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New Jersey's first female State Trooper, Dover's Gail Just, visits the Dover History Museum House in November 2012

March 14, 15 & 16, 1929

TODAY, TOMORROW, SATURDAY
BIG 5-ACT VAUDEVILLE SHOW
 Presenting
BABY MARJORIE JENNINGS
DOVER'S OWN
LITTLE STAR OF STAGE AND SCREEN
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10 PEOPLE 10

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Let's go see Baby Margie, now playing at the Baker!

Dover Police Officer To Be Honored "Officer Thomas E. DeShazo Memorial Bridge"

DOVER—Officer DeShazo was a very popular Dover police officer wearing badge #1 for the Dover Police Department. Mr. DeShazo died of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident while escorting a member of the Charles Lindbergh family on May 22, 1930. As the funeral procession worked its way through town, merchants suspended business and hundreds of residents lined the streets to pay their respects.

According to Cindy Forrest, reporter for the *Neighbor News*, "on Dec. 3, the New Jersey State Assembly voted unanimously to approve a resolution naming the newly-renovated Route 46/15 Bridge, "The Officer Thomas E. DeShazo Memorial Bridge." The measure was previously passed by the Senate and only needed the governor's signature to complete the



process."

The new bridge underwent \$54 million in renovations and upgrades that eliminated the old Route 46 overpass of Route 15 and brought Route 15 to a T-Stop Intersection with Route 46. Even after costly delays and frustrations of local motorists, this

beautiful structure and all its wonderful landscaping was worth the wait. The traffic flow has much improved over the bridge and in the downtown streets.

It will truly be a long lasting memory to Officer Thomas DeShazo.

Historic "Adoptive Reuse" of Singleton Mill

DOVER—In 1881, the Singleton Silk Mill, also known as the "Ribbon Factory" was constructed on the site believed to be the birthplace of Dover, the John Jackson Forge established in 1722. The mill wove silk imported from Japan, the Philippines and China into dyed fabric. In 1932, the mill was taken over by Carson & Gebel

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Annual President's Message From Betty Inglis

"This past year has seen some firsts in our activities. In June the first Historical Society Scholarship was awarded at the annual Dover High School Awards Brunch. Special thanks to Vice President Stan Schoonmaker for the interesting programs he develops and all the jobs he does around the Museum House, also to *Old Tye* editor and Museum Curator, George Laurie for the interesting and informative newsletters.

Recording Secretary, Joan Bocchino has taken the minutes of our meetings and special future planning sessions. She is in charge of our successful *Buy a Brick* fundraiser. Corresponding Secretary, Bill Woodhull has made many trips to the Dover Post Office and has written many fine thank you letters to people who have donated artifacts to the museum. Brenda Woodhull, has been our Tea chair-woman for five years and has guided us successfully in this fundraiser. Phil Reynolds, you have brought the Society into the 21st century with our website. Treasurer Bill Shuler, thank you for keeping the society solvent and keeping track of all our members. Our membership is now over 400.

Beth Olney, thank you for your work with the special children's projects. And thank you to the DAHS official photographer, Rick Kelly for taking pictures of our many activities.

Thank you to the DAHS Trustees for your support of the Society and its activities. The side porch was painted by Bob and Alice Wagner as they faithfully take care of our Museum House. The society appreciates the efforts of Scoutmaster Scott Miller and Boy Scout Troop 64 for taking care of the Museum House grounds. The society continues to apply for grants and was awarded one. Thank you to Linda Mullin, Grants Coordinator.

Drew University has approached us about our having a graduate student to help with cataloging our artifacts. Additional yearbooks and other information are being solicited. The museum was opened a few Sundays this year, but attendance was low. The *Dogs of Dover* are located outside of Town Hall. They are deteriorating due to weather conditions and need to be brought inside Town Hall. We have contacted the Mayor and Board of Aldermen about this matter. Many organizations are now holding their meetings at the Museum House: Dover Renaissance, College Club of Dover, Dover Reading Circle, DHS class reunions, Dover Senior Citizen Center Committee, the Scouts, and students from the Dover School System.

Dorothy, our resident ghost, is very popular. We feel her presence everywhere, but she is a friendly ghost.

How delighted these faithful members of the DAHS, Vivian Endahl Berg, our president for many years, and past vice president, E. Doris Taylor, past secretary, Mary Flanagan and Stu Inglis, past treasurers would be to see the progress of the Dover Area Historical Society."

Dover Historical Society Wins 2012 Heritage Grant Funds Help Keep Museum House Open Year Round For Meetings & Visits

Mr. William Shuler, Jr., Treasurer
Dover Area Historical Society

Dear Mr. Shuler,

Congratulations on your grant award. Your payment voucher will be processed upon receipt of the signed contract.

You can expect your first grant award payment in about three weeks after the signed contract is received at the MCHC offices.

Congratulations again on your award and thank you for participating in the grant award program.

Sincerely, Peg Shultz/Archivist

Morris County Heritage Commission

(Thanks to Linda Mullin and Bill Shuler for securing this grant for the Historical Society)



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COMMONS AND HAVE AN IMPRINT OF
YOUR MEMORY IN DOVER FOREVER.

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## Dover Elks at a Picnic circa 1930 Photo From East Dover Social Club (by Roger Flartey)



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 soon as possible.*

*Thank you!*

### DONATIONS

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Joyce Lake, Dover              | \$17.00  |
| Kenneth Miller, Mine Hill      | \$30.00  |
| Mrs. Joan Monnia, Wharton      | \$17.00  |
| Open House 10/20/12            | \$11.00  |
| Open House 10/21/12            | \$7.00   |
| East Dover Class visit,        | \$50.00  |
| Academy St. Class visit,       | \$46.00  |
| Helen & Bob Slack, Dover       | \$8.00   |
| Open House 10/16/12,           | \$27.50  |
| Clam Chowder sale,             | \$150.00 |
| Charlene Sue May, Manassas, VA | \$25.00  |
| Robert Tiefenbacher, Lafayette | \$100.00 |

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# First Events That Happened in Dover

## Every New Year Adds To The History of Dover

- *First* settlement in Dover was established in 1722 by John Jackson at the site of the old Swiss Knitting Mill on Park Heights Ave.
- *First* church to be established in the immediate Dover area was the Quaker Friends Meeting House on Quaker Church Road in 1748.
- *First* and only time in American history where legal-opinions were written on birch tree bark was in Dover when Gen. Wm. Winds used such a tactic to avoid paying tax on legal paper as ordered by the oppressive Stamp Act of 1765.
- *First* residents to supply food and baked goods to the revolutionary soldiers camped in nearby Morristown were from the Dover, Rockaway, Mendham and Morristown area.
- *First* Sunday School in Dover was established in 1816 by Rev. Barnabas King of the Rockaway Presbyterian Church.
- *First* blacksmith shop set up in Dover was in 1828 by William Ford at Billy Ford's Pond.
- *First* Steel Mill established in Morris County began operations in Dover in 1837 on the site of today's Schwarz Block Building. The bricks from this razed Steel Mill were used to construct the Central Hotel Building (today's Laughing Lion.)
- *First* name given to Dover was "Beman's" after the Quaker Iron Works of 1745, next name was "Old Tye" after Wm. Winds ventures to Fort Ticonderoga until 1796. "Dover" became the prominent name after Moses Hurd's hometown of Dover, New Hampshire.
- *First* public building in Dover was the Stone Academy built in 1829 and used as a church and private school. The Stone Academy is considered Dover's oldest standing building.
- *First* and most famous Banner Temperance Town in New Jersey was started in 1832 by Thomas B. Segur which became the forerunner to today's Alcohol Anonymous.
- *First* Morris Canal boat "the Dover of Dover" ever constructed was in Dover by Byram Pruden and became the first canal boat to sail the Morris Canal in 1831.
- *First* use of the phrase "soft-drink" was in Dover in 1835 by Jennie Young when reading a sign referring to the Sons-OF-Temperance (S.O.F.T) at her father's store where he sold Root Beer drinks.
- *First* bank combination lock, still in use today, was invented in Dover in 1840 by Joshua Butterworth, an employee of Henry McFarlan, who also invented the **first** shuttle for the sewing machine.
- *First* street sign erected in Dover was for "Pennsylvania Avenue" and was shortened to "Penn Ave" in order to fit the space available.
- *First* Dover citizen to work in the White House was Octavious Pruden who was a product of the Dover School system with exceptionally beautiful penmanship.
- *First* all brick store in downtown Dover was Goodales Drug Store in 1850. Bricks were brought into town via the Morris Canal. *First* YMCA was formed in Dover in 1868. *First* newspaper in Dover was started in 1869 called The Dover Enterprise. (cont. on page 8)

## Upcoming Events

Sunday \* Jan. 13th \* 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
MUSEUM HOUSE

**Special meeting of trustees & supporters**  
(Review & plan for 2013 events)

Tuesday \* Jan. 15th \* 7:30 pm  
MUSEUM HOUSE

**Dover High of the 20's & 30's**

(Enjoy an evening reviewing the old days at Dover High. Who knows, you may see your parents or grandparents.)

No Charge - Refreshments served

Tuesday \* Feb 19th. \* 7:30 pm  
MUSEUM HOUSE

**Dover History Quiz #3**

(Test your knowledge of Dover history.  
Grand prize for the winner)

Tues. \* Mar. 19th \* 7:30 pm  
MUSEUM HOUSE

**History of Dover Churches**

No charge & Refreshments served.

Tues. \* Apr. 16th \* 7:30 pm  
MUSEUM HOUSE

**Bon Ton Movie Night**

(Movie to be announced)

No charge—Refreshments

Tues. \* May 21st \* 7:30 pm  
**Good Old Dover**

(Enjoy an evening of photographs & memories of the way Dover used to be...trolley cars, horse & buggies, hotels & theaters and its people)

## DONATIONS

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Open House 12/18/12,           | \$20.00   |
| Bob & Alice Wagner, Wharton    | \$50.00   |
| John & Maria Hynes, Easton, NH | \$30.00   |
| Morris Co. Heritage Commission | \$3906.00 |



# Billy Ford's Pond Will Never Look The Same

## Dover's Sports Complex Has Served the Town Over 150 Years

DOVER-Billy Ford's Pond (today known as Crescent Field) has played a major role in Dover's history serving as a source for industry, recreation and later, transportation.

Old historic records suggest that the pond was once part of a large Lenape Indian settlement that also included parts of Hurd Park (Indian Falls) long before John Jackson settled Dover in 1722. The earliest records show that the downtown Dover area was developed in 1745 with the establishment of the iron works, known then as the Quaker Iron Works at the Rockaway River, today the site of the Mill Pond Towers.

When Blackwell & McFarlan began selling property rights to this newly formed village of Dover in 1832, William Ford was one of the early settlers to make Dover his home. He purchased the large

parcel of land on the south side of Dickerson Street that contained a sizable pond. Here, using the water from the pond, Mr. Ford set up Dover's first blacksmith shop and hired a great many apprentices, mostly young boys, whom he instructed in this kind of trade. Soon Billy Ford became known at "the father of Do-

ver's mechanics, machinists and workers in iron." Ford became widely known for a special kind of ax he manufactured at his plant. How the townfolks loved "Billy Ford's Pond" for swimming, fishing and boating in the summer and ice skating in the winter. (cont. below)



## Crescent Field

*Billy Ford's Pond becomes the railroad yard.*

When the Morris-Essex Railroad established itself in Dover, it purchased the entire Billy Ford Pond complex, including Mr. Ford's factory buildings in exchange for a property lot at the corner of N. Sussex & McFarlan Streets across the street from the Grace Methodist Church. Now the railroad constructed a water tower to feed water into the steam locomotives as they parked and rested in Dover. Meanwhile, the pond was a very popular swimming hole in the summer and an extremely popular ice skating rink in the winter when

families from miles around would converge on Dover to ice skate and build bond fires to keep warm and cook marshmallows (remember those days?)

### *How Billy Ford's Pond became Crescent Field.*

Years after the railroad moved its rail yards from the pond and no longer needed the water supply for its locomotives the lot became vacant. A great place for ice skating, but in the summer time, the pond became a eye sore with the overpopulated mosquito problems that many townfolks complained about. At various times the pond was drained and reestablished for ice skating in the winter. Around 1915,

Carmine Gangemi moved to Dover from Jersey City where he settled after moving from his hometown in Maria Christina, Calabria, Italy. Finding great opportunities in Dover, Carmine set out building sidewalks, houses in town and later into bigger construction operations. In 1920, Mr. Gangemi renovated an old vacant building on Dickerson St. and opened the Crescent Tavern, which became a very popular meeting place with bocci courts and refreshments.

In 1936, Mr. Gangemi purchased the old historic Academy Building and completely renovated it to his new Crescent Tavern & Dover's first Italian-American restaurant (cont. below)

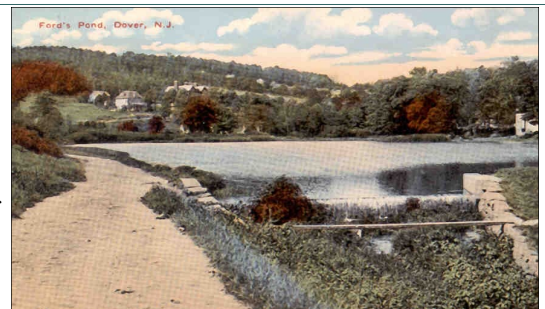
### **Crescent Field** (cont.)

& Pizzeria. After several years of hard work and success in business, Carmine noticed the swamp as an eye sore across the railroad tracks and visualized a great location for a park, sports center and recreational area in the center of town.

He negotiated a lease with the railroad and succeeded in converting the swamp into an ice-skating rink in the winter, baseball and softball diamonds in the spring and a recreational area for the children with a playground, flood lights, piped-in-music, refreshment stand and several

other attractions. The area adopted the name of Crescent Field which is still used to this very day. (Carmine adopted the name Crescent, from the Crescent Moon symbols he remembered back in Italy.)

During the years of 1944-45 Carmine thought a great deal about the snow problem and the disposal of tons of plowed snow. Carmine was able to patent his new snow-melting machine which was studied and perfected by larger companies years later. Carmine Gangemi was truly one of



Dover's outstanding citizens and his memory lives on today with one of New Jersey's finest state-of-the-art sporting facilities. (Photo shows Billy Ford's Pond looking south)

## Root Beer Floats & Historical Society

DOVER-Why does the Dover Area Historical Society have a strong fancy for root beer and root beer floats? It all started back in 1830 when a young man and his family moved from Brooklyn, NY to set up Dover's first bakery shop on Dickerson Street. This young man, named William L. Young, discovered Dover while traveling through northern N.J. with a friend. When they accidentally stumbled upon this small hamlet, William immediately fell in love with it.

This was at a time in history when Morris County and the rest of the country was wild with drunkenness and infidelity. Intemperance had greatly increased because of a lack of regulations on distilleries that were being established in all parts of the country.

After setting up his business and home in Dover, Mr. Young met Thomas B. Segur who was Dover's first banker and together they started "The Sons of Temperance" forerunner to AA. The movement became so popular that by 1840, Dover was known as the "Temperance Banner Town of New Jersey."

Besides his bakery shop, Mr. Young would make root beer as an alternative beverage to alcohol, which he kept in stone bottles. The drink became very popular among Dover residents.

According to Charles Platt's "Dover History" publication of 1914, Young's daughter Jennie remembers being in her father's store, and seeing the bookcase containing many of Dover's public readings. At



the top of the book case were printed the letters "S of T," meaning "Sons of Temperance." Some believe the term "Soft Drink" was derived from this inscription and referred to the "drinks" that Mr. Young offered as soft drinks.

This is why Root Beer has strong deep roots in Dover and a favorite of the historical society. What about the floats you ask? Oh, we just added the ice cream for additional flavor. *They are sooo good!*

## Pecan Pie Recipe

*According to Brenda Woodhull, this recipe received overwhelming compliments and will now be shared:*

\*1.1/4 c. all-purpose flour \* 1/2 c. plus 5 T. brown sugar, packed & divided \* 1/2 c. butter \* 2 eggs \* 2 T. butter, melted \* 1/2 cup light corn syrup \* 1 t. vanilla extract \* 1/2 c. chopped pecans

**Combine flour & 3 T. brown sugar, cut 1/2 c. butter until coarse. Press into 11X7 pan. Bake 375 for 20 min. Meanwhile beat eggs in bowl and add brown sugar, melted butter, corn syrup & vanilla. Blend in pecans and pour mixture into hot crust. Bake 15 min., cool and cut into bars. Makes 2 doz.**

## Hurricane Sandy

DOVER-This photo shows the damage to a billboard sign next to Goodale's Pharmacy (Moller Opera House) following Sandy. Although Dover was spared the damage of the Jersey Shore, however, thousands suffered from the lack of power and heat for up to two weeks.

The Dover Street Dept. and various crews managed to clean up downed trees, power lines, street lights, etc. in a matter of days. The police dept., fire dept. and rescue services performed their duties with outstanding speed and accuracy.

(photo by Rick Kelly)

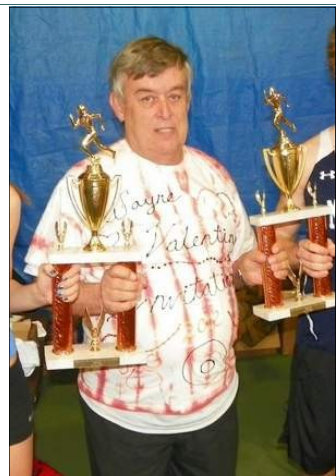


## Dover High Track Celebrates 75th Anniversary One Of the Oldest Boys & Girls Cross-Country Programs in New Jersey

DOVER-Dover High School fielded Morris County's first high school cross country in 1937 and is one of the oldest programs in the state of New Jersey. Dover High also established New Jersey's first cross-country programs to field girls in the early 1970s.

In November 2012 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the program, former high school track champs Jay Thompson and Bill Shuler along with Coach Wayne Valentine (1964-1987) organized a reunion for the former Tiger runners and their families.

The boys program had won four state group championships, five state sectional titles and eight conference crowns and made the Meet of Champions six times. The girls program, which began as one of Morris County's first teams in 1972 had earned a Morris County championship, three state sectional titles and two conference crowns. Coach Valentine is still involved with the winter and spring track program for girls. *(Photo of Coach Wayne Valentine courtesy of Daily Record)*





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## Historical Society Looking Ahead to 2013

DOVER-At a Sept. 2012 meeting of the Executive Board, the Board of Trustees, Members and Supporters of the historical society, the following issues were highlighted to be addressed in 2013:

*Tenth anniversary of the Dover History Museum House. Must get approval from the Presbyterian Church to renew one of three-five year extensions to the 25-year lease.*

*Dorothy Condict's 110th birthday in November & 100th anniversary of the Academy Street PTA in 2013. Considering a party to celebrate the events.*

*Consider repainting the exterior of the Museum House. Exterior shows great wear and peeling to existing paint job. Repair side and back porches.*

*Recover the Playhouse Theater's "Stone Face" (the Goddess Dionysus) and return it to the museum house.*

*Restoration of the "Dover Dogs" and replace them to an interior environment. Working with the town government on this issue.*

*Develop a Dover Area Historical Society email chain to send out immediate notices to interested members and supporters.*

*Develop a "Wish List" for major investments in the museum house, such as a new refrigerator, stove/oven, new storage closet in kitchen area, new area rug for the dining area and a dumpster in Spring, 2013.*

*Major fundraisers for 2013, including the "Afternoon Tea", "Dover Speedway", "Paul Guenther", "Yard Sales", "Applebee's Breakfast", etc.*

As always, your thoughts and suggestions are always welcomed.  
Contact us at [info@doverhistoricalsociety.com](mailto:info@doverhistoricalsociety.com)

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- First vaudeville playhouse in Morris County was the Moller Opera House built between 1850-1860. First all-talking motion picture in Morris County was shown at the Baker Theater in December, 1929.
- First Stove Range in America was manufactured in Dover by the Richard-Boynton Stove works in 1896 called the "Perfect Cooking Range."
- First curbside gasoline pump in Morris County was erected in front of Goodale's Drug store on Blackwell Street.
- First bank in New Jersey to start paying interest on deposits was in Dover at the Dover Trust Company in 1904 on Blackwell Street.
- First Lady's silk hosiery stocking in America were manufactured in Dover in 1897 at the Guenther Hosiery Mills on King Street. Worldwide distribution made the company the largest of its kind in America.
- **First** of its kind "in-town" shopping center was built in Dover in 1956. - **First** of its kind "downtown" Drive-In Theater was built in Dover in 1957. **First** FM-stereo radio station in America was established in Dover in 1961 and called WDHA. **First** in America to use CDs instead of records was WDHA.