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Boy Scouts Luke Mains & Nat Inglis placing historical society's "memory bricks" at the JFK Gazebo Park that was once the Morris Canal Basin.

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Dover First In USA For Civil Defense A 1941U.S. Army Report Rated Dover #1 In The Nation

By S. Ralph Cohen DOVER-When a U. S. Army survey was conducted in 1941, it revealed that Dover, New Jersey had developed the best Civilian Defense organization in America. When the news broke, none of the 20,000 people living in this boom-town, power-house area on the East Coast was surprised.

Doverites and those living in the area had long known what it was like living on the edge of a volcano. To the rest of New Jersey's cities, disaster was only a news broadcast on the radio, but Dover had seen its fair share of the dead, through her streets. For the first time in a quarter of a century, the rest of America was beginning to learn of the dread import of a casualty list. There were many a Dover wife who kissed her man goodbye as he went off to work one morning at the huge Hercules Powder

Depot or at Picatinny Arsenal, and never see him again.

So when war finally came, Dover was prepared. Dover's citizens knew about emergencies and were not complacent, as they had both the willingness and experience to deal with any situation.

This war did not intensify the constant danger that hung over the tremendously expanded munitions plants in the Dover area, but it brought the community together in a cooperative effort directed by level-headed leaders that performed wonders.

First, there was the Dover Defense Council. Mayor injured and the shattered carried John Roach was the chairman of the council and boss of the Civil Defense. Roach found time to get around to all the meetings in the different sectors of town and kept a close eye on the over 2000 defense volunteers. Under Roach, there were 3 main branches of the local effort, Air Raid Precaution by Lt. John





Valley, Auxiliary Fire & PD, headed by Joe Woods, and Emergency Medical by Dr. Wm. Costello. Also thousands of members of the Red Cross. (cont. page 5)

Betty Inglis Honored as a "Living Treasure" President of the Dover Area Historical Society for 20 years

DOVER-Our president Betty Inglis (second from the left) was recently honored as a "Living Treasure" of St. Francis Residental House in Denville. This annual honor is bestowed on individuals who are at least 70 years old, a legal U.S. resident and lives in Morris County who tirelessly donate their time

and efforts toward good causes.

Besides Betty. this years winners included Kensley Thompson of Denville, Adolfo Marocco of Montville, Joan Berg of Denville, (cont. page 8)



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World War II Comes To Dover - Citizens Chip In Mobilization and Townwide Events Prove Dover People Up To The Job

By Bob Meeker

DOVER-As war clouds began to form on the horizon in the late 1930s, Dover found itself in the forefront of supplying men and brains with its many industries and military installations, Dover prepared for war-time production, overnight. In Aug, 1940 Picatinny Arsenal increased to 3 shifts a day. At the time over 4,000 were employed, by Dec. over 5,000 employed operating 7-days a week. the passing of the selective service, the first men drafted in Dover were Alphonse Ciardi, a barber and Louis Serotkin, a Dover High School teacher. Following Pearl Harbor, industries rapidly converted from peacetime to wartime as men exchanged civvies for uniforms and housewives laid down their kitchen utensils for bomb fuses and powder bags.

With the declaration of war, Picatinny was the only place in the United States ready to manufacture large sized artillery shells.

Besides war work, Doverites participated in other activities such as fundraisers, sporting events, talent shows, etc.

In 1942, a giant scrap drive got underway which included a 75-year old fire bell weighting 750 pounds, donated by the Dover Fire Dept. and over 21,000 linear feet of abandoned trolley tracks weighing over 75 tons from Prospect Street to St. Mary's corner.

Dover school children aided the war effort by purchasing war bonds and stamps. Local churches and civic groups entertained with programs and dances.

According to the Dover Advance, on Tuesday night Aug. 14, 1945, thousands poured into the streets of Dover to celebrate the end of the war.



The photo shows Daniel M. Dehler, oldest active fireman in 1942, who was present at the time the bell was hoisted into the tower in 1882, and Chief Leon Rommel. The insert shows Ex-Chief Harry Fine and Driver Lorenz Bauknecht on the tower platform lowering the bell. Nick Pennucci, WWI veteran donated his truck in moving the bell.

(Photo courtesy of Dover Fire Dept.)





Thousands and thousands of Dover area citizens supported the war effort, before, during and after World War II through parades, fund raising events, drives and any other means to raise money and materials for the war. America was a united nation.

Upcoming Events

Sat. * July, 7th * 10:00 am MUSEUM HOUSE

"Victorian to Vaudeville"

A tour of Dover's Historic District sponsored by the Morris County Travel Bureau. (There is a charge for this tour. Call MCTB at 973.631,3392

Refreshments served after the tour

Tuesday * July 17th * 7:30 pm

MUSEUM HOUSE

"BON TON MOVIE NIGHT"

Bob Wagner brings out three TV classics for

viewing: "My Little Margie" "Sergeant <u>Bilko</u>" & "Amos & Andy" This is a program you don't want to miss! No charge - Refreshments served

Tues. * Aug. 21st * 7:30 pm MUSEUM HOUSE

"History of Dr. Arthur W. Condit House"
Dr. Condict's house was once part of
"Doctor's Row". It served as a doctor's
house, the church house and now the home
of the Dover Area Historical Society. Stan
has assembled a series of photographs
depicting its history.

No charge & Refreshments served.

Tues. * Sept. 18th * 7:30 pm MUSEUM HOUSE

"Dover - Then & Now"
No charge—Refreshments served

Sat. * Sept. 29th * 1 & 3:30 pm MUSEUM HOUSE

"Afternoon Tea in the Parks"

Enjoy a pleasant afternoon of tea as each room in the museum is dedicated to a Dover park: Hurd Park, Overlook Park, JFK/Commons Park, Waterworks Park and Hooey Park.

\$15 donation

Call Phyllis for tickets: 973.366.4276 after Aug. 1, 2012

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Marianne Yachinski, Woodbury	\$60
Root Beer Floats	\$230
Yard Sale at Flea Market	\$390

Thank you for your continued support!

Dover Area Residents Living On The Edge Of A Volcano

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Batteries, phones and flashlights along with "black-out shades", maps, flags and signal bells were located at spots between the Fire Dept. and Police Headquarters. Every post around town was fully manned in sector and zone and wardens were sent out on actual patrols under strict supervision at least once a week. Auxiliary police with armbands and night sticks were on patrol every night. At large gatherings they handled parking and traffic. Fridays and Saturdays there were auxiliary policemen at each intersection with the regular cop. In the same manner, Dover's fire auxiliary had test runs with the established fire department, until its members knew how to connect hydrants and lay hose.

Especially effective was the Emergency Medical Service, an official war-time framework for a volunteer effort in all of Dover's peacetime disasters. The same organization that just months earlier assisted more than 600 injured in an Hercu-

les blast that were cared for at the local hospital. So vital was the need for such preparation in the town that when a Jersey City laundry workers' union gave the State Defense Council a new \$5000 ambulance, it went directly to Dover.

Another special feature of the Dover defense picture was the rescue squad. For years, the fire department had maintained a topnotch outfit, and now the Defense Council had more than a dozen auxiliary squad members.

According to the WPA
New Jersey Guide, prior to this
Dover was mostly noted for its
speed-way, a shooting gallery and a
hot-dog stand built in the form of a
castle. (cont. below). Photos: Meeting of
Civil Defense volunteers in Dover. At
Picatinny Arsenal, women made up 48%
of the work force during World War II





Air Raid Test Blacked Out Two States on Aug. 20, 1942 Civilian Defense Efforts Reveal Willingness of Volunteers to Obey Regulations

(cont. from above)

As of World War II Dover was a beehive with employment at Picatinny jumping from 10,000 to 17,000 with corresponding increases at Hercules. Other active plants around town included McKiernan-Terry Drill, Seeley Tube, Four-In-One Box and the Ulster Iron Works all running day and night, seven days a week.

NEW JERSEY & PENNSYLVANIA AFFECTED BY BLACKOUT The first complete two-state blackout test in the nation was held on Tuesday night, Aug. 20, 1942. Detective Sergeant Charles E. Ripley, acting chief of the Police Division of Dover's Civilian Defense organized an emergency unit of telephone operators who proceeded to notify division heads and control room workers. Before the sirens sounded at 9:12 pm, Mayor Roach, Fire Chief Leon Rommel and Chief Air Raid Warden John Valley arrived in the command center to take on their duties. With the surprise shrill blasts

of the sirens, wardens, police reserves, casualty station personnel, messengers and many other volunteers were seen at their posts.



Dover's 1942 Telephone Civil Defense In Operation 24-7

DOVER-It's 1942 and the United States is at war. Most of New Jersey's 563 municipalities maintained active Civilian Defense Control Centers. Dover's Civilian Defense set-up was one of the first in the state and rated by the U.S. Army as the best in the entire country. The centers were manned 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Telephone operators received reports from Wardens and relayed those reports and warnings to the Commander of the Civilian Defense Corps. That was

headed by John Roach, Jr. The chief operator for Dover was Miss Elizabeth Nerney. The incident reports were then relayed to the necessary protective and rescue forces in the field.

Here's how the Civilian Defense plans worked: - The Navy patroled the ocean, to guard our sea lanes and watch for the approach of enemy planes toward our coasts. The Army's sensitive, accurate radio devices at strategic points stood ready to detect such planes. (next page)



Women volunteers man the emergency phone lines

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New Jersey Governor Edison Cites Dover For Civil Defense

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In addition, volunteer spotters at thousands of civilian observations posts kept continuous inland air-watch to report all planes seen and heard. Every plane in the air was watched, followed and plotted on maps. If it appeared to be enemy planes, The Civil Air Raid Warning Officer telephoned the warning to cities and towns in the path of the oncoming planes. When this happened the important protective work began and the chiefs of the various protective services were assembled, such as fire, police, medical, public works and other rescue volunteers.

When the air raid sirens sounded, civilians were to go to their designated place of safety, whether at home or at the office, and were asked not to use their telephones to tie up the phone lines so vital information could be passed on without interruptions.

GOVERNOR EDISON SPOKE TO A CROWDED AUDIENCE AT DOVER HIGH SCHOOL Governor Charles Edison visited Dover on Sept. 8, 1942 and told an audience of workers and volunteers, "for one reason, I am here. I had heard that the people of Dover had taken a tough job and done it well - better than most of their neighbors. I wanted to see it for myself." The Governor was pleased with the demonstration he witnessed earlier that day.

Mayor Roach took his seat at the control microphone and announced a few test incidents to be witnessed by the Governor. Police Lieut. John Valley went to the police station and set the defense organization into action. The imaginary incident included a fire, incendiary and explosive bombs, damage to utility mains and lines and two casualties at the corner of Dickerson and Morris Streets.

Photo above, Gov. Edison. Photo below, volunteer CD workers stage a rescue effort on Morris Street at





Dickerson Street in 1942.

2012 Scholarship Winner

DOVER-The Dover Area Historical Society presented its first scholarship award at the Dover High Scholarship Award Brunch on June 3rd. This year's award went to Christine Bentlyewski, pictured center with Betty Inglis and Phyllis Casey. In addition to the \$500 award, Christine will also receive an autographed copy of Dover's history book, "Images of America".

Christine was this year's valedictorian at Dover High and is an avid reader and loves to write. "Chrissy" plans on attending Boston University in the fall majoring in English and secondary education.

Besides the historical society award, she won the College Club Scholarship, the American Legion Honor Award, the Frank Poulos Award, and the Harvey A. Kuntzelman Memorial Scholarship. She is also a member of the Harvey A. Kuntzelman Chapter National Honor Society.



Betty Inglis, Christine Bentlyewski & Phyllis Casey.
Photo by Rick Kelly

How Has The History Of The Dover, N.J. Area Impacted Your Life?

By Christine Bentlyewski

Ever since I was born in Dover General Hospital, I have appreciated this town that is rich in diversity and culture. My family has relocated twice since my birth, but each time we could not bring ourselves to leave Dover. No matter how appealing the homes we toured, my parents could not overlook the fact that Dover was the most accepting town that would continue to provide my siblings and me with a broad perspective and exposure to a multitude of cultures.

My family's history in Dover is deep-rooted and began in the early 1900's when my great-grandfather, fresh off of a boat from Greece, chose Dover as a place to settle down. He quickly found employment at the Ulster Iron Works and remained there through his retirement, allowing him to support his wife and four children. These children were all born and raised in Dover, and although their parents struggled with the English language, they were able to succeed in the Dover school system and continue on to college. All four proudly became long-time educators in the Dover School District.

In the early 1940s, my grandfather's family migrated to Dover from Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, seeking a town accepting of diverse backgrounds with job opportunities, open space, and safe neighborhoods in which to raise children. His father became a local

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Dover's Marjorie Jennings Becomes Miss N.J. Won Out of a Field of 18 Beautiful Girls at Lake Hopatcong

Editor's note: We would like to thank Marty Kane, president of the Lake Hopatcong Historical Society with providing us with additional information on Marjorie Jennings.

LAKE HOPATCONG-Miss Marjorie Jennings, 18-year old Dover girl, who spent her summers at the lake with her parents, won the Miss New Jersey Beauty Contest at the Rose Ballroom at Bertrand's Island Park on August 23, 1941. Miss Jennings was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jennings and graduated from Dover High School in 1941 and had plans on attending college at the New Jersey College for Women. Winning the New Jersey crown, Miss Jennings then went on to Atlantic City to compete with girls from around the country in the Miss America Contest.

The following is from Allen Hale:

My brother, George C. Hale, was a Dover High School classmate of Marjorie's and

he offers the following recollections:

"Marjorie Jennings won the 1941 Miss New Jersey competition and received her crown in a ceremony at Bertrand Island Park which was reported, along with a photograph, in the Dover Advance. She did attend the Miss America contest in Atlantic City in 1941

In her junior year (1939-1940) at Dover High, Marjorie played the lead role as heroine in a play titled "The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter". This 20 minute play, in pantomime with a narrator, was presented at two high school assemblies: one for the combined freshman and sophomore classes and then a second for the combined junior and senior classes. The remainder of the cast consisted of Roy Jenson, Sheila Harris, George Poulas and William Hooper, and Christine Lariviere as the Lighthouse Keeper's Wife." (cont. below)



The Jennings's Girl

"My brother, George Hale chose and directed the play, which was well received.

Unusual for the time was a single, evening, after-hours, dress rehearsal done in order to check and coordinate the stage and spot lighting. Because this was only an assembly presentation, the minimal set consisted of a floor lamp placed in the center of the stage to represent the lighthouse. Climbing the stairs of the lighthouse was represented by walking around and around the floor lamp: one direction to go up and the opposite direction to come down.

As an aside, Marjorie's Father, Mr. William Jennings, operated an automobile

repair facility in Dover on the north side of East Blackwell Street where South Salem Street intersects."

The following is from Harold Curtis:

I knew the Jennings family who lived in back of my parents on Crystal St. I remember Marjorie had a leading role in a high school play that I was also in, in 1941 and again in 1943. My wife Betty Jean (Richards) Curtis is sure that Marjorie married Miles Laverty and they lived on Crystal St. I hope this information helps shed some light on the Jenning's family.

Sincerely, Harold Curtis - Kenton, OH



Signed Agreement

Photograph to the right shows Betty Inglis signing the 25-year lease with the First Presbyterian Church for the Dover History Musuem House. Recording Secretary Joan Bochinno also signs a set. Betty played a pivotal role in helping the Society secure a permanent home after over 25-years of being homeless.

Photo to the right of that shows Marjorie Jennings winning the Lake Hopatcong Beauty Contest in 1940. (Photo of the signing by Rick Kelly)





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Baird's Minstrels Very Popular in Dover Appeared At Moller's Opera House on Several Occasions

DOVER-Baird's Minstrels show appeared at the Moller Opera House on several occasions and brought great delight to early theater goers of the Dover area offering a "clean" show with music, comic skits, variety acts and dancing, not only for the men in the saloon, but for the entire family, starring the ever popular Billy McAllister.

The early minstrel shows were performed by white people in blackface, but after the Civil War more and more performers were black people in blackface. The typical minstrel performance followed a three-act structure. The troupe first danced onto the stage then exchanged a few wisecracks and sang some songs. The second part featured a variety of entertainments while the final act consisted of a slapstick musical. These minstrel shows were the forerunners to vaudeville.

Baird's "Famous New Orleans" Minstrels boasted of "8 Great End Men" and "25 Fearless Performers". The troupe toured the same circuits as opera companies and circuses mostly in the north-





east. Life on the road was not easy. An endless series of one-nighters, travel on accident-prone railroads, staying in poor housing subject to fires, exposed to diseases and on some occasion, managers and agents

who skipped out with all the troup's money. However, Dover was good to its traveling performers. Lodging at one of Dover's many fine hotels was not a problem whether it be the Mansion House Hotel, the Hotel Dover or Sickles Hotel.

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Betty Inglis "Living Treasure" Award (cont. from page one)

Ed Gabel and Ed Miller both of Rockaway.

Besides her countless hours as president of the Dover Area Historical Society, Betty is an advocate for seniors to establish their own Senior Citizen's Center. In 2003, Betty was honored as a "Morris MVP' for helping establish a home for the historical society after 26 years of being homeless. Betty also gives many hours to the First Methodist Church of Dover.

In Dover the DCC Committee recently conducted a successful "Barn Sale" in her back yard.

All those who know Betty and work with her already know, don't ever try calling her at home, because she's hardly ever there.

Congratulations Betty!

Christine's Scholarship Essay (cont. from p. 6)

proprietor, opening the Union Restaurant in downtown Dover, allowing him to comfortably raise his three children.

My father migrated to Dover in 1962 at the age of two from a crumbling neighborhood in Jersey City, along with his parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Once again, Dover had proven itself as a safe town with job opportunities. He was able to play outside in the streets from morning till dusk without his parents worrying about his safety. These newfound freedoms experienced by my parents caused them to remain in Dover to raise my siblings and me.

Throughout my family's history, both the Greeks and the Polish always had a place where they comfortably fit in.

Dover was accepting of all cultures and backgrounds and remains the same today. The town is extremely diverse and is still a haven for immigrants. It is a small, tight-knit community, yet it offers a myriad of opportunities, both culturally and socially.

This town has broadened my perspective and made me open minded and extremely tolerant. It has shown me that it is both possible and rewarding to coexist with those unlike me.

It is my hope that someday I can give back to this town that has given so much to me. Dover has shaped my upbringing and I would not trade my life in Dover for anything else in the world.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: "Guess the Photo Contest" Oct. 16th at 7:30 pm. The last contest we gave away a 13" color TV won by Roger Flartey of Mine Hill. Be sure to bring a friend!

Billy Ford's Machine Shop Served The Mines Site Later Becomes Home For The Lake Land News





DOVER-One of the most interesting historic stories of Dover is that of Billy Ford, known as Dover's "father" of mechanics, machinists and workers in iron. Mr. Ford was one of the earliest settlers and the first blacksmith in Dover where he set up shop near Morris Street next to a pond

that became known as Billy Ford's Pond. (Today, it's the site of Crescent Field and the parking lot.) When the railroad came to town in 1848, Billy Ford's property became the ideal site for a rail yard, with a great water supply for the steam engines and a location for a train station. Being

excited about the railroad finally coming to Dover, he agreed to sell the property and purchased another site on N. Sussex Street.

Working in a trade serving the needs of the nearby mines, his business rapidly grew as he continued to hire (cont. below)

Billy Ford's Memory Lives On Circa 1832 Becomes Dover First Blacksmith

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a great many apprentices, mostly young boys, whom he instructed in the manufacturing of air compressors, pumping engines, pulleys and custom construction for mining machine equipment. Mr. Ford also manufactured a special ax that became very popular in its day and was sold around the country.

When Billy Ford's business ended at this location, the plant was torn down and replaced with a new building

for The Lakeland News.

The Lakeland News, a tabloid, started publishing in 1929. Gordon L. Harris a 1926 of Dover High and recent graduate of Columbia Univ. started as a reporter and purchased the paper in 1931 and became its editor.

Harris left the paper in 1956 to become Public Affairs Officer in the Army Ballistic Missile Agency. The Lakeland News still publishes to this day as part of Morris County's "The Citizen" Newspaper.



Billy Ford's Pond before it was drained and covered over to make way for the Crescent Field Sports Complex. The pond was very popular for swimming and ice skating.

Afternoon Tea In The Park

DOVER-Get ready for another delightful afternoon of tea, delights, treats, door prizes and great memories as the Dover Area Historical Society's "Ladies of the Society" presents *Afternoon Tea In The Park* on Saturday September 29th at the Dover History Museum House. There will be two seating's, 1:00 & 3:30 pm. The parks include JFK Park (Dover Commons), Hooey Park, Water Works Park, Overlook Park and Hurd Park. Donation \$15.00. For ticket reservations, contact Phyllis at 973.366.4276 after Aug. 1st. *Photograph left to right: Betty Inglis, Alice Wagner, Jane Curtin, Brenda Woodhull, Bonnie Deboney, Joan Bocchino, standing Kathi Gilbert and Phyllis Casey. Missing Linda Mullin & Beth Olney.*Photo by Rick Kelly



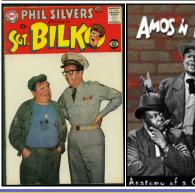
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New awning at the Dover History Museum House

My Little Margie



Three great TV Classics on Bon Ton Movie Night - Tues. July 17th - 7:30 pm. No charge - Refreshments served

View Dover's 1926 "Baby Parade" at www.doverhistoricalsociety.com

Music Under The Stars Summer Concert Series

Sponsored by: Dover Renaissance & Dover Recreation

July 15th - "The Moon Dogs" (Local Pop/Rock Group)

July 22nd - "Tequila Rose" (New & Classic Country)

July 29th - "Shoe's Down" (Beatles, Classic Rock)

All concerts are free at JFK Park (Dover Commons). Bring a lawn chair and be sure to bring a friend! 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Weather information, call 973.361.4789

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