can't believe that Dover had a racetrack. Well I guess this is good bye! Sincerely, Brianna

Dear Mr. Schoonmaker, I am so glad that you came to our school. I wish the Ice Cream Parlor was still here. And I think I'll go to the historical society building, the next time it opens. I am glad there is no more mean teachers. Sincerely, Kris

Dear Mr. Schoonmaker, Thanks for the presentation. I loved the way Dover was before instead of now. The drive-in movie theater was cool. But the coolest was the rack track. How did the race track collapse? How many cars raced at each time? Sincerely, Anthony

Dear Mr. Schoonmaker, Thank you so much for showing us all the neat things. I never knew JFK park used to be all water. Were there any fish in JFK park? If there was, did you fish there? Did the firemen know which was Blossom and which was May? Was the ice cream from back then different from today? Sincerely, Christopher

Dear Mr Schoonmaker, Thank you so very much for coming yesterday. I learned there used to be big giant parades with lots of people. I wish I was alive back then. I also learned that people swam in the canal. That sounds like fun. Sincerely, Kennedy

Dear Mr. Schoonmaker, Thanks for inviting us to a trip to the past of Dover. I was ecstatic to learn about the rack track. If it was still there, then I would ride the car. I could zoom by fast as lighting. Also, it was generous of you to tell us about the drive thru theater when you watch movies, but you were in your car. Lastly, it was horrifying when you told us about Dorothy the ghost, but when you mentioned she's splendid, I'm not scared any more. Sincerely, Benjamin

Dear Mr. Schoonmaker, I enjoyed your slideshow. I never knew Dover had canals and also didn't know the road next to Academy St School was muddy. I never knew Dover used to be a place for all types of people. Sincerely, Emanuel

Dear Mr. Schoonmaker, I just wanted to thank you for showing the 4th grade how Dover once was. When you told us about the Dover Drive In Theater, it was like WOW! Also when you told us about the trolleys, I was so impressed. I wish Dover still had trolleys because I want to see and feel how it moves, like if it moves in the bumpy roads or smooth roads. Sincerely Jessica

Dear Mr. Schoonmaker, I wanted to let you know that I loved the program about old Dover. When I went home I told my grandma all about it! I never took a breath! She had to tell me to zip it. Sincerely Kiana

Dear Mr. Schoonmaker, I think you should play memory, because I have never seen anybody that knows their facts as good as you. I never knew Dover's main business was the iron mill. Sincerely Brandon



4th grade drawing of Dover Speedway by Enrique

Historical Society's Outreach Program Has Touched Hundreds Stan Schoomaker's Outreach Has Visited Every School in the District

DOVER-Students in the Dover School District are lucky to have someone as talented and knowledgeable as local historian, Stan Schoonmaker. Vice President and Outreach Chairman Mr. Schoonmaker, has increased the collection of the historical society's photos, exceeding 15,000 in his archival iphoto library. The Outreach Program has expanded to providing local businesses with photographs to attract the attention of customers. Many

attractive displays have been established in such places as Dover General Hospital, Dover Town Hall and Attilio's Tavern as well as in the Dover Library, the Schools and, of course, the Museum. Today Mr. Schoonmaker continues to learn and use new technology to expand the Outreach Programs, carrying Dover's exceptional history to Morris County, New Jersey and beyond. **Right: Stan poses with a group of students from Academy Street School.**



Dover's WRAN - N.J.'s Most Powerful AM

Many Believed The Canceling Of Presbyterian Services Spelled Doom For The Station

DOVER-Dover, New Jersey was one of the last few cities around the country to receive both an AM & FM frequency permit, thus ending any further available frequencies on the AM and FM dial for the New York Metropolitan area. Immediately dozens of applications were filed to the FCC for permission to establish a broadcast station on 1510 on the AM dial and 105.5 on the FM dial. After all the applications were scrutinized, Sam Kravitz won for WRAN and Peter Arnov won for WDHA-FM.

After several zoning fights with the Randolph Twp. planning board, WRAN was granted property along Route 10 at Millbrook Avenue. Soon four towers were erected and a small building was constructed for studios and transmitters. The four towers signaled a very strange pattern for the station resembling an hourglass. The signal only reached about 10 miles east

and west of Dover, which could hardly be heard in Parsippany but traveled a distance of about 70 miles north and south which could be heard from points beyond Port Jervis down to the Jersey shore. Starting out with 500 watts, the station soon went to 1000 watts and to everyone's surprise, the FCC authorized the station to increase to 10,000 watts making it the most powerful AM station in New Jersey.

August 19, 1964 WRAN went on the air with a contemporary music format. By 1970, the station featured a Top 40 and oldies format and often referred themselves as "Solid Gold WRAN."

Locally around Dover, WRAN was a big hit. Offering local news weather in the morning, broadcasting school closing on snowy mornings, announcing community events, high

school football games and broadcasting local commercials from Newberry's, Ayer's, Lorry's Furniture, Kenvil Power Motors, Rockaway Sales, etc. WRAN was espe-



cially noted for broadcasting the Sunday services of the First Presbyterian Church of Dover for over 20-years.

Lion Broadcasting under Sam Kravitz owned WRAN from 1964-1968.

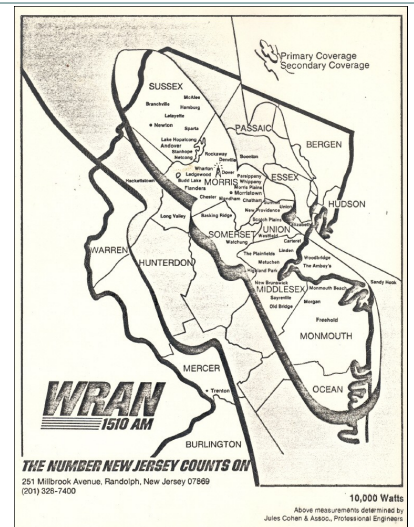
WRAN (cont.)

NJ1510 Radio Assoc. owned it from 1980-1986 under the direction of Sillerman and Morrow Broadcast Inc., Morrow being Cousin Brucie of WABC fame. Cousin Brucie leaving WABC was at the time attempting to buy several radio stations that surround New York City and then broadcast his "Cousin Brucie Show" as a direct competitor to WABC.

By this time, Cousin Brucie started to make some serious mistakes operating WRAN. First he took the "local" out of WRAN and attempted to make it a state-wide radio station. He immediately took the Presbyterian Church services off the air, did away with local news and

attempted to regionalize the station's sound.

This infuriated the local citizens of Dover and soon local advertisers took their commercials off the air. With the failure to secure national advertising commercials the station soon began to suffer financially. With little support from local advertisers and no support from national advertisers, Cousin Brucie decided to sell the station to Bell Broadcasters in 1986. In 1987 the station was taken over by the Atlantic-Morris Holding, Inc. a division of the Orange & Rockland Utilities of New York State and changed its call letters to WMHQ.



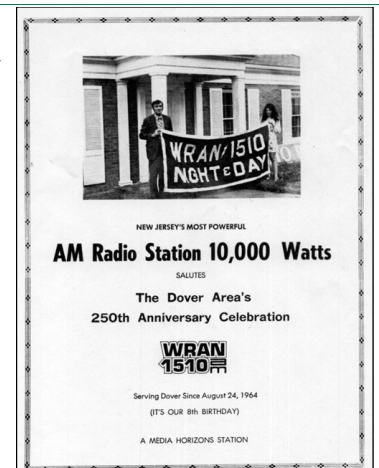
The Fall of WRAN

Because of the decline in advertisers, fewer listeners as everyone was turning to FM and a huge amount of debt the station ran up, WRAN finally went off the air in 1988. Thus ended the saga of the rise and fall of New Jersey's most powerful AM station.

On the FM side of Dover's radio station, WDHA-FM is still alive and well becoming one of North Jersey's most popular stations and moving its studios to Cedar Knolls where it continues to broadcast at 105.5.

Over the next several issues, Ye Old Tye News with the assistance of the New Jersey Radio Museum will be covering some interesting stories on the "inside" of WRAN, the rise of WDHA and the long standing relationship between Dover and WMTR.

The poster to the right shows legendary Al Wunder (manager) and Gracie Utter holding the station's banner. Wunder was a strong supporter of Dover's businesses and, along with Phil Grassia, helped organize Dover's 250th Anniversary celebrations in 1972.



The Johnson & Shorter Families of Dover From Bruce Venner

Dover Historical Society, Dear Friends:

Recently, I sent you a gift in memory of the Johnson's and Shorter's. I'd like to share a few memories. Aunt Grace Venner Johnson was a loving aunt who worked most of her working years as chairwoman in the "thread department" at McGregor's Factory. Art Johnson was a surveyor and a Morris County road inspector. Uncle Art and Aunt Grace lived for awhile across from Three Sisters and the Dover Speedway. They also lived on Front Street.

Grandma was Bertha Danielson who came to America as an indentured servant working for a doctor in Brooklyn. She met Harry Shorter and married him in 1885. They moved to Dover at 108 Clinton Street where Grandpa worked for the Boynton Stove Works. They had seven children:

Ida Shorter – married Jack Crosbie and lived in Newark. Vic Shorter – served in WWI and worked on the Morris County road crew. Ray Shorter – served as

the Morris County Road Superintendent and helped with the restoration of the Gristmill in Chester. Harold "Boot" Shorter – was a businessman and worked with Bill Hartman in creating the Hartman & Shorter Men's Wear Retail store on Blackwell Street. Florence Shorter Tice – married to Frank Tice living not far from McGregor's. Marjorie Shorter – was a career office worker and walked to the Lackawanna Depot daily to go to her job at Prudential Insurance Office in Newark. Helen Shorter Venner, my mother – married Thomas Venner in 1930. They were living in Lakehurst in 1937 when the blimp Hindenberg blew up. They later moved to Dover. My mother encouraged my brother and I to be achievers in school and the community and attended all the PTA meetings and kid's plays and performances. My dad worked for Hercules during WWII and served as Roxbury Twp. magistrate, township clerk and for 25-years as Morris County Treasurer out of his office in Mor-

ristown.

I'm lucky to have had a wonderful, loving, inspirational family that encouraged my brother and I to "go for it!" My wife Lil and I are happy to be able to make a modest gift to help fund your work.

With respect, Bruce Venner,
Burlington, VT. PS, all the people mentioned used to swim in the Morris Canal.

Afternoon Tea Remembering Grandma

OUR 4th ANNUAL

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Classic Abbott & Costello Flick Appears at the BonTon

DOVER-This year's Bon Ton Movie night features one of Bob Wager's funniest classic movies featuring Paterson's very own Lou Costello along with Bud Abbott. Lou Costello is no stranger to Dover as he reportedly appeared at the Baker Theater during the vaudeville years, under different names.

"Here Come the Co-Eds" is a 1945 comedy that takes place at Bixby College. When Molly McCarty wishes to go to Bixby, her brother Slat (Abbott) plants a phony newspaper article that Molly

has ambitions of attending Bixby. The dean reads the article and offers Molly a scholarship. She arranges to get her brother and friend Oliver Quackenbush (Costello) to be hired at the college as caretakers. This is where the fun and excitement begins.

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Mayor Isaac W. Searing gives the keynote address during one of the largest celebrations in Dover's history in 1903.



"Ladies of the Society" Tea Committee pose for the 2011 "Remembering Grandma" Afternoon Tea. L. to R.: Grandma Betty Inglis, Alice Wagner, Jane Curtin, Brenda Woodhull, Bonnie Doboney, Kathi Gilbert, Joan Bocchino and Phillis Casey. (Missing in the photograph are Linda Mullin & Beth Olney)

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