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## N. J. Radio Museum Organizes First Major Meeting Of Organizers Held In Freehold

FREEHOLD-Early organizers of the newly formed New Jersey Radio Museum (NJRM) met for the first time in a major meeting in Freehold to discuss plans and chart a course of action for the upcoming new year. NJRM evolved from the Dover Area Historical Society's efforts to preserve the memory and recordings of Dover's former local radio station WRAN.

At the time it was on the air, WRAN was New Jersey's most powerful AM radio station with 10,000 watts and at one time was owned by New York's top disc-jockey Cousin Brucie. Museum curator George Laurie reached out to former staff members of WRAN to encourage a radio museum in memory of WRAN.

When word got out on the Internet, former members of Dover's other licensed radio station, WDHA, wanted to be part of the museum as well. Soon, WMTR, which used to broadcast a show from Dover's

Dutton Hotel was included and soon after, WCRV in Washington was added as well as WRNJ in Hackensack, WNNJ in Newton, WSUS in Franklin, etc. The whole project got state-wide attention that now, NJRM represents the history of all "local" radio stations in N.J. that had to survive under the airwaves of the big power-houses of New York City and Philadelphia.

The Dover Area Historical Society has found space in the Dover History Museum House to host NJRM's attempts to record and document the oral histories of those radio personalities that made New Jersey radio broadcasting possible. With the help of donated radio equipment from various radio stations, the



museum house will be able to establish a recording studio and various displays on the third floor. This recording studio will also aid the historical society in capturing the recorded histories and memories of Doverites who remember that days of going to the Playhouse Theater or the Baker, perhaps someone still remembers the trolleys or the steam locomotives that used to rumble through town. There are a lot of memories to capture on tape because after all, we're all not getting any younger, even the radio people.

## Dorothy's Secret "Love" Letters Returned Museum "Ghost Letters" Respectfully Placed Where Found

DOVER-Pictured l. to r. Joan Bocchino, Bob Wagner and Bill Shuler returning Dorothy's secret love letters to their final resting place, in the secret compartment, where the letters were found, on the third floor of the Dover History Museum House.

The letters were removed several years ago so

Society's Genealogist, Marilyn Patterson could study them, research those who were mentioned in them and make copies of everything discovered.

It is believed that Dorothy may return with the letters back.

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# Is Dorothy Back At The Museum House?

## Strange Things Started Happening Almost Immediately With Letters Back

DOVER-If you remember in past issues of Ye Old Tye News, we gave you detailed accounts of how members of the historical society discovered a so-called "ghost" haunting the premises, guarding and protecting a secret hiding place that contained some of her most personal information as a young teenager seeking adventure and romance. The details of how volunteers witnessed and experienced strange encounters, noises, whispers and breezes while renovating the interior of the house.

Here's how the story goes. One night two volunteers witnessed the presence of the "ghost" at exactly the same time and then began comparing notes of other encounters. Soon, all the volunteers that experienced strange sensations, who were no longer afraid to be ridiculed, came forward to explain their personal encounters.

Then came that fateful night when a group of volunteers from the Dover Masonic Lodge, working on the second floor, removed a water damaged ceiling and crashing down to the floor was a box of old letters.

After much research, it was realized that the nearly 100-year old letters belonged to Dorothy Conduct, the youngest of three daughters of Dr. Arthur W. Conduct, who had his practice and a family that lived in the house between 1890 and 1920.

Seeking answers to the mystery of the ghost, curious members of the society discovered a secret hiding place in the floor board in what must have been Dorothy's bedroom on the third floor.

With the discovery of these letters and their secret contents, the historical society concluded that it was Dorothy who was haunting the house protecting her se-



cret. With the return of the letters, has the museum "ghost" returned? To be continued.

*Dorothy's 1921 Dover High School Yearbook*

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| Dover High Class of 1960              | \$500 |
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| Patricia Ann Farruggia, Hopatcong     | \$50  |

# Picatinny Arsenal Celebrated 130th Anniversary

## Sept. 6, 2010 Marked the Anniversary of Dover's Largest Employer

By Pat J. Owens, ARDEC Historian (Excerpts from "The Voice" Picatinny Arsenal, Sept. 10, 2010)

ROCKAWAY TWP-Monday Sept. 6th was not just Labor Day. It was also the 130th anniversary of the founding of the installation, which gives us the opportunity to labor.

In 1866, the U.S. Army decided it needed a large black powder storage facility near the Atlantic Coast.

Moving with all deliberate speed, it opened the "Dover Powder Depot" fourteen years later on Sept. 6th.

Four days later, because the installation was not in Dover, the name changed to "Piccatinny Powder Depot". The second "c" soon disappeared, and the Picatinny spelling prevailed.

Even when the base used other names, Picatinny survived as its freight and postal addresses.

First, there was the continuing construction of magazines, rail road lines

and housing for the workers.

Then, there were workers who not only loaded and unloaded kegs, but constantly cutting brush and grass to prevent fires near the explosives.

In 1880, a general laborer could earn as much as \$1.12 a day, a skilled stone-mason \$2.25.

Later, the work would expand to loading shells and making powder. After World War One, it added research and development.

By World War Two, a chemist could earn as much as \$2,600 a year.

The place that started as a mere storage depot, has evolved so that it now had a hand in developing every Army item that goes boom!



## Site of Picatinny Helped During Revolutionary War

DOVER-Many who grew up and lived in Dover, either at one time or another, worked at Picatinny or had parents or relatives that worked there. Many days, Doverites remember the long traffic lines that ran on Route 15 (Clinton Street) from the arsenal's main gate all the way to the downtown. Not too many people today, know or realize the importance of Picatinny's history, not only to Dover, but to the entire United States from its earliest beginnings.

In 1749 (27 years after John Jackson settled Dover's "Jackson Forge"),

Jonathan Osborne purchased the site at the foot of Picatinny Peak, built a dam and erected a forge. At this time, ore was transported on horseback in leather bags.

In 1772, the forge was acquired by Col. Jacob Ford, builder of the historic continental powder mills at Morristown. In 1778, the forge was conveyed to John Jacob Faesch, a Swiss, naturalized by a special Act of Congress. He was a master iron worker and manufactured at the forge cannon shot, bar iron, shovels, axes, and other implements for the Revolutionary Army. (cont. below)



*An army officer inspects the tombstone of a Hessian soldier buried at Picatinny Arsenal.*

## General Washington Visited Mt Hope Mines

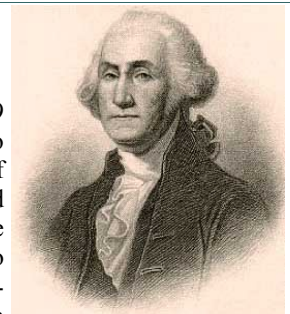
In connection with this work, General Washington visited Faesch, Esq., and arranged with him for the services of 250 Hessian prisoners for cutting wood, burning charcoal, and operating the forges. Faesch paid nothing for the services of these men, supplying them only with clothes, shelter, and food.

In 1800 General John Doughty, conveyed the Forge and a large tract to Moses Phillips, Jr. who rebuilt it and operated it as a single fire forge under the name

of *Aetna Forge*. During Mr. Phillips' ownership, noteworthy progress was made in methods of transportation.

In 1804 the turnpike from Dover to Sparta was built. In 1806 the turnpike over Mt. Hope connecting with the Dover-Sparta road was built. At about the time of the opening of the Morris Canal, (1823-1833), the weight of "bars" was about 50pounds, thus making shipments to points east much easier.

In 1839 the forge came into the possession of Jacob Richter and in 1853 of George E. Richter, who operated it for several years, and then allowed it to



fall into decay.

The 1,866 acres was then purchased by the U.S. Government in 1879 for \$62,750.00.



# St John's Parochial School- New Jersey's First? Established in 1856 "Created Quite a Stir" Around The State

DOVER-A few years ago, David Mitros, archivist for the Morris County Heritage Commission alerted the Dover Area Historical Society that St John's Church of Dover may have started the first parochial school in New Jersey.

Recently, researchers came across the historic accounts of the church by Frances Hyatt Dickinson that stated: "The Fall of 1856 found an advertisement appearing weekly - "St John's School for Boys, Dover, Morris County, N.J." The course advertised was long, but the life of the school short; although it offered \$500.00 and a house to a layman, and \$700.00 to a clergyman. Edmund H. Spring-Rice, M.A. became the first Principal and was the uncle of Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British Ambassador to the U.S."

The Boys' School had evidently not succeeded, so in 1857 the parish opened a Seminary for Boys and Girls. This was an

innovation (perhaps the first) for New Jersey and created quite a stir. The rates were amazingly low - all inclusive terms: Board, tuition, use of all books required, washing, mending, light, fuel, etc., per session - \$60.00; Weekly boarders who furnish their own books - \$40.00; Dining pupils - \$20.00 - All bills payable quarterly, payable in advance. Thirty-five scholars and one teacher were reported as constituting this school in its first year.

A slump in business in the late 1850's set the little church back as to income and communicants. Most of the people in the Parish were miners and mechanics. In 1863, the Rev. James Atchinson Upjohn became the Rector.



Episcopal Church cor. Blackwell & Essex St., Dover, N. J.

In the third year of his ministry, the Parish School was again opened. There was one teacher and eighteen scholars - 12 boys and 6 girls. By the third year, there were three teachers and 75 pupils. By 1871, it was back to one teacher and 30 pupils after which the school gradually winked out."

## The Historic St John's Church

DOVER-The Rev. Reuben H. Freeman was appointed as Missionary to Dover by Bishop Doane and began his work on August 11, 1833. The first regular service of the Episcopal Church of Dover was held on November 8, 1849. The first winter the services were held in the upper part of the Stone Academy which was previously used by the Presbyterian Church of Dover.

Before his death, Henry McFarlan Sr. in 1830 had designated a certain "meadow of land" worth \$10,000 at the edge of Dover's downtown settlement

which he intended to give to the Episcopal Church whenever they should build a structure of their own. On October 18, 1866, the actual physical labor of digging and laying a foundation was begun. The church was finally ready for use in May, 1871. Today, St John's Episcopal Church is the oldest standing church in town, with the other "older" ones torn down and replaced by newer ones. One exception to the rule is the original



church building of the Grace Methodist Church (1835) still stands as a duplex house on North Sussex Street, but it is not a church.

### Upcoming Events

**Tuesday \* Jan. 18th \* 7:30 pm**

MUSEUM HOUSE

"Dover - Era of the Sixties"

No charge \* Refreshments served

Call 973.361.3525 for info.

**Tuesday \* Feb. 15th 1:00 & 3:30 pm**

MUSEUM HOUSE

"Wm. Harris Collection of Glass Negative"

No charge \* Refreshments served

Call 973.366.4276

**Tuesday \* Mar. 15th \* 7:30 pm**

MUSEUM HOUSE

"History of the Morris Canal in Dover"

No charge - Refreshments served  
Call 973.361.3525 for info.

**Tuesday \* Apr. 19th \* All day**

MUSEUM HOUSE

"Bon Ton Movie Night"

\*\*Bob Wagner selects a classic movie!\*\*

Call Betty for reservations: 973-366-0629

**Saturday \* May. 17th \* 7:30 pm**

MUSEUM HOUSE

"Photos from the Vivian Berg Collection"

No charge - Refreshment served

Bring a friend!

For more info. call 973.361.3525

**Sun. \* Jun. 12th \* All day**

DOVER FLEA MARKET

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

Call Betty for application 973-366-0629

(These programs are subject to change)

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

Thank you for your support!

# Former Dover Mayor Whitehead Honored in Parade

Staff Report from the Daily Record

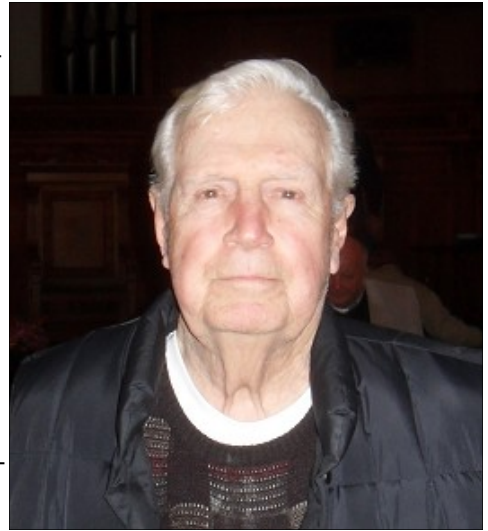
DOVER-Former Dover Mayor Charlie Whitehead had the honor of being the grand marshal at the 2010 Randolph's Freedom Parade. Each year the parade starts at the Mt Fern Methodist Church and works its way across Route 10 and ends in the parking lot of the County College of Morris. Charlie was chosen because of his exceptional record of "service to the community" of Randolph Twp. as well as Dover.

Mayor Whitehead now lives on Center Grove Road in Randolph and has been active in the Randolph Kiwanis Club for over 25 years. He helped develop the annual Gordon Raupp Memorial Fishing Derby for children.

Besides being Mayor of Dover for six months, filling out the remainder of Mayor Stringer's Administration, Charlie was a member of the Board of Aldermen, Dover's Planning Board, Board of Education, Chairman of Academy Street PTA,

volunteered for Meals on Wheels, St Clare's Hospital, a member of the American Legion and a member of the Randolph Rescue Squad.

Charlie moved from Elmwood Park to Dover in 1931 and joined the Army in 1944. He then attended Lowell Textile Institute and served as managing editor of the trade magazine the "American Dyestuff Reporter." He later became president of the "Textile Economics Bureau, Inc." publishers of market data. Later Charlie worked part-time in the Randolph assessor's office until 2000. "His selfless spirit of volunteerism inspires all of us" said Geoff Price, Director of the Randolph Kiwanis Freedom Parade.



**9TH ANNUAL YARD SALE**  
SUNDAY \* JUNE 12, 2011 \* ALL DAY  
at the Dover Flea Market  
Call 973.366.0629 for reservations

**VISIT THE DOVER HISTORY MUSEUM HOUSE**  
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## Dover Area Historical Society Wins Morris County Award

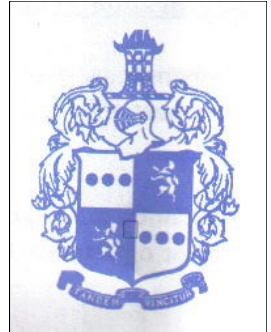
MORRISTOWN-Under the leadership of Grant Chairman, Linda Mullin, the Dover Area Historical Society was awarded a \$3,554.00 grant for operating expenses for 2011.

According to Lawrence R. Fast, Chairman of the Morris County Heritage Commission, "I am pleased to inform you that the Morris County Heritage Commission has awarded your organization a grant \$3,554.00 for General Operating Support. Funds for this program have been made available through the support of the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the New Jersey Historical Commission, Department of State. The review committee

hopes the GOS funding will assist with the general operating expenses and will allow the site to remain open during the winter months when expenses are high."

The grant funding will help pay for the necessary annual Insurance (\$1,400), Gas heat bill (\$1,582), Phone bill (\$250), Electric bill (\$215) and Snow Removal (\$107).

The historical society is also looking for some big-tag donations, such as a Mac Book or Mac Pro Laptop Computer, a LCD Projector, a set of Blueprints for the reconstruction of the front porch with a handicapped entrance, Security System for the museum house, lumber & paint products Gift Cards.



## Letter to the Editor - Afternoon Tea "Absolutely Delightful"

To Everyone Associated with DAHS:

*I just wanted to tell you all what a wonderful time I had at the Afternoon Tea on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>! I must say, this is probably the first Afternoon Tea I have ever been to, so I wasn't sure just what to expect. But it was easy to find it to be absolutely delightful! First, I was seated at a table with some very lovely gals, we shared some great conversations! The table setting was perfect, even the chairs were luxuriously decorated! Every detail of the event was top notch! A lot of thought and effort must have gone into it, from the authentic memorabilia - guitars, record albums, etc. - to the music we were hearing, of course, just terrific, perfectly matched to each decade! It was all great, right down to the exquisitely delicate china teacups, saucers and teabag holders - all the beautiful tableware, even had stunning gold utensils. And the refreshments were just wonderful! I've never had cucumber sandwiches before, now I think I'm hooked! All the desserts were fabulous too!!*

*I also enjoyed exploring the whole house, all arranged with such care and thoughtfulness. The Dover Area Historical Society members are a terrific team. Thank you all for going that extra mile to make this Afternoon Tea so terrific for everyone who attended!*

*Sincerely, Edy Toussaint, Flanders*



## Baker Becomes “Big Time” Movie Theatre

DOVER-On Sept. 20, 1926, The Stanley-Fabien Corp. took over ownership of the Baker. By the end of the 1930s, Warner Brothers Movie Co. took over the management of the Baker when they added Dover to their chain of movie houses across the country. This was an effort to control the marketing of their movies.

The age requirement for being an usher at the Baker was 16 and the pay was 25 cents an hour. With the right scheduling, an usher could make as much as \$6 a week. Not only was the pay good, but an usher got to see all the latest movies, meet lots of girls and if lucky enough, got a date now and then.

For the Baker Theater, the management group included **Sam Roth**, General Manager; **Mrs. "Mack"**, the Cashier; **Bill Gustin**, Ticket Taker; **Johnny Hagerty**, Head Usher; **Matt Cleffi**, Projectionist. During the 1940s,

some of the ushers and employees of the Baker included: **Tom Collins, Henry Troast, Art Treible, Paul Downs, Jack Bennett, Bob Schiffner, Jack Atno, Wilbur Gardner, Pete Cutchis, Frank Poulos, Chris Poulos, and Paul McGrath.**

When World War II broke out, many of the ushers went into the Armed Forces and believe it or not, Warner Bros. actually sent "care" packages to their employees in service during the entire length of the war.

When Warner Brothers finally took

# Important Announcement ! Concerning the New Ownership of the

# Baker Theatre

DOVER, NEW JERSEY

Effective MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, THE STANLEY-FABIAN CORPORATION will have the pleasure of including THE BAKER THEATRE OF DOVER among its vast chain of representative theatres throughout New Jersey. The standard of entertainment enjoyed by the numerous New Jersey cities, in which are located the forty-five theatres operated by THE STANLEY-FABIAN CORPORATION, will prevail at the BAKER THEATRE. The policy will continue as heretofore. Programs will change twice weekly. The first three days will be selected to the ultimate in motion pictures and the last three days, a combination of DeLoe Vaudeville and De Luxe Motion Pictures.

## INAUGURAL STANLEY-FABIAN ATTRACTION

### Three Days      STARTING MONDAY, SEPT. 24th      Three Days

*The Thrilling and Wildly Wonderful Journeys by Plane and Ship One of the Top-selling Productions of the Year!*

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*"The Wonder Dog"*

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| Monday — Tuesday   |
| Wednesday .. . 35c |
| Thursday .. . 25c  |
| Friday             |
| Saturday .. . 50c  |
| Sunday .. . 35c    |

#### A NEW AND EXCELLENT VARIETY COM- BINATION OF PAW SHOWS

|                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| ACTRESS<br>JESSIE<br>DORIS<br>GAIL<br>JOHN<br>MILTON<br>FRANK<br>ALICE<br>EDITH<br>HARRY<br>LOUIE<br>NORMA<br>PATRICIA<br>ROBERT<br>TOMMY<br>VIRGINIA<br>WILLIAM<br>YOUNG |
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over the management of the Community Theater in Morristown, Dover ushers were transported to Morristown to help establish the Community's usher program.

## Buy-A-Brick Participants

**At J.F.K Memorial Park Dover, NJ**

Dorothy E. O'Leary, Hanover, PA

John Morrison, Brooksville, FL

Margaret Coward, Houston, TX

John & Jean Alperti, Oak Creek, CO

William B. Woodhull, Dover

Charles Marion Caccavale, Wharton

Mrs. Joyce Gorine, Dover

Jay Thomson, Dover

Maxine Rosen, Ulster, PA

Frances Sakala Cordes, Travares, FL

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This 1965 photo shows Stan Schoonmaker accepting a copy of "Careers in Pharmacy" from William Richardson, vice-president of the Morris County Pharmaceutical Society.

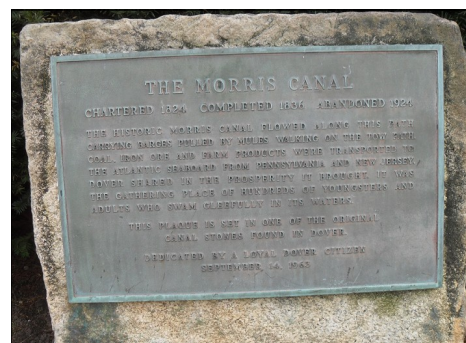
# A Rare Morris Canal Plaque in Dover

## One of Only a Few Reminders of the Once Great Morris Canal in Dover

DOVER-On September 14, 1963 a parade featured the "Morris Canal Day" festivities that attracted local organizations, town, county and state officials. Following the parade a plaque was dedicated commemorating the old Morris Canal that once cut through the heart of Dover. The plaque was donated by Harry Loory in memory of his childhood days when he would swim in the canal that ran through Bassett Highway. Mr. Loory was chairman of the event and

acted as master of ceremonies. Speakers included State Senator Thomas J. Hillery, Assemblymen Harry Sears and Joseph J. Maraziti, and Freeholder Director Henry Sperling. Mayor Stringer welcomed guests and presented awards for the winners of the Morris Canal Picture Contest.

For a town so important to the Morris Canal, there are very few reminders that it ever existed in Dover.



## Annual President's Report For 2010 at the Annual Business Meeting

*This past year has been a successful one for the Dover Area Historical Society.*

*Fund raisers included the profitable tea party "Music of the Decades" thanks to our gracious tea ladies. Special thanks to Brenda Woodhull and Phyllis Casey. The Flea Market in July with the root beer floats and the October event with Stan's delicious clam chowder which sold down to the last spoonful. We even made money on the talk by Ulla Shuler when she spoke on Paul Guenther at the mill. Buy-A-Brick fund raiser is moving forward thanks to Joan Bocchino.*

*Stan Schoonmaker, our Vice President, has presented special programs each month and keeps us informed on the latest progress of the Route 46 bridge building process. He has DVDs available for sale of many programs. Check our web-site for a list. George Laurie continues to write very informative and interesting newsletters.*

*My special thanks to all of our friends who gave donations in loving memory of my husband Stuart. The donated picture is a small replica of the mural from the Dover train station. It is presently located on the third floor of the Museum House. Venture up if you have not seen it. Stuart always enjoyed the DAHS and would have been proud to be remembered in such a fine way.*

*We continue to outreach in the community - a program by Stan was presented at Dover General Hospital. The local scout troupe spent a night hoping to see the ghost and other groups meet here: Rebeka Lodge, Dover Reading Circle, Dover College Club, students from Dover High School and Dover Renaissance.*

*Renovations continue: The side porch needed painting, and thanks to Bob Wagner it was accomplished. Stan has done much with the second and third floors. Special thanks to all those who have worked on this. Beth Olney refurbished our sign by the front door. Thanks Beth, also for directing the children's program last year. They were displayed in the Dover General Hospital lobby. We get requests for various items of information. Just recently a woman from Maryland needed to find a picture of the 1919 graduating class. Stan found, not only the picture which he reproduced, but also an extra program from the event (no yearbook that year.).*

*I have been happy to see growth of the significant number of members. Vivian Endahl Berg, our longtime president, would have been very happy. Thanks, Vivian for keeping us alive and well.*

*Sincerely, Betty Inglis, President ( Editor's note: Betty was re-elected president for 2011)*

## Dover's Great Movie Theaters Baker & Playhouse - Major Competing Theaters

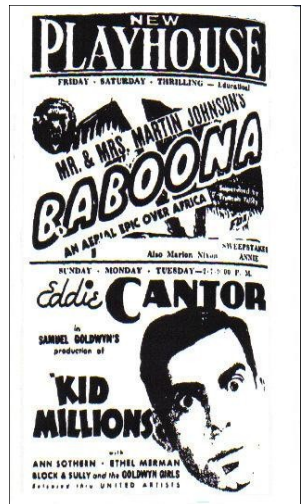
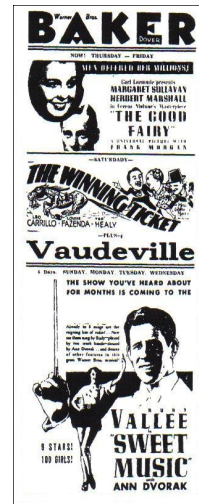
DOVER-If you lived in Dover in 1935, what movie would you choose to see. At the Playhouse, "BABOONA" was playing starring Mr. & Mrs. Martin Johnson. The movie was "an aerial epic over Africa." Or how about Eddie Cantor in "KID MILLIONS" along with Ethel Merman, Ann Sothern and the Goldwyn Girls.

Maybe walking over to the Baker and seeing Margaret Sullivan and Herbert Marshall in "THE GOOD FAIRY" or Leo Carrillo in "THE

WINNING TICKET" or how about the heart throb of the day, Rudy Vallee in "SWEET MUSIC" with Ann Dvorak and "9 Stars and 100 Girls!"

If you were a kid back then chances are you would have gone to the Playhouse. Prices were much cheaper at the Playhouse compared to the high class, expensive Baker Theater.

The Baker always had the top hit movies playing at the time, while the Playhouse usually ran the "B" movies at affordable prices along with matinees.



## Dover High School Class of 1911 Class Graduated 100 Years Ago This Year

DOVER-The Class of 1911 has reached the 100 year milestone. Maybe some of your relatives were in that class. Members included, (not listed in order with photograph) Susie, Katherine Amendt J. Elizabeth Anderson Mabel Loretta Bartley Helen Blundell Mary Carol Conduct Rachel Hall Conduct Eugene Evert Cooper Royal Benjamin Diehl Augusta Anna Duffy Anton Gunterh Susie Jane Hill Agnes Hosking Esther Hulsart

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## Dover High School Alumni - Please Take Notice! By Stan Schoonmaker

The circulation of the Dover Area Historical Society newsletter has been steadily increasing over the past few years, primarily due to the extraordinary effort of George Laurie, Museum Curator.

Currently the newsletter is being sent to over 350 Historical Society members, all over the U. S. , and the number seems to be steadily increasing. It is the feeling of the active society members that we can offer assistance to DHS alumni who are planning class reunions in the upcoming year(s). We are more than willing to publish the date

and other specifics of your reunion as well as list names of class members you may be searching for.

In addition we can offer our museum house for you to hold planning and reunion preparation meetings or even a casual get together before the big banquet. This already has been done a few times and has been a successful tool in the reunion planning process and get-togethers.

If you would like to send us the specifics about your upcoming reunion, please send the data to Outreach Chairman, Stan Schoonmaker at



[sschoonmaker@me.com](mailto:sschoonmaker@me.com) or call (973) 366-2319.  
Pictured: Class of 1949 reunion at museum.

## Dover's Post Office Bld. "For Sale"

DOVER-Realizing Dover's post office building was too large for the current day needs, the Postal Service recently put up Dover's historic building, "for sale." The Department told the citizens of the town that the post office will still maintain a presence in town continuing to offer 3 station walk-up windows in a store front or at its current site, depending on the wishes of the new owners.

On March 2, 1931, Postmistress Charlotte Hurd received notification from the Postal Service that Congress had approved an appropriation of \$150,000

authorizing a new Post Office building for Dover.

The site finally selected was at 22 N. Sussex St. Treasury Sec. Henry A. Morgenthau announced Dover's new building was part of \$110 million in Federal projects. Ground was broken April 22, 1935 and the building was dedicated on May 16, 1936. Construction was by the Nicholas Engineering Co. of Philadelphia.



In 1999 the building went through a million dollar renovation project.

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#### THE MORRIS CANAL

CHARTERED 1824 COMPLETED 1836 ABANDONED 1924

THE HISTORIC MORRIS CANAL FLOWED ALONG THIS PATH CARRYING BARGES PULLED BY MULES WALKING ON THE TOW PATH. COAL, IRON ORE AND FARM PRODUCTS WERE TRANSPORTED TO THE ATLANTIC SEABOARD FROM PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW JERSEY. DOVER SHARED IN THE PROSPERITY IT BROUGHT. IT WAS THE GATHERING PLACE OF HUNDREDS OF YOUNGSTERS AND ADULTS WHO SWAM GLEEFULLY IN ITS WATERS.

THIS PLAQUE IS SET IN ONE OF THE ORIGINAL CANAL STONES FOUND IN DOVER  
DEDICATED BY A LOYAL DOVER CITIZEN  
SEPTEMBER 14, 1963

The 4th Annual *Society's Tea Party* is October 1, 2011.  
Mark your calendar!

**President—Betty Inglis**  
**Vice President—Stan Schoonmaker**  
**Recording Secretary—Joan Bocchino**  
**Corresponding Secretary—Wm Woodhull**  
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**Stan Schoonmaker, Alice & Bob Wagner**  
**Ways and Means—Bob Wagner**  
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**Laurie, Betty Inglis, Bill Shuler**  
**Archivist—George Coulthard**  
**Webmaster—Phil Reynolds**

#### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Family - \$20 \* Individual - \$12  
Senior Citizen (62 and older) - \$8  
Junior Member (Student) - \$6  
Sustaining Member - \$75  
(Display Ad or Compliments of:)  
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#### FUND RAISING REVENUES

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| 2010 Tea Party (Non political) | \$1410 |
| Yard Sale/Root Beer (July)     | \$500  |
| Guenther Mills Program         | \$255  |
| Yard Sale/Clam Chowder (Oct)   | \$534  |
| History of Fire Dept.          | \$180  |

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| Grant Award from the <u>Morris County</u><br><u>Heritage Commission</u> | \$3554  |
| Holiday Open House                                                      | \$99.10 |

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#### \*\* DONATION \*\*

The Dover Area Historical Society has received a \$5,000.00 donation from Bruce & Lillian Venner of Burlington, VT just before press-time of our newsletter. "This gift is for things on your wish-list in memory of the Shorter Family - Harold, Vic, Marge, Flo who lived on Clinton Street. Harold had a men's shop on Blackwell Street in Dover. This gift is also in memory of Grace & Art Johnson. It is given by Bruce & Lillian Venner, nephew of the named, who grew up in Roxbury."

The Dover Area Historical Society is sincerely grateful for this generous gift. Thank you for your continued support!