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December 14, 2014

a Dickens of a great time!

What looked like a record number of visitors covered the town for the annual Spirit of Christmas celebration. Saturdays event was presented by the NC Presbyterian Church. Sounds of the season by the Wm. Penn choir warmed us all. Visitors' Bureau chief elf about town, Gene Dempsey, proclaimed this years celebration to be dedicate to Doug Lovett, merchant and visionary. The NCHS celebrated with a successful Fezziwig's Ball at the Arsenal on Friday evening. Everyone who spent countless hours planning this weekend deserves a hearty Thank You!

Look for more pictures next week!



50 Years plus of Service

Trustee president Michael Alfree opened the **Recognition Evening** noting he was most fortunate to preside at the 250 Anniversary of the Trust and this milestone achievement. He said that Mr. DeAscanis has been serving the community as a Trustee longer than his entire working career. Only one member of the Trust, Richard Rodney, has served longer and that by only a month and a couple weeks.

Chickie first awaited election results in June of 1964 only to find he was headed for a run-off in November, which he won. In both elections a record number of votes were cast; 1,479 in June and 1,605 that fall.

Francis D. "Chickie" DeAscanis's half century of service began as he joined Jacob H. Speicher (1933), Donald C. Banks (1939), Richard M. Appleby, Sr. (1940), Nelson C. Quillen (1942), John C. Roman (1943), James E. Carlin (1944), Robert J. Quillen (1946), Daniel F. Wolcott (1950), H. Thomas McGuire (1951), Horace L. Deakne (1952), J. Herbert Tobin (1953), and Joseph A. DiMondi (1964), as a member of the New Castle Trustees of the Common. He was presented with a pewter (not silver) bowl and portrait of corn by Sara Hutchinson. After well wishes, the Trustee members and DeAscanis family had dinner at Caroline's.



Sen. Nicole Poore presents Chickie with proclamations from the State House of Representative and Senate. When thanking everyone he said, "she said I couldn't take her home!"



12▲14 InterNatl Children's Day Natl Bouillabaisse Day Nostradamus*511 (1566), James

Doolittle*118 (1993), Morey Amsterdam*100 (1996), Don Hewitt*92 (2009), Lee Remick*79 (1991), Patty Duke-68 Artificial pearls first manufactured. 1656, David Wilkinson patented the nut and bolt machine. 1789, George Washington, died at the age 67. 1799, Max Planck of Berlin University revealed his revolutionary Quantum Theory. 1900, Fanny Brice, recorded ♡If You Want the Rainbow, 1928, Sandy Koufax, age 19, was signed by the Brooklyn Dodgers. 1953

12▲15 Bill of Rights Day Natl Lemon Cupcake Day Natl Cat Herders Day Alexandre Gustave Eiffel*182 (1923), designed the Eiffel Tower, J. Paul Getty*122 (1976), Tim Conway-81, Dave Clark-72, Don Johnson-65 The Bill of Rights are enacted, 1791, Jane Austen's "Emma" was published. 1815, In Philadelphia, the first street cleaning machine was put into use. 1854, Sioux Chief Sitting Bull was killed by Indian police. 1890, Gone With the Wind premiered in where else but Atlanta. 1939, Dr. R. Townley Paton and a small group of doctors laid the groundwork for the Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration. 1944, the same year Glenn Miller died in a plane crash over the English Channel, Vaughn Meader's ♡The first Family album goes #1. 1962

12▲16 Natl Chocolate Covered Anything Day Barbie and Barney Backlash Day Ludwig van Beethoven*244 (1827), Margaret Mead*113 (1978), Liv Ullmann-76, Lesley Stahl-73, Benjamin Bratt-51, Halleé Hirsh-27 Nearly 350 chests of tea were dumped into Boston Harbor off of British ships by Colonial patriots.

1773, The Tales of Peter Rabbit, by Beatrix Potter, was first printed. 1901, Albert Einstein publishes his General Theory of Relativity 1915, Nylon yarn was sold to hosiery mills to make women's stockings. And it all started in nylon's hometown- Wilmington, Delaware. 1939, World War II Battle of the Bulge began. 1944, The Lemon Pipers released ♡ Green Tambourine 1967

12▲17 Natl Maple Syrup Day Wright Brothers Day Erskine Caldwell*111 (Tobacco Road, God's Little Acre) (1987), Gene Rayburn*97 (1999), William Safire*85 (2009), Ernie Hudson-69, Bill Pullman-60 A traffic regulation in NYC established the first street to go One Way. 1792, The Wright Brothers made their first airplane flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C. 1903, Col. William "Billy" Mitchell was convicted of insubordination at his court-martial. 1925, Edgar Bergen kidded around with his pal, ♡Charlie McCarthy, for the first time. 1936, Television history was made with ♡Tiny Tim's Wedding to Miss Vicki on The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson. 1969

12▲18 Bake Cookies Day Answer the Phone Like Buddy the Elf Day Natl Roast Suckling Pig Day Natl Regifting Day Ty Cobb*128 (1961), Betty Grable*98 (1973), Steven Spielberg-67, Brad Pitt-50, "Stone Cold" Steve Austin-50, Katie Holmes-36, Christina Aguilera-34 The first orthopedic hospital was called the Hospital for Ruptured and Crippled. 1862, Slavery was abolished in the United States with the 13th Amendment to the Constitution being ratified. 1865, New auto speed record was set at 39 mph. 1898, A \$1 silver certificate was issued. It was the first currency to depict the front and back sides of the Great Seal. 1935, WPTZ in Plattsburgh, NY, presented a Felso commercial, marking the first color telecast seen on a local station. What's Felso? Felso was a laundry detergent. 1953

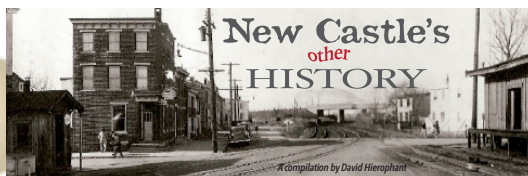
12▲19 Look for an Evergreen Day Oatmeal Muffin Day Natl Underdog Day David Susskind*94 (1987), Cicely Tyson-81, Tim Reid-70, Robert Ulrich*68 (2002), Reggie White*53 (2004), Alyssa Milano-42 Robinson Crusoe leaves his island after 28 years. 1686, Benjamin Franklin began publishing Poor Richard's Almanac. 1732, Gen. Washington led his army of about 11,000 men to Valley Forge, to camp for the winter. 1777, A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens was published in London. 1843, Corrugated paper was patented by Albert L. Jones. 1871, Robert Ripley began his Believe It or Not column. 1918, Neil Sedaka's ♡Calendar Girl was released 1960

12▲20 Go Caroling Day Mudd Day Harvey Firestone*146 (1938), Irene Dunne*116 (1990), Uri Geller-68, Jenny Agutter-62, Kiefer Sutherland-48 The "Susan Constant," "Godspeed" and "Discovery" set sail from London landing at Jamestown. 1606, The first cotton mill in the US began operating. 1790, HMS Beagle/ Charles Darwin sails from New Zealand to Sydney. 1835 Confederate forces evacuated Savannah. 1864, Al Jolson recorded ♡April Showers 1932, The Frank Capra film ♡It's A Wonderful Life had a preview showing for charity. 1946, First UHF television station operating regular basis. 1949, James Arness makes his dramatic TV debut. 1954, The Berlin Wall was opened for the first time. It remained open for the holiday season, but closed again on Jan 6, 1964.

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I was recently introduced to a former Castilian David Hierophant. He has a treasure trove of New Castle history and stories that needed to be shared. I hope you enjoy this new weekly feature. – Teditor



First National Park to be Created in Delaware

U.S. Senators Tom Carper and Chris Coons and Congressman John Carney celebrated Congressional passage of historic legislation to authorize the creation of a national park in Delaware. The language passed Friday mirrored bills introduced in 2013 by Senators Carper and Coons and Rep. Carney—the **First State National Historical Park Act of 2013**

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WEEK 15

Date **Teams** **Time**

THU, 12/11

Arizona at St. Louis 8:25 PM

SUN, 12/14

Pittsburgh at Atlanta 1PM **CBS**

Washington at NY Giants 1PM

Miami at New England 1PM

Oakland at Kansas City 1PM

Houston at Indianapolis 1PM

Jacksonville at Baltimore 1PM

Green Bay at Buffalo 1PM

Tampa Bay at Carolina 1PM

Cincinnati at Cleveland 1PM

NY Jets at Tennessee 4:05 PM

Denver at San Diego 4:05 PM

Minnesota at Detroit 4:25 PM

San Francisco at Seattle 4:25 PM **FOX**

Dallas at Philadelphia 8:30 PM **NBC**

MON, 12/15

New Orleans at Chicago 8:30 PM

USA TODAY ► [2014 NFL Schedule](#)

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VISITOR HOME

Tue 12/16	Lightning	Flyers	7PM
Thu 12/18	Panthers	Flyers	7PM
Sat 12/20	Flyers	Maple Leafs	7PM
Sun 12/21	Flyers	Jets	9PM

Advent Lessons and Carols 4pm

Immanuel on the Green.

Please invite a friend to share the experience with you. Candlelight reception to follow in the Academy.



Happy Cobblestone Birthday

Mon 12/15 **Natalie Shane ~ Thomas Tear**

Fri 12/19 **Donna Garrett** Sat 12/20 **Lori McCready**

Sun 12/21 **Donna Shram ~ Brooklyn Gordy**

Mon 12/22 **Lyn Briggs ~ Heather Hubert**

Birthday or Anniversary approaching?

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Cobble Cindy,

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at Our Senior Center

Mon 12/15 10 Hope through the Holidays 10 Tree Decorating 12:30 Food Distribution **Wed 12/17** 10 Blood work-Lab 10 Watercolor workshop 11 Lunch out: Hunters Den **Thurs 12/18** 9 Bank & PO 9-12 \$Stand by Me 12:30 Food Lion
Fri 12/19 12 Entertainment with DJ Ike

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MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
9-3 Billiards 9 Pool Exercise 9:30 Park Walk 10 Crafty Seniors 12 Lunch 12:30 Mah Jongg 1 Chair Yoga	9-3 Billiards 9:30 Shanghai 10 Bingo 12 Lunch 12:45 Bingo 1 Strength Building/Exercise	9-3 Billiards 9:30 Park Walk 11 Line Dancing 12 Lunch 12:30 YMCA Diabetes Prevention 1 Pilates	9-3 Billiards 9:30 Shanghai 9:30 Bridge 10 Games w/Tom 12 Lunch 12:30 Super Market 1 Zumba Gold 2 Qi Gong/Tai Chi 5:30 Yoga 5:30 Bible Study	9-3 Billiards 9:30 Park Walk 9:30 Knit/Crochet 10 Bingo 10 Mah Jongg 10:30 Beginner's/Arthritis Exercise 12 Lunch

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- 12/15** JOB CENTER/10A
10 Tricks to Job Searching
In Her Shoes*/1PM
- 12/16** ESL*/Beg./10AM
Sew Happy Group 10:30AM-3PM
R,R Storytime/10:30A
In Her Shoes*/1PM
GED in Span/6:30P
- 12/18** ESL*/Beg./10AM
In Her Shoes*/1PM
GED in Span/6:30P
Knit1/Crochet 2-7PM
- 12/19** In Her Shoes*/1PM
ACA Marketplace Guide/2-4PM
Teens: Game On! 3PM
- 12/20** Holiday Gift Wrapping
10:30AM-1PM
PAWS*/11AM

The final regular City Council meeting of the year featured Diane Laird, State Coordinator for Downtown Delaware. She presented an overview of the Main Street Program, how it benefits communities, and the organizational/funding models other communities have used to promote their central business district. *Look for more on the Main Street in a future issue.*



Diane Laird

There was the long, but necessary, first reading of a resolution revising and restating Chapter 74: The Tree Commission and Chapter 210: Street Trees, of the City Code. *See link below.*

The item about repeating the partnership with New Castle County to manage the City's Summer Camp program was a hot topic. Council member Teal Petty took strong objection to the move and the manner in which it took place last year. She said when it was introduced in a previous meeting, the decision had already been made. Taking ownership of the summer youth program, she note that after all the years of operation there had never been an incident that might result in legal action. Council saw it differently and voted to continue the partnership. Petty voted no.

City police will now use a firing rage at New Garden, PA saving time and approx. \$1,000 per year.

Council agreed to apply for a Trustees Grant (see page 3) for \$150,000 storm water funding and \$50,000 for ADA compliance.

Visit: [Council Meeting Agenda](#) to see all the items discussed.

Mon 10-9 Tues 10-9 Wed 2:-9 Thurs 2-9 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-5 Sun Closed

TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON **COMMUNITY GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Trustees of New Castle Common annually award grants to community organizations and scholarships to eligible residents of the City of New Castle.

Application forms for this year's grants and scholarships are available on the Trustee's web site: <http://trusteesncc.org> or from the Trustees' office.



Last year the Trustees budgeted \$75,000 for scholarships and more than \$200,000 for community grants.

In addition to the forms, the web site contains information on the allocation of Trust funds, properties, meeting minutes and the history and past projects of the Trust.

Deadline for applications is December 31, 2014

TRUSTEES OF NEW CASTLE COMMON
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on the loss of his Sister

Deborah Atherton on Wednesday, December 10th

Save the Date!

1/10
 Wine About What Ales You
2/1
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See the New Castle Weekly for Full Schedules

Mon. 12/15 Planning Commission Mtg. 6:30pm
 Thurs. 12/18 Historic Area Review Committee Mtg. 6pm
 Mon. 12/22 Municipal Services Mtg. 4pm
 Tues. 1/6 Trustees Mtg. **Penn Farm 6:30** Reg. Mtg. 7pm
 ▶ <http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov/>

NOTICE Due to Equipment Issues **Street Sweeping Has Been Suspended Until Further Notice.** Please continue to check the City website, newcastlecity.delaware.gov, the newspaper, or the message board at the Administration building for any updates and additional information.

D I N N E R



rib roast

- 1/3 cup finely ground coffee
- 2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 vanilla bean, split and seeds scraped
- 1 12lb bone-in prime rib roast (5 bones)



- 1** In a bowl, thoroughly blend the coffee with the salt, pepper and vanilla bean seeds. Set the rib roast in a roasting pan and rub it all over with the coffee mixture, concentrating most of the rub on the fatty part of the meat. Turn the roast bone side down and let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes.
- 2** Preheat the oven to 450°. Roast the meat for 15 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 325° and roast for about 2 1/2 hours longer, until an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the meat registers 125° for medium-rare.
- 3** Transfer the roast to a carving board and let rest for 20 minutes. Scrape off any excess coffee rub. Carve the meat in 1/2-inch-thick slices and serve. The coffee-rubbed roast can be refrigerated overnight. Bring to room temperature before roasting.

PortWinePunch.



Should a hot drink be desired, one may always depend upon the "hot port wine punch" that "The Only William" esteemed as the most appropriate of Christmas tipples. To prepare it mix a quart of claret with a quart of Rhine wine and two quarts of port wine, and put them over the fire, with two pounds of sugar. Let them heat slowly, for they must not be permitted to boil, and stir them sufficiently to assure the

sugar being dissolved. When the mixture has become very hot pour it into a tureen in which there shall be the juice of four lemons, and half a bottle of the best arrack; stir for a moment and serve. For a Christmas Eve or Christmas night party no hot drink can be better.

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HistoricAreaReview c o m m i t t e e

New Castle Town Hall - 2nd & Delaware Streets

Thursday, December 18, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- Roll Call • Report on status of work to date

Public comments on following topics:

- HAC Review application process: is the existing process easy to follow (is information readily available in a timely fashion, are deadlines for submission clear, is it clear what supporting documentation must be submitted, etc...)
- HAC meeting schedule (once a month)
Cost of HAC application.
- The role of the Architect Member on HAC: should the Architect be a voting member or HAC or an outside preservation architect consultant hired by the City to review the applications and make recommendations, but without a vote.
- Should HAC have a two-tier review process: expedited for routine maintenance items with in-kind replacement, more extensive for interventions above a certain threshold (by cost or impact)?
- Should the HAC fee reflect this tiered approach - lower fee for routine maintenance, higher for more extensive plan review?
- Use of alternate materials (windows, doors, roofing) on rear elevations that are not visible from the public right-of-way.
- Use of alternate materials (windows, doors, roofing) on rear elevations that are visible from the public right-of-way.
- Use of alternate materials (windows, doors, roofing) on side elevations visible from the public right-of-way.
- Use of alternate materials (windows, doors, roofing) on street elevations.
- Use of solar panels on roofs within the historic district limits.

NOTE: If you are unable to attend this meeting, the review committee would welcome written comments sent to their attention through the

City Administration Office, 220 Delaware St., New Castle, DE 19720

Comments may be mailed, dropped off at the Administration building, or emailed to mdelaney113@newcastlecity.org.

The agenda items listed may not be considered in sequence. Posted: 12/9/14



CITY OF NEW CASTLE

Schedule of Meetings December 2014

Unless Otherwise Noted, All Committee, Commission, Board and Council Meetings will be Held in Town Hall, Located at 201 Delaware Street - New Castle, DE 19720

*All Meetings are open to the Public and City residents are encouraged to attend
City Offices will be Closed on Thurs., December 25th and Fri,
December 26th for the Christmas Holiday.*

City Meetings

Monday, December 15th 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting

Thursday, December 18th 6:00 p.m.

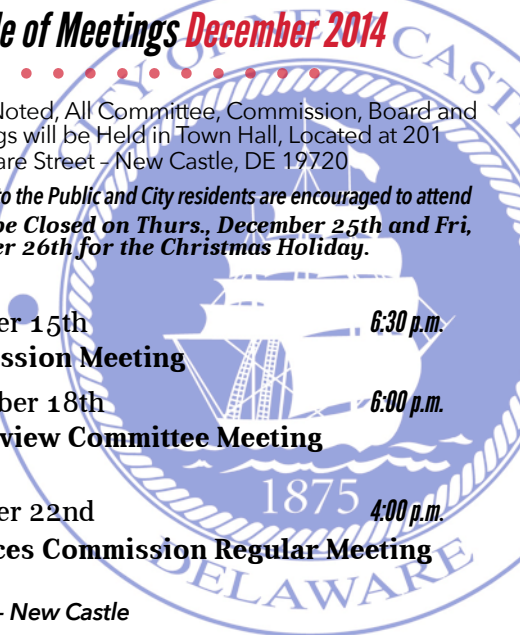
Historic Area Review Committee Meeting

Community Meetings

Monday, December 22nd 4:00 p.m.

Municipal Services Commission Regular Meeting
MSC Office

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BLOTTER

983 baggies seized

Last Wednesday, Dec, 10th New Castle City Police arrested a New Castle area woman on drug charges following a vehicle stop that occurred around 4:30pm in the area of W. 11th St. Cpl. Keith Dempsey was on patrol in the area of W. 8th St. near Clayton and observed what he believed to be a drug transaction. He stopped the vehicle on the 600 block of W. 11th St. A search of the passenger uncovered 983 baggies of heroin in her purse weighing over 14 grams. During the search, the driver, Joshua Smallwood, 27, (500 block of Dupont Hwy.) fled the scene on foot towards the Domino's Pizza, then jumped in a running vehicle and fled the area. Police, assisted by County Police, began to chase the vehicle but called off the pursuit due to Smallwood's reckless driving and the safety to the public.



Smallwood

Rachel L. Mahan, 24, of the 500 block of Dupont Hwy, was charged with Possession of Heroin and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Mahan was released on \$600.00 unsecured bond pending a court appearance. Police hold warrants for Smallwood for charges ranging from Failure to Stop for a Police Officer, Possession of Heroin Tier 5, Resisting Arrest, Vehicle Theft and Possession of a Firearm By Person Prohibited after a 9mm was found in an apartment he resides in.



The roving Cobble Kat & Joe recently returned from New Orleans celebrating a special birthday! The building to the left, is St. Louis Cathedral in Jackson Square. There's Pete Fountain in Musical Legend's Park. And bottom right is Jean Lafeat's Pirate Bar. Santa Suits are year round Big Easy attire



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OVERHEARD

The Holidays at the **Amstel & Dutch Houses**



The Amstel House will be decorated for a traditional holiday celebration in colonial times, showing off a “dessert board” of the period, and featuring traditional 18th century customs during the period of Governor Nicholas Van Dyke's residency. At the Dutch House, experience a celebration of St. Nichols' Eve, a tribute to the legend of Saint Nicholas, Dutch patron saint.

Included with regular admission to the museums.

Through Sun., Dec. 28th 2 East 4th Street New Castle

Read House & Gardens



This year, Christmas in the three twentieth century period rooms at the Read House will have an even more retro feel than usual as the Lairds look back to the works of famed English novelist, Charles Dickens, as they plan a Victorian Christmas-themed celebration. The Laird Dining Room will be set for a sumptuous holiday dinner with all the trimmings and feature a Christmas tree decorated in the Victorian style with garlands of fruit and nuts and various small eccentric trinkets. Party preparations are underway in the Laird Bedroom as Philip and Lydia gather their Victorian costumes for a costume party they plan to attend. Festivities will continue in the Tap Room, which will be decorated for a New Years' party



featuring Victorian games from yester-year. Through Dec. 31st.

Closed Christmas

Read House & Gardens

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Wednesday-Friday 11 am - 4 pm

Saturday 10 am - 4 pm

Sunday 11 am - 4 pm

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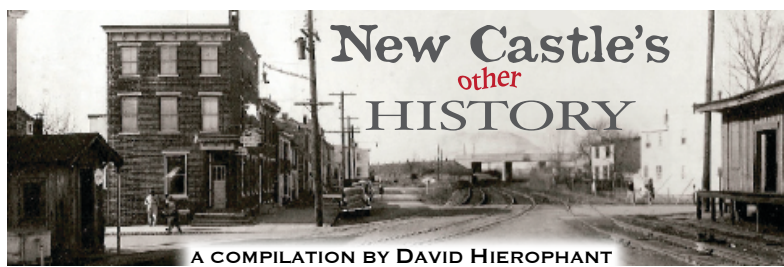
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At the turn of the 20th century New Castle was a small town along the west shore of the Delaware River. New Castle was an important fishing port, the center of a rich agricultural section and a town with a background of having been the capital of a colony and state, and the county seat of government.

Italian immigrants arrived prior to the turn of the century. They were not the first immigrants, however. Before them came Dutch, Swedes, and English -- mostly Scotch-Irish. The Dutch in 1657 induced 300 Piedmontese to settle in New Castle, preceding their later brethren by 246 years. Unfortunately very little is known about the first Italians to settle in New Castle.

These new arrivals were hard, sturdy men from the mountainous region of the Province of the Abruzzi. Most could neither read nor write but possessed a strong will and a determination to succeed. Others came from Tuscany, the Marches, the Roman Provinces and Sicily. They found their way to New Castle by way of Baltimore.

As the railroad wound its way through New Castle, these Italians decided to settle here. It was an important center providing good job opportunities, especially with the railroad, and a home in a small but dynamic community.

The core of the early Italian community was made up of Carlo Marcozzi, Francesco Antonio, Vincenzo di Giangiacomo, and Pietro Ottaviano. Others followed. By 1913 there was a sizable Italian community.

With the outbreak of World War I a number of these returned to Italy and fought with the Italian army in the mountainous regions of Venezia-Giulia. They experienced both defeat (Caporetto) and victory (the Piave-River from where the order was given to "hold or die"). The Italian Army held and defeated a strong German force. The river Piave ran red with the blood of the combatants on both sides). Many of these early settlers did not return to New Castle. Others did return with their spouses and began anew their life in America. A sizable number joined the American Army when the U.S. entered the war and fought with distinction in France.

After the war the second wave of immigrants arrived in New Castle, and continued until 1933. The family made up the central core of the group but because of the closeness and unity within the group each family helped one another so that all advanced together.

Italian was the language spoken in the home, thus the children became bilingual. Many of the earlier children upon entering first grade could not speak English but made the adjustment.

Food was simple, the staple being spaghetti, ravioli, and gnocchi. Taiolini, pasta e faccioli, verze e faccioli along with dandelions and rabbi, which were picked wild in early spring, provided a hardy meal for the family. Chickens and rabbits were raised in the backyard. Each family had its garden which supplied tomatoes for sauce, peppers, beans, zucchini and lettuce. Many even had fig trees and grape vines. Some sold the produce from their garden thus providing another source of income.

There were three Italians who sold their produce and should be noted here. They were Enrico Marinelli and Antonio Gotto who were noted for their tomatoes, peppers, beans and beets. Carlo Marcozzi was widely known for his celery. For many years, even after his retirement from the Railroad, he peddled his celery from door to door. This celery grown between boards to bleach it white and buried in trenches until Thanksgiving and Christmas, to give it a special crispness, was widely sought during the holidays.

In the fall, wine was made from grapes shipped from California. There were muscatel, alegante and zinfandel grapes. Those who could not afford to buy the grapes, picked wild cherries and elderberry which was then in abundance. Those who owned a crusher and press would lend it to those who did not own the equipment. With the arrival of the feast of San Martino all would meet at a designated place and sample each others wine and compare one against the other to see who made the best wine. There was much merriment on this occasion.

In early December the men would buy pigs from the nearby farms and on the appointed day kill the pigs, clean them and each would bring his pig home to turn it into sausages, prosciutto, loma or capicola, and lard. Some of the lard was used for cooking, some for making soap.

At Christmas and Easter time squid, smelts and other fish goodies were in abundance. Easter bread, pizzelle and cagianitti made up the pastries and mazzarella (lamb liver wrapped in lettuce), baccala (dried salted cod) and blessed eggs completed the menu.

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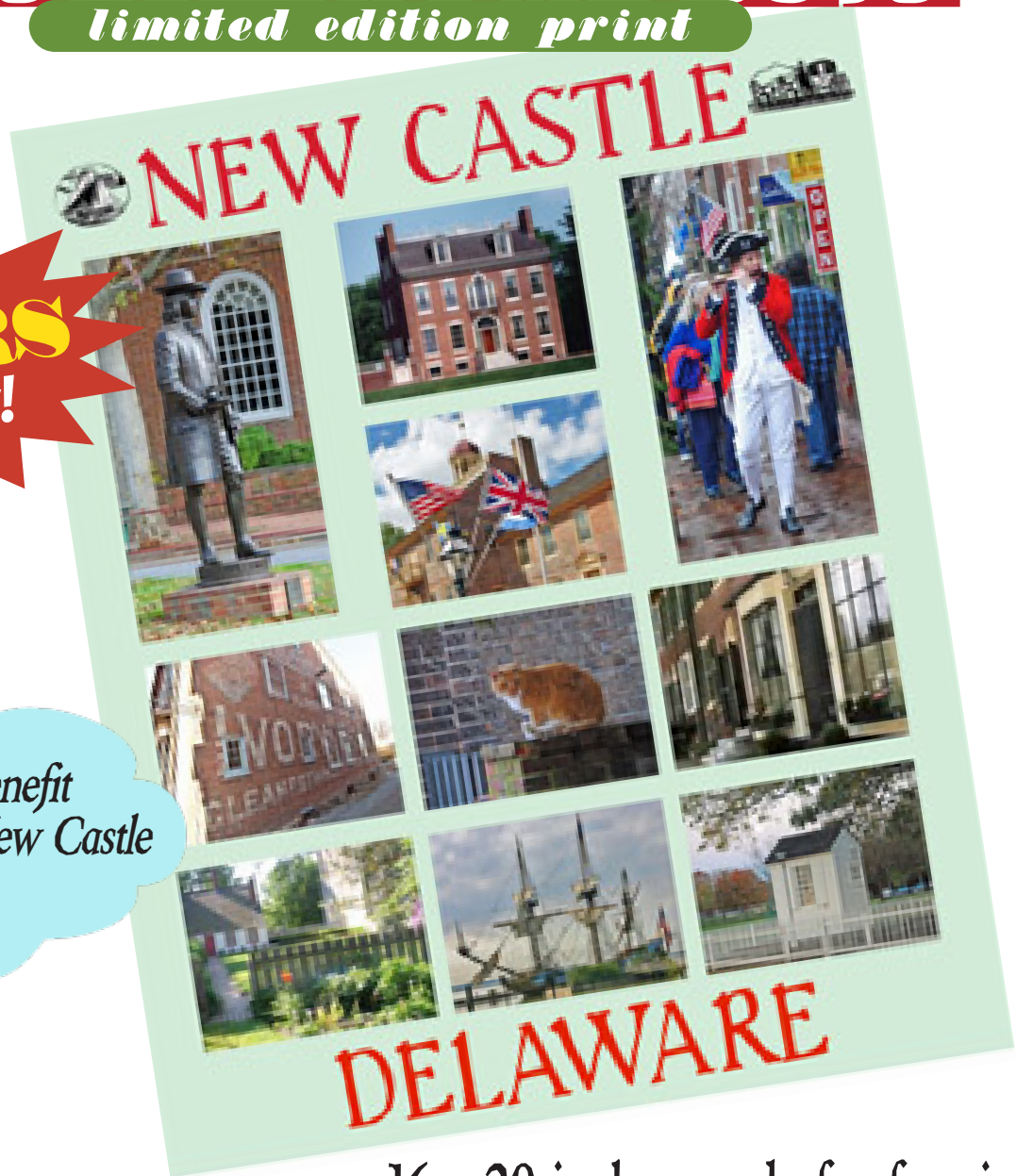
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