

Facts About Cambria County

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WHITE TWP. (Continued)

White was taken prisoner and held in the Confederates' Libby Prison. He bored a hole in the bottom of his cage and often wrote messages of extreme value and placed them in the hole, giving the came then to friendly soldiers. In this way he was able to pass on valuable information to the Union armies.

He was known as General Harry White. I do not know if he was a real general but he had exciting Civil War experiences. His father, Thomas White, was judge of Cambria County and other counties that made up this judicial district from 1836 to 1847.

The Act of 1847 made Indiana a separate district. His son, Gen. Harry White, was the second judge in the 40th Judicial District from 1855 to 1905. He and our Judge Stephens, who was born at Dilltown, were close friends. In 1913 I met the Judge at the Metropolitan Hotel in Ebensburg. He told me many interesting Civil War episodes. He was at Ebensburg at that time to meet Judge Stephens, who was holding court there.

It is amazing that someone from Indiana County going to the Indiana State Teachers College has not undertaken a dissertation on him as a post-graduate thesis. It is a wonderfully interesting story and should be preserved for the future.

BARR TWP.

This township lies in the northwestern part of our county. It is bounded on the north by Susquehanna Twp., on the south by Blacklick Twp., on the east by West Carroll and Cambria Twp., and on the west by Indiana County. It was set up on Sept. 4, 1872—less than 100 years after the formation of the county—and came out of Susquehanna, Blacklick and Cambria Twp.

In its early days lumbering and farming were the principal occupations. It is said that logs were floated down the Susquehanna River to Baltimore.

Timber now is pretty well exhausted and coal mining took its place. Mines still are scattered here and there throughout the town, with the largest at Marsteller. There also are others in Moss Creek area. The Nicholson brothers for years were connected with these mines.

Nicktown is one of the communities in the township. It is particularly noted as a strong Roman Catholic community and has a beautiful church and parochial school. There are several shrines in and around the town.

Father Lemke, who was a close associate of Father Galitzin, was responsible for obtaining a number of acres of ground for the St. Nicholas Church and Cemetery. His body reposes in St. Benedict's Cemetery at Carrolltown, a beautiful marker noting his resting place.

Blacklick stream has its source in the township and the dividing ridge of the Alleghenies crosses through it.

Even though we think of coal as the principal industry, farming in the most scientific way is a big business in the township. Nicktown has a Boy Scout troop sponsored by the Catholic church. It used to be affiliated with the North Central District, but when the district was split it became, by request, part of the Central Cambria District. The town would be a very nice place in which to live.

Duman Dam, built by the state, together with a Cambria County owned and operated recreational park and picnic ground, is the most recent improvement in the township. It is developing into quite a pleasure area and on Sundays as many as several thousand people are to be found fishing and picnicking there.

Cambria County Archery Assn. also has its headquarters in the Duman area. The Central Cambria Boy Scout District had its spring camporee there—spring proving to be the best spring camporee ever conducted.

Roads in Barr Twp. are in good condition, with Nicktown serving as the hub. The town of West Branch, across the Susquehanna River from Spangler, and Marsteller also are located within its limits.

It is going from Carrolltown to Nicktown, Bakerton lies down off the hill to the right. The Krumacker sawmill, to the left, is a large enterprise engaged in cutting logs into fine timber products.

Father Maximilian Duman, an internationally-known botanist, is a native of the township. He has made many trips to the Arctic. He had the pleasure of hearing him

speak at one of the annual Central Scout District meetings.

Next week we will discuss Cambria Twp.

ICE CREAM DEBUT

Ice cream first came into being in New York during the Revolutionary War. In Washington, Dolly Madison introduced the foodstuff at a White House dinner and started it on its rise to nationwide popularity, says Marjorie J. Wornock, Penn State extension nutritionist.

Lilly Man, Missing 4 Days, Dies Few Hours After Found

Had Wandered Away From County Home

A 70-year-old Lilly man who had been missing from the Cambria County Home for four days died last Thursday evening several hours after he had been found by searchers.

Mr. Leashey was dead and the office of Coroner Joseph Govekar was notified. However, he died at 10:40 p. m.

Mr. Leashey apparently was overcome by the heat, and collapsed in the bushes. Searchers were out daily but did not come across him until Thursday. It is believed that the only reason he was found alive was due to the cooling rains of the days he was missing.

First reports of the discovery which reached Frank Burns, supervisor of the county home, said

STOP CANNIBALISM

One of the effective controls of chick cannibalism is the electric debeaker, reports F. H. Leuschner, Penn State extension poultry specialist. Debeaked birds must eat their grain out of hoppers; they cannot pick it up off the floor.

MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS

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