

SCOUTEN WAS FIRST WHITE MAN TO SETTLE IN LAKE TOWNSHIP

Sawmills Which Flourished About Lake Cut Millions Of Feet Of Sound Lumber Every Year

(This is the second of a series of articles on the history of local communities)

Lake Township, the biggest of Luzerne County's northern tier townships, was formed in 1841, of land taken from Lehman and Monroe Townships.

The first white man who lived in Lake Township was Matthew Scouten, who was employed by the owners of the land to look after the property, as early as 1792. He cleared a small tract, where Jacob Sorber afterward settled, and set out a few apple trees.

Daniel Lee settled at the head of Pike's Creek in 1806, and the marsh there was named Lee's pond for him. Mr. Lee was employed by Plymouth farmers to care for cattle which were driven there to graze during the summer.

In 1836 Otis Allen moved from Jackson Township and began clearing the land in the vicinity of Lee's pond. He took his family there in the Spring of 1838. During that year Josiah, Nathan and Stephen Kocher, brothers, moved into the township from Hunlock Township, and John Jackson, Andrew Freeman, Thomas Lewis and Ephraim King arrived.

Others of the early settlers were Jonah Roberts, Elon Davenport, Daniel Casebear, David Moss, John Fosnot, Moses C. Perrigo, Jacob Sorber, Jonah Bronson, Jonathan Williams, Clarke Wolfe, Jessie Kitchen, George P. Shupp, James Hawley and Edward Ide.

Sawmill At Outlet

Hollenback and Urquhart, who owned nearly the whole of Lake Township at one time, built a sawmill on the outlet of Harvey's Lake in 1839. Joseph Frantz also built a mill in 1843. It burned in 1879.

Nathan Kocher had a small mill a mile below the site of Beaver Run tannery. S. Raub had built one in 1847, Jonathan Williams built a small mill on Harvey's Creek for Kocher and Urquhart in 1849, and Otis Allen built one on Pike's Creek in 1860.

At one time the mills of Hollenback and Urquhart, at the outlet of Harvey's Lake, cut each year over 1,000,000 feet of lumber. Before the lumber trade expired, Albert Lewis's mills at Harvey's Lake also were noted for their size and volume.

All the early settlers lived in log houses, except Otis Allen and Jacob Sorber, who built block-houses. The first frame dwelling was erected by Josiah Kocher in 1841. The Kocher brothers were carpenters, as were the sons of Otis Allen. The Allens were also millwrights. Stephen Kocher was the first blacksmith in Lake Township.

The first store was kept by Hollenback and Urquhart for the benefit of the men in their employ from about 1850 to 1860. F. N. Ruggles established a store near the Southeast corner of the township in 1872, and sold out in 1874 to his brother, C. W. Ruggles. James Sorber kept a store at Booth's Corners in 1863-65.

The Ruggles and Shonk tannery was built in 1874.

The first person buried in Lake Township was Otis Allen, who died in January, 1842, aged 56 years. He was buried in the Allen cemetery. The oldest graves in other cemeteries in the township are: Kocher Cemetery, Stephen Kocher, who died in September, 1842; West Corners Cemetery, Mrs. Sarah Perrigo, wife of Moses C. Perrigo, June 26, 1852; White Cemetery, Eva A. Wolfe, aged 2 months.

DUSHORE AIR RAID SHELTER UNDER STORE FIRST IN THE STATE

What is probably Pennsylvania's first Air Raid Shelter is being constructed under Walter Hoffa's store at Dushore.

The subterranean retreat will, according to the Sullivan Review, be air conditioned, heated and well stocked for any emergency. Tunnels have been driven underground to nearby stores, so food supplies can be replenished in case of long air raids.

The newspaper also reports that a smoke screen can be summoned by an appliance which starts an up-draft in the chimney, igniting a chemical which scatters dense gray smoke.

Fire Crew To Sponsor Shooting Match Oct. 19

The Kunkle Fire Crew will sponsor a shooting match at Shady Side Dairy on Saturday, October 19, at 12. A valuable list of prizes has been announced and all marksmen, including interested amateurs, are invited to take part. Philip Kunkle is warden of the crew, which numbers about 20 men now. The shooting match has been planned to raise money to maintain the crew's truck. Henry Shupp, who has had considerable experience in conducting matches, will supervise the events.

Dallas Man Injured In Tumble From Truck

Robert Stroth, 60, Dallas Township, was seriously injured Tuesday morning when he fell from a truck on which he was riding to work on a WPA project. Elmer Matthews and William Gries took Stroth to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, where he was treated for internal injuries and fractured ribs.

HE'LL TAKE DEATH, INSTEAD OF EUROPE



Andy Pallo of Weirton, W. Va., shows his children, Mary Ann, 7, and Andrew Richard, 4, how he intends killing himself if immigration officials deport him. He fled Nazi persecution in Czechoslovakia, was deported from the U. S. once, but returned illegally, using the name of a dead American.

Miss Cule Found Dead In Her Home

Had Expired A Week Before, Police Believe

Margaret Cule, 76-year-old Harvey's Lake woman, probably was dead almost a week before police broke into her home and found her body in a first floor bedroom last Friday. Her death was due to apoplexy, the Coroner's office said.

Mrs. Stanley Gregg and Mrs. Leland S. Weinheimer, neighbors who were worried because they had not seen Miss Cule, notified police. She usually went to church on Sunday and she had not visited the Gregg home all week. She had stayed there nights until recently, when she decided to sleep at home.

Chief Ira Stevenson found all doors and windows locked. Miss Cule was last seen a week ago Saturday, when she bought some goods from the driver of a bakery truck.

She was an aunt of Joseph Cule, who was killed in a motorboat accident at the Lake in August, 1939. She is survived by a sister-in-law, Mrs. J. C. Cule of Scranton, and David Cule of Shavertown, a half-

Dallas Township Man Named GOP Treasurer

Stephen J. Tkach of Goss Manor, Dallas Township, chief clerk to the County Commissioners, was this week named treasurer of the Luzerne County Republican Committee.

Mr. Tkach has been active in Republican affairs, particularly in marshalling the new nationalities behind GOP standard bearers. At the same time his appointment was announced, David Vaughn, county chairman, named State Senator Robert M. Miller as secretary of the county committee.

Laing Fire Company Meets Tonight At 8

Dr. Henry M. Laing Fire Company of Dallas will have a regular meeting at the company's quarters on Main Street tonight (Friday) at 8. Only a small attendance turned up for the last meeting, so Secretary James Besecker has urged that a good crowd be present tonight.

brother. The funeral was held on Monday Interment was in Shawnee Cemetery, Plymouth.

War Is No Reason To Stop Building

Desire For Security Is Stimulus, Jurchak Says

Instead of discouraging home building, the grave situation in the world should stimulate man's age-old quest for security for himself and his family, Attorney Peter P. Jurchak, leader in Dallas Rotary Club's Community Service Program, pointed out yesterday.

Attorney Jurchak submitted this theory in response to The Post's query concerning the possible effect of fear and uncertainty upon the burgeoning building boom started here by the new boulevard. He referred to an article in "The American Builder" for September, listing 10 reasons why Europe's "blitzkrieg" has stimulated home construction in the U. S.

Whatever happens, Attorney Jurchak said, families will still need safe, secure places to live. Congress is now considering a plan to prevent foreclosure of mortgages against men drafted for service. As a matter of fact, it is unlikely that men with families—the kind who usually buy homes—will be drafted.

A home is about as sure an investment as a man can make, Attorney Jurchak says. Even in case of inflation or a sharp rise in living costs, the home-owner is on the winning side, because his mortgage would be paid off in "cheap" money. Besides, higher rents are highly probably, and families can buy homes at a lower rate of amortization than ever before.

Building costs and interest rates may rise under the effect of the huge national defense program, so those who act promptly will gain big advantages.

Wind Downs Maple Tree

A strong wind during Monday night's rain storm blew down a large maple tree in the rear of the frame school building on Huntsville Street.

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