

### Facts About Cambria County

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**CRESSON TWP. (Continued)**

Andrew Carnegie had heard that Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, Pennsylvania State Health Commissioner, was examining and looking for a site in the Allegheny Mountains to erect a sanatorium for consumptive (tuberculosis) patients. Carnegie was the possessor of a large tract of land on the Summit of the mountain, having intended to build a home there for his mother.

Mr. Carnegie wrote a letter to Dr. Dixon, a copy of which I have in my library, offering this tract of land to the state for that purpose.

In the letter he said among other things that he would be pleased to give the land to the state if the Governor would accept it.

He also requested a copy of the legislation that he would be pleased to follow the description of the boundaries in

I am privileged to give it to the Keystone State, to which I am indebted for my fortune, such being evidence of my gratitude.

This letter, signed by Andrew Carnegie, was dated at New York on Sept. 8, 1905.

We are very happy that an old friend of ours, Dr. Devereaux of Cresson, played a prominent part in the transaction. Gov. Edward Sydney Stuart was the governor of the Commonwealth. Mr. Carnegie was a great steel king.

The tract of land he conveyed consisted of 498 acres. It is located near the top of the Alleghenies on the highest ridge in the state next to Negro Mountain near the Maryland line in Somerset County.

This kind act of Mr. Carnegie pleased Dr. Samuel G. Dixon so much that he further exploited the ground and put his stamp of approval on it. After the legal matter of conveyance, the title passed to the Commonwealth on Feb. 12, 1910.

A small portion of the tract is in Blair County but the greater part is in Cambria County. The conveyance cost the nominal sum of \$1.

I do not intend to follow the description of the boundaries in

this article. Suffice it to say that the deed was acknowledged in the City of New York and is found in record in the Recorder's Office of Cambria County, Pa., on May 5, 1910, in Deed Book Volume 223 and page 620, when Arthur Griffith was recorder of deeds.

Dr. Dixon was extremely active in the construction of the institution and furnished the ground plan of the building, the architect merely elaborating on the general scheme. His intuition and enthusiasm in the early days gave it a fine start.

The Sanatorium has kept pace with the progress of medical science, and all the latest devices and techniques for curing of tuberculosis are in use there.

Dr. Dixon died in 1919, his loss being felt greatly by the state and by the Sanatorium.

It is not our intention to write a history of the Cresson Sanatorium in this article, but I am constrained to write just a few facts about it.

One of the first things those in charge did was construct a school for the patients of school age. This was sometime between 1925 and 1927. The school was fully equipped and staffed, and the course of study was the same as that in other public schools. The pupils who finished the eighth grade took the same exams and were awarded the same certificates as other students in the county.

A few years later a swimming pool was constructed by polo patients. All recreational facilities for both fun and exercise now are to be found there.

What impressed me most was the thoughtfulness of those in charge who built a chapel here. This chapel is so constructed that it may be used for both Pro-

testant and Catholic services. It was through the financial assistance of Mr. Mary Copley Thaw, who lived near Cresson, that its construction was possible.

Mrs. Thaw was a frequent visitor at the Sanatorium. At one time she had with her on a visit Miss Helen Keller, who was blind. The inspiration that this blind woman gave the inmates gave them hope of themselves. I knew her as a member of the American Rose Society and visited at her home in Pittsburgh with other

members, a meeting being held in her gorgeous rose garden.

Moss of the evergreen trees which may be seen along Route 22 at the entrance to the Sanatorium were planted in 1917. They are kept pruned and thinned. Others also have been planted in the area.

The Sanatorium, with its numerous buildings, cannot be seen from the highway, but the entrance to the driveway is noted by a large sign. It is a memorial

to Andrew Carnegie and Dr. Samuel G. Dixon.

### Drivers Face Delay If Correct Address Not On Application

The State Dept. of Revenue estimated this week that a quarter

of a million Pennsylvania motorists will not receive applications for their 1956 driver's licenses by mail because of failure to file address changes.

Gerald A. Gleason, revenue secretary, said owners and operators who failed to submit the changes should do so at once.

At the same time he added that about 4 million applications, a state record, are ready to be mailed during the coming week.

Almost every year some 250,000

drivers fail to record their address changes although under the law the notification must be given within 24 hours.

Printed forms for address change notification are available at offices of justices of the peace, notaries public, auto clubs and auto dealers.

Driver's licenses run from Feb. 1 to Jan. 31.

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