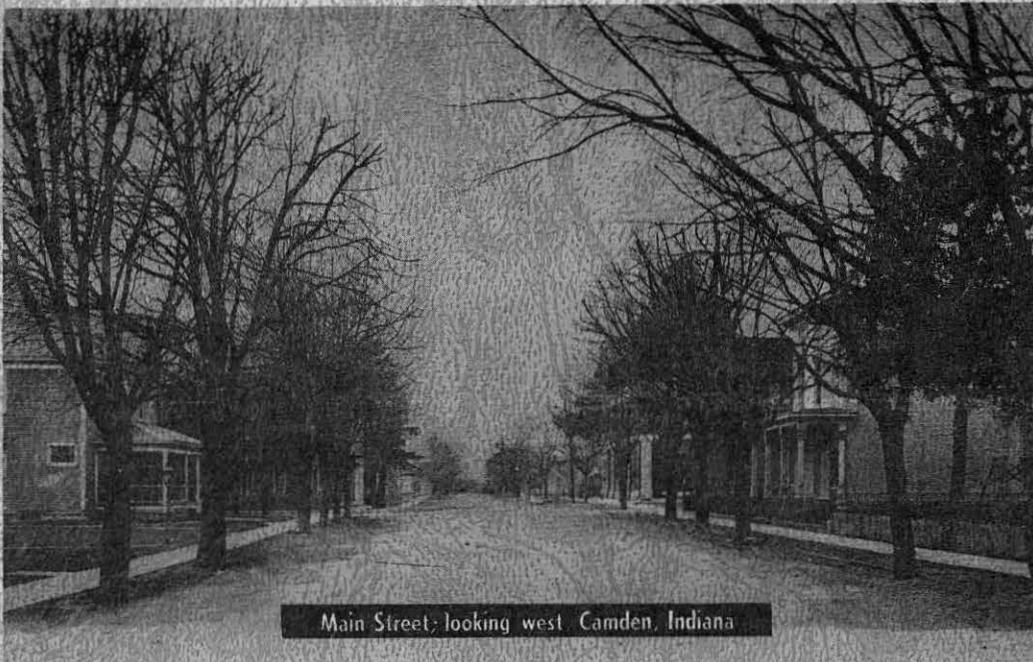


Main street, looking east. Camden, Indiana

Town of Camden

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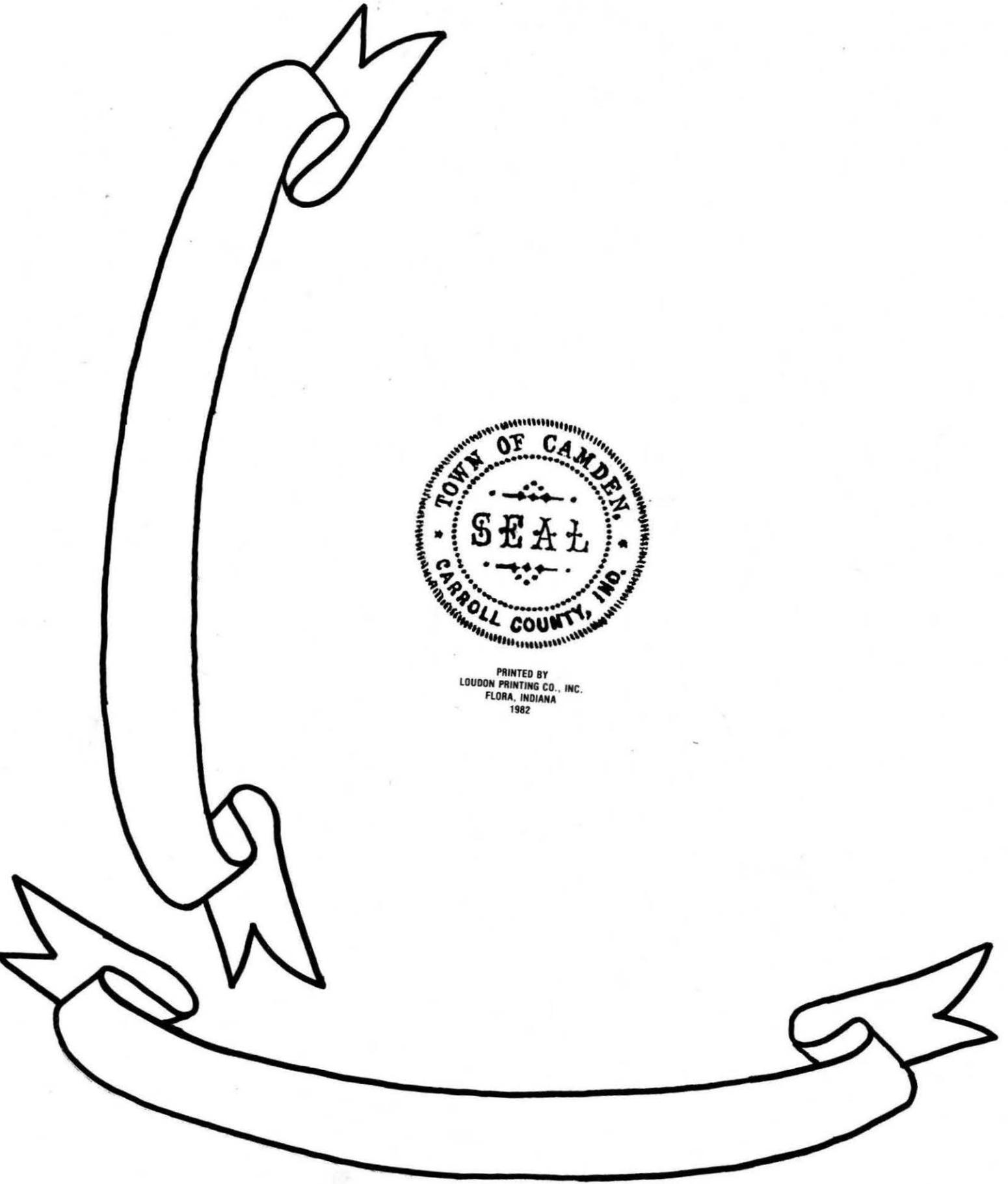


Main Street; looking west Camden, Indiana





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OUR THANKS

To Ruth Edging for compiling our early history for us and bringing it up to date through the years. It was a fantastic job. She is 85 years old at this writing and has kept numerous records, clippings, and notes through the years. Her love of history and her "Blue Book" (filled with all sorts of information and notes) have enabled us to view the past to the present through her words. This work will be invaluable to others through the years.

To Bob and Josephine Wyatt for the many hours they have spent in putting together our town's pictorial history. Bob, like his father Harold Wyatt, is a photography buff. He has a wonderful collection of pictures that his father has taken through the years, which he has shared with us for our pictorial history. He has also taken many more himself, had many made from slides, and also borrowed many from townspeople. Josephine spent much time in putting the pictures in sequence, numbering, and making complete cards and records on each of them. Their daughters, Christy and Lynnette, also helped out. We thank them for this wonderful "glimpse" of the "Good Old Times."

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Our Sesquicentennial Memoir

1832-1982

We present the story of Camden as the written history and the pictorial history.

Much effort and enjoyment has gone into compiling the information of this book.

Although we realize it is not possible to bring our 150 years in its entirety, we have attempted to present a broad view of our town's admirable heritage. We apologize for any errors or omissions in this book.

We hope you will enjoy going back and visiting our past with us as much as we have enjoyed preparing it. May the future be as fruitful, prosperous and enduring as our last 150 years have been.

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Cover

The two views of Camden taken in 1910 are taken from postcards that belonged to Mrs. Audra Wallace.

What Is Indiana?

(Hoosier Dialect)

*She is a purty patch work quilt
Of farms an' lakes an' towns,
Ribboned roads an' checker paths
Over hills an' downs.*

*Ole rail fences weavin' rows,
An' lichen-covered stumps,
An' tinted flowers a peekin' thro'
Between the grassy clumps.*

*She's pathways crost a campus
'Ats kept there by lovers stroll,
Birds a singin' overhed
An' The Ole Swimmin' Hole.*

*Cricks a windin' here an' there,
An' groups of forest trees,
Fields o' grain a wavin' you,
An' a rockin' breeze.*

*An' Little Orphant Annie
A tellin' tales ter you,
An' she's the Monon Railroad
An' Hoosier thru an' thru.*

*She's Ben Hur in his chariot,
An' Abe Martin on the street,
An' 4-H clubs an' basketball
'Ats mighty hard ter beat.*

*She's holes whar lime stone onct;
An' maple syrup sap
has bin,
A drippin' in a thaw out,
An' a puppy on a strap.*

*A horse an' buggy clickin' by,
An' church bells in the tower,
Strings o' cars an' bicycles
An' T-V every hour.*

*Yer folks an' naybors comin' in
Jes frum most ever place;
She's dinner et out in the shade
An' Dad a sayin' grace.*

*An' school houses an' homes so clost
Like freckles on yer nose,
Covered bridges ole retreat,
'Neath where the worter flows.*

*Here lives today with yesterday
An' fer tomorrow too,
A keepin' uv the beauties
With the future filterin' thru'.*

*He might hev made a better place
Is hard to understand
Fer she's jes a bit o' Heaven
At the crossroads of our land.*

— Fay Buckley Wise

A History of Camden, Then and Now

1832-1982

Compiled by Ruth Edging

Camden is located in Jackson Township, Carroll County. This section was sold in 1830 for \$1500, and sixteen acres was reserved for the purpose of laying out a town plat.

According to a Jackson Twp. History of 1916, written by Otto C. Sterling, the village received its name from the Post Office located in the home of John Snoeberger who lived a mile west of town. He remembered the location as the home of Roy and Ester Gregg for many years and now owned by the Bill Wilburns.

It was the custom for the Postal Service to name the office, so this one became Camden. Residents received their mail here for several years. After five or six residences had been established the office was moved to the village, which then became Camden.

The village was laid out in a row of lots on the north and south side of a public road running east and west, to be known as Main Street. This was a dirt, or rather mud road with dense brush and undergrowth on either side. The only sidewalk was a path on each side of this road. (Main Street was paved in 1912.) The early part of Camden was established from Water Street west.

We are told there were but five buildings in the village in 1832. One of them stood on the corner where the Philip Ray house (now the Public Library) is located and housed a grocery store managed by a Mr. Crooks. The other four were log dwellings. A little later a Mr. McCurdy opened a store on the corner now occupied by the Sullivan Mortuary and residence. It was about this time that the Post Office was moved into the village.

Quoting from Dora Mayhill's **History of Carroll County**: "1837 gave little promise of a town. The place was nicknamed Stringtown, and the road leading west past the Mears and Maggart farms was known as Stringtown Road."

In 1836 Matthew Rogers opened a general store on the northeast corner of Main and Monroe, which is the site of the Masonic Building. Jesse Dillon was a clerk in this store, and later carried on the same business for 26 years.

Monroe W. Dillon (born 1866 and lived his entire life in Camden), son of Jesse Dillon, Charles E. Baker, Charles H. Guard, and John Griffey described the town as they remembered it:

Beginning at the northwest part of Camden was a sawmill owned by Koontz and Shedron, then by Koontz and Son, later purchased by J. W. Armstrong, who moved the mill away a short time after. (Near the Clarence Arnold residence).

At the west end of Main Street on the north side was the John Zook residence, now the Lonnie Frye home.

Zooks Wagon Shop stood on the lot east of the residence. According to Miss Nettie Windle (one of our long time residents) the shop was torn down in the 1930's. Nettie came to Camden in 1908 and her home was where the Eddie Wise home will be in the near future. They have restored the old house and added on to the original, making a beautiful home.

Next toward the east on the corner, Ed Zook had a tin shop and lived on the second floor. The location is the old Shedron property, now occupied by Richard Berkshire.

The Shortridge Hotel and Tavern stood on the vacant lot owned by J. R. Rohrabough. It is told that an out of town man was hired to operate the tavern. The Women's Temperance Union, which was quite active at that time, objected to a "saloon", and proceeded to stone the man out of town. The place then became a hotel.

On the northwest corner of Main and Church Streets the one time Camden Depot stands. After the passenger train service on the railroad was discontinued, the depot was purchased by Dr. B. C. Kerkhove, dentist, and used as his office until his retirement after 52 years in 1979. Dr. Jeanette Lawson now has her dental office in the old depot.

Next to the Masonic Building was the site of William Edsker's shop. Here he made pegged and hand sewn shoes, boots and plow shoes. The house standing on this location many of us remember as the John and Fannie Bowman residence, and later the Vira Vibbert house.

Next was Dillons Corner and its grocery store. This today is the site of the Masonic Building. The east part, ground floor, has housed several drug and grocery stores. Tesh and Beggs were early druggists as were Valentine Cohee and Joe Vurpellat. Evelyn Cohee Sharp remembers her father telling an incident that happened one morning: Mr. Cohee was standing at the door of the drug store when George Griffey, one of the elder citizens, came walking along the street, chewing tobacco, his cane tap-tapping along. Then, seeing a black wreath on the Baker Funeral parlor door, turned to Mr. Cohee and said, "Who's dead?" "George Washington," solemnly replied Mr. Cohee. "The hell he is. I didn't know he was sick," replied Mr. Griffey. Then he tapped his way on down the street.

It was in the Vurpellat drug store that the first books of what was to become the Camden-Jackson Twp. Library were placed with Mrs. Vurpellat as librarian.

The Dillon grocery store was at this location many years. We remember it as the Johnson Grocery operated by Ed and Stella and their son, Bill. Later it became Hamm's Grocery, and at the present time it is operated by Jim Weiland and wife as Camden Grocery and Meats. For

many years Charles Baker had a hardware and furniture business in the west part of the building. It later became the Myers Hardware, operated by Ray E. Myers and his brother, Howard. They were followed by Dallas Wilson, who recently sold it to the Keith Parretts. The west part contains Monroe's Laundromat, which has been there for years.

The upper story is the Masonic and the Order of Eastern Star Lodge and Meeting Hall. For many years Drs. Charles and Eva Kennedy had their office in the southwest part of the second floor, then later they purchased the Rice residence (next to the bank, the Sullivan apartments) and moved their office equipment to this location until Dr. Eva's death in 1964. Dr. Charles died in 1938.

In the southeast part of the 2nd floor is the apartment of the Carl Carters who have operated a grocery store for over 30 years in a part of the buildings that were rebuilt after the fire of Dec. 1924.

The brick building across the street east houses the Library. This lovely structure was built in 1869 by A. J. Thomas. After his death by suicide his widow married Philip Ray and it is still spoken of as the Philip Ray home. After the death of Mr. Ray about 1925, the dwelling became the property of the Methodist Church, and was used for public suppers and meetings. It then became the property of the Town of Camden. In changing ownership again, Miss Mabel Bechdolt purchased the building and converted it into the Goodwill Nursing Home which she maintained for several years. Upon her retirement her mother kept the nursing home, later selling it to Tom Shockley. In 1969 the building was purchased through the Library Board for \$3500. After needed repairs the Library was established there in 1970.

Next east was the Ray and Rice implement store which became the Charles Appleton store, and still later the Cripe and Robinson store. The building was razed and the Center Garage was built in 1928. During its building, Kahle Leslie was killed. He was the eldest son of Tillman and Bessie Leslie. Kahle was employed by the Lumber Co. when the truck, filled with lumber, stuck in the mud near the site of the building, and John Plank, using a tractor, attempted to extricate the truck. In some way the young man was crushed between the truck and tractor.

After several years the garage was sold to the Town of Camden, and a new garage was built, known as the Sieber Garage, next to the Baptist Church. The Center Garage became the Community Building where activities, sales and fish fries are held. One room was the Library for about 20 years. The room in the southwest corner is the Town Office.

Going farther east was the home of James Wallace. He operated a tin shop and hardware. Dr. Armstrong purchased the residence (Hunters House) in 1849. His office was in the west front room, while next east on the corner was the residence of Dr. Justice and his office was in the southeast room of his residence.

We remember the Dr. Armstrong home as the U. E. Tesh property, later occupied by Lincoln Davidson, whose grocery store was across the street south, in the old McFarland building. The building was razed and is now the west corner lot of the Dillon Shell Station. Then too, we remember the residence of Dr. Justice as the home of Keller Schenck, one of the early postmasters, and later being the home of the Brent Cripes at the time of its burning. The Shell Station is located on that site at the present time.

Next east on the north side was the home of Dr.

Leander Snyder. We speak of it as the Floyd Gish Jr. residence or Jenkins family at this time. Next to this house was the house that had a restaurant in the large front room, with rooms to rent and was called the Wayside Inn. Dick and Grace Snoeberger Hair operated it for a while and then it became the property of Winfrey and Ida Lloyd. Here Winfrey had a barber shop for 45 years.

Going still farther east we find the large brick house built by Dr. Armstrong in 1865. The house was built on a part of the farm he owned extending east and north. The part south and east of Main St. was a wooded area. A road leading from the residence to the woods was under Main St. between the Camden Auto Co. and the late Harold Wyatt residence.

At the west end of Main St. on the south side was a two story building. The first story was the Evans and Leslie Carpenter Shop. The upper story was the Groninger Hall. This hall was used for all community gatherings. The John Groninger home was just east of the shop where the Earl Wolf home is now, and the blacksmith shop stood where the Harold McCormick residence is at the present time.

On the corner, east, P.M. Shanks lived, and made ice cream. This is the Joe Wallace home at this time.

Next toward the east was Joe Pecks home and hotel. A part of the hotel is still standing, and some of us remember it as the William (Billy) Bowdle home. Just back of the hotel was Earl Stewarts Livery Barn, later Billy Bowdles.

At one time James H. Lesh operated a Livery Barn where the Legion Hall now stands. It was torn down and used to become a part of a barn. Don Lesh tells us he remembers the livery barn quite well. "At one time Dr. Willard Lane, D.V.M., had his office in a part of the barn, and for years there were many bottles used for the medicine administered to the animals still there in the barn."

Just east across the alley was the Heickert building and store room where J. F. Taylor operated a general store, and back of it Mr. Heickert made wood pumps. The Dewey Edging residence is located where the Heickert building stood.

The Presbyterian Church stood where the home of Dr. Kerkhove, dentist, is today. Next east, same side of the street on the corner, where Otie Beamer's Marathon Station was for so many years, was the Fearnot Grocery Store. Mr. Fearnot also was postmaster, with the Post Office in the store, as well as Mrs. Fearnot's Milinery Shop which she moved from her location in the double house on Cumberland St., which was the home of the late Ira and Nellie Shafer, now that of Nancy Shafer Kleckner.

On October 30, 1897 all the buildings in that block burned as well as the Presbyterian Church across the street. There was a strong south wind, and it was hard to save Charles Guards home across the street. Camden had no water system, only a bucket brigade. Nettie Windle remembers "the fire was started by children playing with matches in a nearby barn." The Guard blacksmith shop was re-built and operated by him for many years.

At one time the Livery barn of J. H. Lesh stood where the Legion Home is from the 1920's to 1962.

Next on the corner east stood a two story brick building, known as the Pioneer Hotel, owned by "Uncle" Sammy Lennon, later by J. H. Lesh, known as the Lesh Building. Mrs. Lesh operated a cream testing station on the first floor; the upper story had apartments as well as a business room or two. Norma Frye had her beauty shop in

one of the rooms. This building was razed in 1960, and the Dial Building was erected in 1961. The first telephone office was located in the house that was for many years the home of the Vern Averys, farther east on the north side of Main St.; later it was in the home of Mrs. Keyes just west of the Lesh Building, followed by the Ward girls, Seelie, Chief operator, with Myrtle assistant, and Martha, who was a post office clerk, pinch-hitting when necessary. It is believed the girls worked some 37 years without a vacation. The switch board was closed when the dial system went into effect at 12:01, Sunday morning, August 14, 1961.

On the corner from the Pioneer Hotel was Bakers Corner, where Peter Baker, father of Charles Baker, had his residence; next to it was a frame building, which was an undertaking and furniture establishment. Next to these business rooms was the home of Elijah Rice, then the Camden Bank president. The bank was a private bank, organized in 1870 by Mr. Rice and A. J. Thomas as sole owners.

Upon the death of Mr. Thomas (by suicide) Mr. Rice operated the business alone for some time until Mr. Philip Ray became the new partner. This bank was a frame building. When Mr. Rice passed away in 1928, after almost 60 years service in the bank, he was succeeded by Dr. C. M. Kennedy, with C.C. Orahoad as vice president. Mr. Orahoad died just five days after Mr. Rice's passing. Dr. Kennedy died in 1938 and was followed by W. O. Pettiner, who operated the insurance business after Mr. Orahoad's demise. A brick building was built in 1912, and in 1954 a new bedford stone building replaced the brick; 1969 found another expansion program completed with Mr. W. O. Pettiner as president of the bank. Today Camden has one of the most efficient banks in the state with Mr. Joe T. Jones as president.

Going back to the early history, next to the bank was a two story frame building which was the George Kingery Hardware, and later became his brother David's shop. Above the shop, Dr. Carter made his proprietary medicines (Carters Little Liver Pills). His residence was where the Dallas Edging house is at the present time. Next was a Klepinger drug store. Later we remember the Farmer's State Bank being at that location, with Mr. Jenerous Miller as the president. Mr. Miller came to Camden in 1913 from Russiaville, Ind. He operated the bank until his untimely death from a heart attack in 1929 or 1930. Miss Amanda Roth was a cashier in this bank for many years. She passed away during the past year at the age of 105. We remember this location as Frank Kesner's Barber Shop. Next was the McFarland grocery store, operated by Enoch McFarland, then by his son Carl, later by Lincoln Davidson and his son Clarence. These buildings have been razed and incorporated into the Camden State Bank.

On the corner where the present post office is located was the Kingery grocery and ice cream parlor. This has been the site of a number of local people operating a restaurant: Will Padens, Dick Snobergers, Max Gishes, Harvey Furnishes, and Miles and Eva Robeson.

To the south of that building where Dr. C. L. Wise has his office was a livery barn operated by Floyd Gishes folks from 1913-1917. On down the old Creamery Hill, now State Road 75, was the Davy Kuns tanning yard. Across the street was Truesdales Greenhouse, later owned and operated by Mrs. Faye Buckley Wise. This greenhouse was known as Hillside Gardens. It was near this location at an earlier date that a creamery was located.

Next east was another two-story building. The first floor was occupied by Snyder and McKenny's Drug Store and later the Farmers Store. The second floor of the building was the Masonic Lodge Hall. To the south, back of the building, was Mr. Transus Store where he made wood grain cradles.

The Baptist Church was next east, and next was the residence of Dr. Hall. This house was moved to the east end of the town and we remember John Zook living there for several years. It is now occupied by the Mummerts. Dr. Hall built an office and a beautiful home at this site. This group of buildings burned in 1910 and were rebuilt the next year.

On the corner where the Brown drug store was and Dr. Carter created the first Camden Newspaper, there was built a two story brick building covering an entire lot. Where the old Baptist Church stood was another two story building known as the K of P building. In the winter of 1924 these buildings burned. It was on a Sunday morning about three o'clock that a fire was discovered by Mrs. Dick (Grace) Snoeberger, in the John Zook meat market. The fire originated in the curing room where the firm had been smoking meat. The entire rear part of the building was in flames when discovery was made. The Volunteer Firemen rushed to the scene and by heroic effort saved the I.O.O.F. building which was located next to the burning building and was owned by John Bowman. The K of P building was completely wiped out. The Bowman building was damaged to the extent that the entire east wall had to be rebuilt as well as a portion of the interior. The largest loss sustained was by the Knights of Pythias Lodge Association, owners of the building whose lodge parlors occupied the second floor. All records of the Lodge together with the equipment were lost. The Lodge members placed their loss at \$30,000 with only \$8000 carried in insurance. The records of the Pythian Sisters Lodge were saved, but the remaining equipment of the lodge was burned.

The buildings were replaced much as they are today. We remember the bakery on the corner owned by Ralph Roll. After his untimely death, W. O. Pettiner purchased the bakery. The Dick Snoeborgers operated it for a while; then Raymond and Bertha Judy baked our bread and cakes for several years. Next east was the Farmers Store managed by Ord McDowell, Harry Jones, and Russel Rockhill. On east was the Wright Club now owned by Don Brown. Next was the Standard Store, now operated by Esta and Carl Carter for more than 35 years. The Post Office was at one time located where the Walters lunch room was, presently known as Brown's Pizza.

It was after the building of the railroad in 1869 that the east part of Camden was built. In 1881 Dr. Armstrong donated the land for the Baptist Church. Going further east Asa Cline built a garage (1912-1916) which became the Camden Auto Company, owned and operated by Harold and Floyd Wyatt and George Clem. (1901-1975)

The Camden Lumber Company was established by O. W. Wyatt and Co. in about 1900. Mr. Wyatt previously was associated with his father, Mr. D. T. Wyatt, in the sawmill and lumber business immediately east of the railroad tracks.

East of town but within the corporate limits was the double log cabin of Johnathon Martin. Mr. Martin owned several lots in the town proper. From these he donated an acre and a half for a cemetery and church purposes. Upon this a few years later (about 1835) a church was built by the Associate Reformed Denomination at the northeast corner

of the cemetery. This building was used for both church and school purposes. During the Civil War the church was disorganized, but the building was used as a school for over 20 years. The first teacher was Miss Nellie McDonald, a sister of one of the early merchants. The building burned, and a new school was built near the Dan Yoder residence, a two story structure; later the third story was added which was used as the Odd Fellows Hall (IOOF) and community affairs. A few years later a two story brick school building was erected at the site of the present building. In 1876 two rooms were added on the west side. This served until 1899 when the main part of the school building, as we remember it, was built. In 1920 a gymnasium was added to the east side of the building by Oscar D. Sullivan and R. O. Sharp. W. W. Allison was trustee of Jackson Civil and School Township at this time.

In 1951, a new, modern gymnasium was built at the east side of the old gym. It contained several classrooms, a large shop area, band room, and a stage for school plays and community affairs. Our pride came through the fact that this was the largest gymnasium to be found in Carroll County. The first class to hold commencement in this marvelous building was the Class of '65. Jim Sullivan and Curt George laid the concrete blocks for the building. Walter Sprinkle was the trustee of Jackson Civil and School Township at this time.

In 1966, the school building was disposed of, partly torn down, then destroyed by fire, and the present building, consisting of only one story, was built to accommodate grades one through five with students coming from Burrows and Rockfield as well as Camden. Through consolidation, the Junior High and High School students were sent by bus to Delphi.

According to notes from Faye B. Wise, a sawmill was

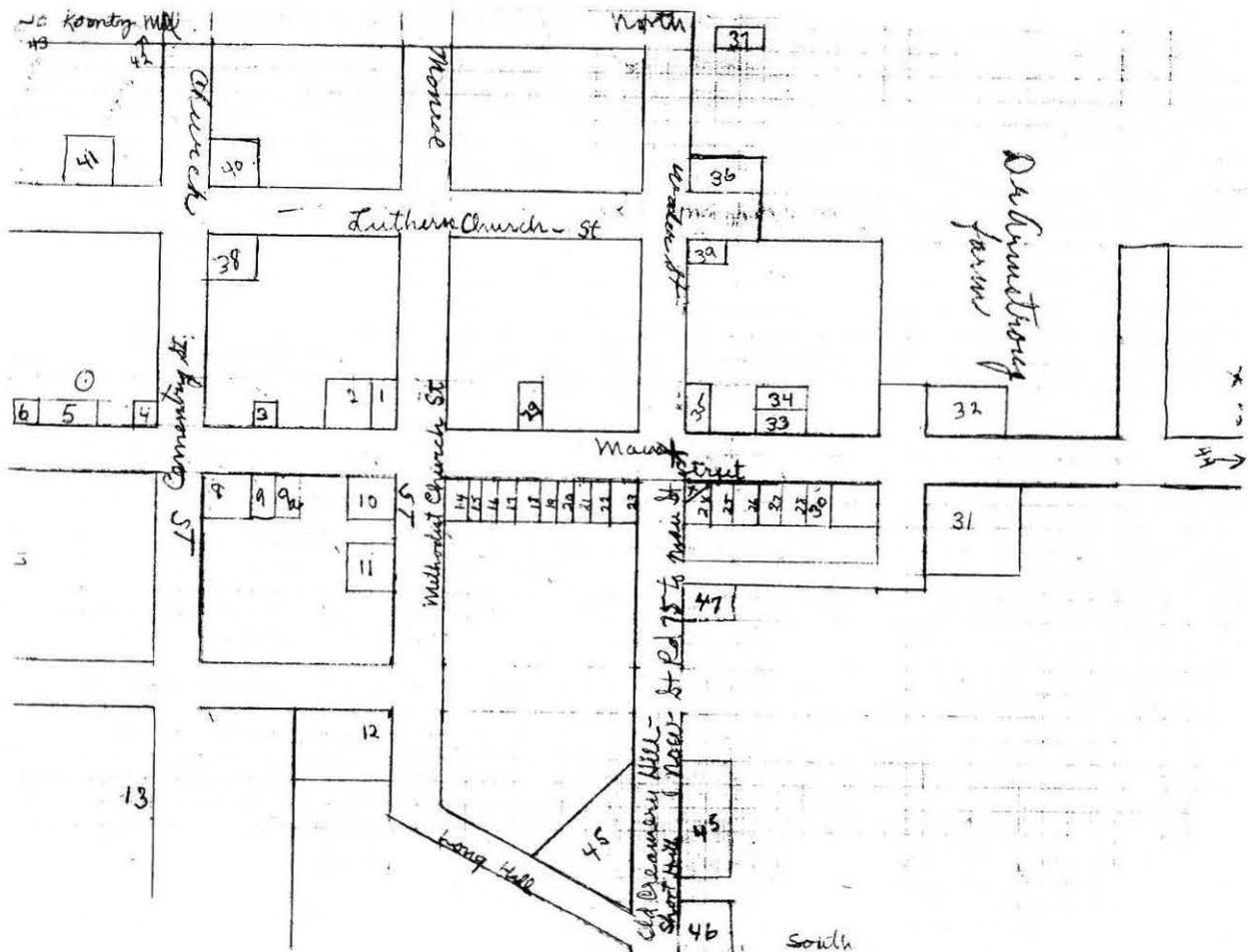
built by Samuel Wise just west of the mouth of Bachelors Run Creek on Deer Creek. It was equipped with the best machinery available at that time. At the death of Mr. Wise his son, David, assumed ownership, made extensive improvements and operated it for several years when it was sold to a Mr. Karasynski and his two sons from "across the pond." (the Atlantic Ocean) They were a family of mill operators and enlarged the mill at a great expense for pioneer times. Machinery needed for the grinding of wheat into flour was added as well as stone buhrs for grinding corn into meal. After the death of the father the sons were unable to carry on the extensive venture. The business firm of Ray and Rice of Camden had helped finance the mill, so they became the owners. It was decided to move the mill to a more convenient place for business. Since the building was put together with wooden pins, it was taken apart, and moved into Camden and erected on the west side of the railroad tracks, rebuilt and used for a while as an elevator and mill for the Farm Bureau. The timbers of the building were hand hewn and in excellent condition. The stone buhrs for cracking corn were still at the front steps of the Wise home at the Hillside Greenhouse in Camden at the time of Mrs. Wise's death.

Shortly after the completion of the Logansport, Crawfordsville and Southwestern Railway, Messrs Dillon and Lennon embarked in the grain trade in Camden, and erected a warehouse at the east end of town. In 1871 or 1872, a warehouse was also erected by A. J. Thomas at a cost of about \$2000. Both houses were subsequently destroyed by fire, and in 1875 the grain business of the town was consolidated by the purchase of the trade of both firms by Ray and Rice.

Camden at one time had a population exceeding 800. Changing times has caused the closing of many of the business places we remember.

The Town of Camden in about 1895-1900 as I remember it

In 1967, Ruth Edging and Fedora Harrison went to see Earl Leslie Harrison at Logansport and Ruth asked him to tell about Camden as he remembered it in 1895. He was well past 80 at the time. In about 3 weeks he brought this hand drawn map and list of businesses to Ruth.



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| 1. Van Natta's Grocery Store (site of present Masonic Temple) | 14. Charles Baker residence | 33. Lenon's Feed Store |
| 2. Dillon General Store | 15. Baker Mortuary | 34. Tom Mills Blacksmith Shop |
| 3. Post Office, Sam Bohannon Postmaster | 16. Charles Rice residence | 35. Dr. Snyder's residence |
| 4. Samuel and John Budd Residence | 17. Camden Bank - Ray and Rice | 36. 4 room school building - 2 story |
| 5. Old Frame Building Hotel last occupied by Tina Fisher | 18. Charles Baker Hardware Store - Ray & Rice owners | 37. Carpenter Shop |
| 6. Residence occupied by Anna Bradshaw, primary school teacher - my first teacher | 19. Enoch McFarland General Store | 38. St. Peter's Lutheran Church |
| 7. John Koontz residence. Owner of Sawmill and Millright | 20. Restaurant | 39. Residence from location 21 |
| 8. Budd Wagon Shop | 21. Frame residence - moved to location No. 39 and still standing | 40. Dr. Carter's residence (Carter's Little Liver Pills) (Dallas Edging residence) |
| 9. Blacksmith Shop - 9A Rufus Wise Livery Barn | 22. Butcher Shop | 41. 1st Methodist Church location |
| 10. Hotel - Samuel Lenon, prop. | 23. Grocery Store | 42. Foundation location of 1st school house in town |
| 11. Old frame Livery Barn | 24. Shiners Saloon | 43. To Koontz Saw Mill in northwest part of town |
| 12. Methodist Church - I was present at the dedication | 25. Ed Hance Barber Shop | X. Town Pump. |
| 13. Camden Cemetery | 26. E. Snyder Drug Store | 44. To railroad - elevator and sawmill - grist mill |
| | 27. Tin Shop | 45. Gravel Pit |
| | 28. Restaurant | 46. Truesdale's Creamery |
| | 29. Crook's Grocery Store | 47. Opera House |
| | 30. Camden Expositor Building | |
| | 31. Baptist Church | |
| | 32. Dr. Armstrong's house and farm. Oldest structure unknown | |

Earl Leslie Harrison

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Pageant, Written by Marjorie Kahl,
To Be Presented at Camden Celebration

The opening feature of the evening program of Camden's Centennial celebration will be a short historical pageant introductory to the evening's program.

The scene is laid more than a hundred years ago on the present site of Camden, where a band of Indians camped while on their way to fight the whites, at the battle of Tippecanoe. Their resentment of the white man's intrusion is keen and as they sit through the night fashioning arrows for the battle they can hardly wait for the dawn when they may go forward. Defeat stands close by but they never

As Related By Oldest Resident of Camden

I came to Camden in March 1858 with my father and mother, Samuel and Susan Bunker. There was no railroad here then. We came on the Wabash railroad to Rockfield and then to Camden in a spring wagon.

Camden had only a few houses, two general stores, and four churches. The Lutheran Church stood where the T.S. Snoeberger house is now, the Cumberland where the Ed Johnson house now stands, the Baptist on the present site of the post office, and the Methodist in the extreme west part of town.

The first school house I remember stood in the woods west of the Perry York property. It was a three story frame structure. The third floor was the Odd Fellow's Hall, the other two floors consisting of one big room, each of which were school rooms.

suspect.

The cast of characters is:

Chronicler.....Mrs. Joe Vurpillat
Young Brave.....Gaylord Lloyd
Old Brave.....Maurice Cohee
Other Warriors.....Clifford Wallace, Everett Judy,
Fred Leslie, Dean McCain, Manford Wolf,
West Randolph and Albert Heher.
Spirit of Defeat.....Mrs. Leonard Reid

Taken from the Camden Record-News Centennial Edition,
June 30, 1932

There were no houses east of the Charles Rice property, except that now owned by James Sharp. There was one street east and west, now called Main Street, and no houses north of the school house.

A blacksmith shop stood on the Mable Mayne lot, operated by Simeon Mills. My father was a cooper and his shop stood near the division line of the W.W. Snoeberger and M.W. Dillen lots.

The I.O.O.F. was the only secret order here then.

All cattle roamed at will and it was very common to find pigs sleeping in the streets at night.

Mrs. Martha A. Mills

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Interesting Letter from the Lenons

Portland, Ore.
June 20, 1932

Dear Friends:

Received your most kind and welcome letter some time ago. Many Many Thanks for your kind invitation for us to make you a visit. We sure would enjoy every minute of it, and especially this year, when dear old Camden celebrates her one hundredth home coming celebration.

I was born just east of Camden in the house where Harl Fox and family live, and when I was eleven months old, father and mother moved to Camden in the frame house that burned down in 1885, where the brick now stands. Father and Perry McFarland (the father of E.A. McFarland) had a store at that time. I attended my first school out in the old school house across the street from Jefferson Dickie's home. A three story building, the first and second stories were school rooms and the upper story the I.O.O.F. and Grange Hall. The members took turns with the janitorship work, so when it came father's time, during the school period, he would be there at the noon hour and us youngsters if we would help to carry up the wood, we could see the goat, ha! ha! So of course we were all on the job, but when the wood was up, the school bell always rang and we missed seeing the goat. I just remember when Dr. Charles Camp first started to practice medicine and built the house there on the corner where Judy lives, then he and Emma Rease were married and lived there a good many years. Then built up in the east end of town and lived there till his death. I well remember the first wheat binder that came to Jackson township, it cut

wheat in the Alek Sanderson field in the west end of town where Elisha Brown lives, there was a board fence around it on the east and south and that fence was full of youngsters and grown ups too, I being one of them. The first auto created almost as much excitement. An engine with motor power and a buggy bed and top fastened on to it. I was frightened and ran to safety in the house to mother.

Grattan was born in the frame house that burned there on the lot where you live, also Emma and Jessie. Many happy hours have we spent along dear old Deer Creek. Angling for the finny tribe and wild flowers, but locations have so changed all along the creek that we hardly recognized it in 1928 when we were back there. Even down the hill south of the cemetery so grown up and steep and across the creek where Sam Budd and his uncle John Budd used to raise watermelons and dry fruit and corn. One thing Camden should be proud of is that she is the home of the Camden Womens Literary Club, organized Oct. 8, 1888. One of the oldest clubs in the district federation and founding of the Camden Library, thanks to Mrs. Florence Baker and Jrs. Rayness Wyatt as earnest, diligent workers in all avenues.

Wishing you all God speed and a bigger, better and more properous Camden is the sincere wishes of your loyal Camdenites in the far west.

P.S. We will be with you in our thoughts and prayers.
Grattan and Clara Lenon

Taken from the Camden Record-News Centennial Edition,
June 30, 1932

A History of the Old Town Pump

The readers of the Camden Record-News will learn with regret that the old town pump at the corner of Maine and Water Streets is no more. It being an open or dug well and more or less neglected since we have good pure water from a 200 foot drilled well to use in the mains which extend to every part of town, it was deemed advisable to put the town pump out of commission. So the pump was pulled and the well filled up.

A brief history of this well is given by one of our oldest citizens, John Harrison Sr. as follows: The well was put down by Ambrose Cole in front of his place of business which was a saloon on the corner about the year 1884. The digging was done by George Griffey and walled in with 30 glazed sewer tile. A little later it was dug 3 feet deeper and one more sewer tile put in by Joe Zinn.

This satisfied Mr. Cole when a vein of good water was reached at a depth of 36 feet, and while it could be pumped dry, it never failed but furnished water for the populace for this long term of years.

Many a man, family, team, and road horse could testify to the quality of sparkling water on a hot day. It was just cold enough to quench the thirst and touch the spot.

So many different things this water was used for, it would be impossible to enumerate them all, but suffice to name a few for the benefit of memories of by gone days.

Let us think first of the filling of the hand power engine pump for fighting fires. Many times it was done at this pump by Bob Kemmet, George McCormick, John W. Koontz Sr., Tom Mills, Enoch McFarland, Matt Dillon, E.C. Rice, John G. Crooks, Jim Leslie, W.K. Schenck, Sam Lennon, Dr. E.W. Armstrong, Nat and Joe Peck, and others that were always ready to help.

Many families carried water from this well, and when Main Street got too dusty in hot weather for Ike Snoeberger and old black Tom, the dray horse, Ike and Doe Allison would wet the dust from the town pump.

Thus another land mark joined the ranks of history. Ruth Edging

Taken from the Camden Record-News, May 23, 1929.
Contributed by J. H. Lesh

THE CAMDEN RECORD-- Thursday, February 5, 1925 K.P. BUILDING WIPED ENTIRELY OUT BY FIRE

*Principal Business Block in Camden Burns With Loss of \$50,000 Sunday Morning.

About three o'clock Sunday morning fire was discovered in the John Zook meat market in the K. of P. building by Mrs. D. Snoeberger who lives across the street from the building. The fire originated in the curing room, where the force had been smoking meat. The entire rear of the building was on fire when discovery was first made. The citizens were aroused and the volunteer fire department rushed the chemical engine to the scene, and by heroic efforts saved the I.O.O.F. building which is located next to the site and owned by John Bowman. The K.P. building was completely wiped out. The Bowman building was damaged to the extent that the entire east wall must be rebuilt and a portion of the interior and roof reconstructed.

The largest loss is sustained by the Knights of Pythias lodge association, owners of the building, whose lodge parlors occupied practically the entire second floor. All records of the lodge, together with the equipment was lost. Lodge members place their loss at about \$30,000, on which only \$8000 insurance is carried.

The records of the Pythian Sisters lodge were saved from the building, but the remaining equipment of that lodge was also burned. The office of Trustee Appleton, Jackson Township, was located on the second floor. All furniture in his office, together with supplies and some old records were destroyed. Present record books of the trustee had been taken to his home a few days before.

The three business rooms on the first floor were occupied by the John Zook meat market, the Pettiner bakery and the Dick Snoeberger billard room. The heaviest loser of the three was the meat market, where the loss will exceed \$6,000, on which \$2,000 insurance was carried. At the

Pettiner bakery, the loss is placed at \$4,000, on which \$1,750 insurance was carried. No insurance was carried by Mr. Snoeberger, whose loss is placed at near \$4,000. Mac Harrison, local potato grower, had 1,000 bushels of potatoes stored in the basement of the building, on which there was no insurance carried. His loss will be \$850. The damage to the Bowman building is estimated at near \$5,000.

The K. of P. building was one of the principal business buildings of Camden. It was located on Main Street in the business district and faced north. It was built in 1911.

Steps will be taken at once to construct a modern lodge building and business rooms on the site of the Knights of Pythias building that was destroyed.

Among the many nice and good things lost by the Pythian order was a good piano, all of their kitchen, furniture, dishes and table cutlery, of which the sisters Temple was justly proud, for they were well equipped. The entire lot of robes and rank paraphernalia, a good stereotican machine and pictures were also lost.

The front or north wall fell first after the interior had all burned out; then the front of the east wall fell, leaving the south wall which is yet standing, but it too, will have to come down as it is too badly damaged to be repaired.

The cooper box containing the history of the lodge that was sealed by John Leslie and placed in the wall at the laying of the corner stone, was found and taken out by Asa Cline and is now in possession of J.H. Lesh, the lodge treasurer. It has not been unsealed, but will probably be put in with another one when the new wall is rebuilt.

This leaves Camden with three good business rooms less, but the rooms of others are being shared with those who lost and their business is being cared for temporarily in that way.

People came from all directions as soon as the alarm was sounded, to render what assistance they could.

Camden was unfortunate in not having their new water system installed for this occasion. The loss sustained in this fire would cover the cost of installing the whole system.

The members of the K. of P. Lodge No. 332, and the

citizens of Camden desire to hereby acknowledge their thankfulness to those who came from far and near with willing hands to help.

We feel especially thankful to the fire laddies of Burrows who came with their chemical; those from Rockfield, Delphi, Flora and Deer Creek, who were willing workers and rendered good assistance.

BUSINESS PAST AND PRESENT

BARBERS

LLOYD'S BARBER SHOP

Winfrey Lloyd was a barber in Camden for 50 years. He had his first shop where Dr. Wise's is now, for 5 yrs. and 4 mos., beginning in 1924. In 1929, the Lloyd's moved to 244 Main St., where they purchased what was then the "Wayside Inn", owned by Mrs. Grace Snoeberger Hair. The frontroom of their home was remodeled into a barber shop, Mrs. Lloyd also had a beauty shop in the east end of the shop. She operated her business for 15 years.

LESLIE BARBER SHOP

Fred Leslie was a barber in Camden from 1920 - 1941. His first shop was in a small white frame building across the alley from the Community Bldg., (east, on Dillon's empty lot.) Around 1939, he moved to a building by the Baptist Church. In 1940, Abner Sieber purchased this building and lot to build his garage on. The building was subsequently torn down for the new garage. Fred then went to work at the O.K. Barber Shop at Flora. At 65 years of age he retired.

Note: His home on North Church St. was the old Lutheran Parsonage. This home originally set in the center

of Water & Cumberland Sts. It was moved here and has been at this location for 90 years.

KESNER'S BARBER SHOP

30 years from Dec. 26, 1946 to Jan. 25, 1977

Kesner's Barber Shop was owned and operated by J. Frank Kesner. The first shop was located in the old Farmers & Merchants Bank Bldg. which Mr. and Mrs. Kesner purchased in 1946 from Amanda and Rosa Roth. The second shop was located in a new building which now houses the Sullivan Insurance Agency and was situated immediately east of the old shop.

The new building was built according to an "Agreement to Change Properties" executed by J. Frank Kesner and W.O. Pettiner, then Pres. of the Camden State Bank, on Aug. 29, 1968. According to this agreement, Mr. Pettiner agreed to trade part of Lot 17, which would include a new building, to Mr. Kesner for part of Lot 18, including the old Bank Bldg. Conditions of the agreement were satisfactorily carried out by both parties and the shop moved to the new location until the death of Mr. Kesner on January 26, 1977.

OTHER BARBERS THROUGH THE YEARS

Ed Hance Barber Shop - around 1924, located to the right side and more to the front of the lot where the Center Garage is now.

Day's Barber Shop

Bruce Wallace Barber Shop in 1912. The up to date barber shop, baths. Bring me your laundry. This was located in the location of Dr. Wise's office.

BAKERIES

W.O. Pettiner purchased a bakery, The Pettiner Bakery, from Mrs. Ralph Roll in July 1924. He operated it until November 1928 when he sold it to Robert Snoeberger, who in turn sold it to Raymond Judy who closed it around 1930. Soy Seed Hybrids purchased the building and began processing seed corn and is still using the building for the same purpose today, by Select Seed Company.

The building was built by the Odd Fellows Lodge about 1910, sold to John Bowman around 1920. Several different persons had stores in the building: Baker Hardware, McDowell Grocery, Jones Grocery, Hunter and Harmon Meat Market, Purner Hardware, and the bakery and finally the seed company.

OTHER BAKERIES

W.W. Snoeberger operated the "City Bakery" in 1891.

Flo and Art Carrel had a bakery in the home where Don and Kathy Brown live now.

CAMDEN BAKERY

The Camden Bakery was operated by Raymond Judy in the west corner of the Select Seed Bldg. on the corner of Main and Water St. The years operated by Mr. Judy were 1930 to 1944.

THE CAMDEN CEMENT TILE CO.

The business was organized in 1912 -- Capitol, \$16,000. They were manufacturers of drain tile of many sizes, silos, building blocks, burial vaults and ornamental pieces. Major A. Cline, started the business. He was Pres.; Arthur Ritchey, Vice. Pres; U.E. Tesh, Sec'y and Treas. Also Charles Wingard was one of the owners. In 1944, Murray Tesh bought Charlie Wingard's share of the business. Later Frank Stiles bought U.E. Tesh's share. The business was operated until the 1960's. Several kids from the high school worked at the Tile Mill in the summer time. The building was bought by the Yerkes Trucking Co. and is still owned by them in 1982.

CAMDEN AUTO COMPANY

The Camden Auto Co. building (center portion) was built by Asa Cline in 1912. He operated a garage there until 1916 when he sold it to O.W. Wyatt. His son Harold Wyatt & a mechanic Emerson Jervis, operated the business from 1916 to 1919, when Floyd Wyatt entered the business. From 1943 to 47, Perry York was an employee. In 1946, George Clem joined the partnership. Gary Linn was an employee for a year or two. The business was discontinued in 1980.

MARATHON SERVICE STATION

Otis Beamer, Sr. opened the Marathon Service station on the corner of Main and Church Sts. for 36 years from 1936 - 1971. The business was owned by T.G. Wilkinson of Muncie, and leased by the operators. During these years it was a Sonoco station, then Phillips '66, and last a Marathon station.

In 1971, Otis Beamer sold business to Dan Henderson, then Dale Griffey had the station from 1972 - 1973. James (Bud) Graves operated the business from April 74 - 1977. Dennis Burge had the station in 1977 and 1978. In June 1980, the building was razed, and the lot is now owned by the American Legion.

GARAGES

SIEBER'S CENTER GARAGE (STANDARD OIL)

38 years 1942 - 1980

Abner Sieber ran a garage business for 38 years in Camden on Main St. west of the Baptist Church. The building was built in 1942 - 43. Gerald Sieber became affiliated with the business in Jan. 1947, when he returned from service, and worked with his father until 1967, when he took over the business. He continued in the business until 1974. Abner had retired, but came back after his son's illness to help run the business again.

The lot was originally bought from Zu Bennett in 1942. There was a barbershop on the front part of the lot run by Ed Hance. Bennett had a taxi cab in back of the barber shop. A livery barn stood on the back of the lot owned by Bennett. This building was moved to the east end of town. It still stands today as a home (south of Frank Whitfield).

MYERS HARDWARE AND IMPLEMENT BUSINESS

Mr. Ray Myers, owned and operated the Myers Hardware and Implement Co. in the Masonic Bldg. from 1944 - 1955. He also sold Oliver tractors and implements. He bought the business from a Mr. Thewliss from Walton, who operated the business for about a year in 1943. In spring of 1955, Howard Myers, brother of Ray, bought the

business. He moved the hardware to the building next to the old bank on Main St., (about where Sullivan Insurance is now and also part of the bank parking lot). Here he operated the business from 1955 - 1959. Ray also operated Myers Distributing Co., which was a wholesale business for Armstrong Tires. His area covered 5 counties.

RESTAURANTS WE REMEMBER

In the east room of the K. of P. Bldg., there have been several restaurants through the years. After the post office was moved to its present location on the southwest corner of Water and Main Street in about 1952, a Mr. Bill Sailors had a restaurant, called Sailors Sundries. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stiles then became the owners in the fall of 1954 and ran the "Camden Sundries" until the spring of 1970. The building was owned at that time by Ben Been. They sold business to James Sullivan who changed the name to "Sully's Sundries". In 1970, Jack and Nancy Gish purchased the restaurant. They operated it about 1½ years until 1972, under the name of "Iron Kettle Cafe." Other owners have been Larry Shives, Larry Hamm, and Bill Veach. Mr. and Frank Walters then ran the restaurant as Walters Cafe. On July 16, 1982, Bill Brown, from Rossville, opened a Pizza business. The business is called "Browney's".

For years there was a restaurant on the corner of Main and Water Streets, where the post office is today. Here is a list of some of the owners through the years: Dick and Grace Snoeberger, Claude Billings, Mrs. Paden who sold it to a young man who lost it - and all the equipment. Then Winfrey Lloyd's bought the buildings, they got equipment from a cafe in Delphi that was going out of business. Lloyds rented to 3 different families - Mr. Glass, Owen Britton and Harvey Furnish. In 1945, they sold their equipment and business to Max Gish. He had it one year 1945-46 and sold it to 3 young men from Battle Ground. They were in about 1 year, then sold to Ray Quinn who bought building and equipment. We believe Mrs. Wilburn had the restaurant last. The Post Office was moved into this building in about 1952.

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME WITH YOUR OLD FASHION COOKING

THE HOME OF ELLA PEARL LANTZ

409 Lee St.

written by Mary Lantz Whitfield- daughter

There were roomers and boarders at my mother's home since 1926, with Jess A. Mills being the first, with the intentions of staying two weeks but was with us 18 years. Irvin Hicks, a track foreman was the first of the railroad men, continuing with employees of the Old Box Factory, Riders Furniture Factory, Stock Yards, Employees on Highway 218, Eldon Brown, manager of Ralph Sullivan's chicken houses, located north of Quentin Clem's home and men of numerous other jobs. One came as a hobo during the depression and ended with an excellent job within a few years.

Along with this she started serving dinners for the employees of Riders Furniture Factory when it first opened in the fall of 1943. These were only to be dinners, but soon some came for supper and even sometimes some would come for Sunday dinner which she never planned, but always had enough or would come up with something.

These were not only local people but from all over Carroll County as well as out of the county from time to time. Some would drive over from Flora at noon. She served as high as 50 for dinner and for a short time one summer she had 10 roomers and boarders with some sleeping outside, but usually the most was seven.

All this was done without the aid of the automatic appliances we have today. Meals were prepared from home canned goods and homemade bread, pies, cakes, etc. Mom's day consisted of getting up at 4:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. on Mondays (washday), following breakfast, she would pack lunches, (she would pack lunches for some of the workers to take to work with them in large baskets - whole pies etc.), also cooked and baked along with all the regular homemakers' jobs and even some afternoons sitting and visiting with a neighbor or friend who dropped in or with Lizze Griffey, who in the summer would can food with my mother. The only help that she had was from Dad, Jess or myself. Along with all she did some baby sitting.

The meals were served family style in our dining room

with a table seated for 12 at a time. All the food was set on the table which consisted of one or two kinds of meat, three or four vegetables, salads, desserts, along with pies and cake and all the other goodies you find on an old fashion table setting. You ate all you wanted for 50¢ a meal and one dollar a day for room and board including washing and ironing and even mending. Occasionally someone would give her extra. Mom and Dad also fed many hobos during the depression that passed through Camden.

Mom never had a name for this nor do I even think she ever even thought of it as a business during the years she did this. She was a person who enjoyed seeing people eat and enjoyed cooking, thus this was her life till 1952 due to health reasons she quit cooking for the public and taking in roomers and boarders. Because of the wonderful cook that she was it took some time before she finally quit

FLOYD H. GARDNER RADIO - T.V. SALES AND SERVICE

Mr. Gardner operated a business in town for about 46 to 50 years. In about 1934, he first operated in room in the Masonic bldg, at the back of the Camden Grocery and Meats, where the Camden Library was at one time.

About 1937 he moved into Ben Bean's building, across from the Judy Bakery, which is now S. S. Hybrids. In the meantime they purchased the Zook house on the corner of Cumberland and Water Sts. This was remodeled, and in about 1939-40 they built the Radio Shop N-E corner of the house on the same lot, and TV came in, that was a must. Floyd, semi-retired one year, then returned to Sales and Service until his shocking death, Nov. 14, 1980.

Floyd became acquainted with all the school children from the old school house, as well as the teachers, with his goodies, ice cream, pop, candy, gum - you name it - and he dearly loved them all.

INSURANCE PETTINER INSURANCE 1928 -

The insurance business was started by W. O. Pettiner in 1928 when the Camden State Bank purchased the insurance business from the estate of Calvin Orahoad. W. O. worked for the bank as a manager of the insurance department for approximately five years when he purchased the business from the bank and began operating as the Pettiner Agency. The office remained in the bank building and remained there until 1982 when it was moved to Delphi. W. O. sold his interest in the agency to his son, Robert, in 1955 and it is now operated by his grandson, Dale Pettiner, who has formed a business under the name of Pettiner-Mellinger in Delphi. This is one of the leading insurance businesses in this part of the community.

HARDWARES

The hardware business has always been an important part of Camden's business community. The center room of the Masonic bldg. has had many different people who have had this type of business here. The first people to have a store here was Melson & Whorley's Department Store in 1902. Part of the succeeding owners have been Charles Baker, who besides the hardware had a furniture business where the Laundromat is now. Elmer Miller had hardware and had a woodworking shop where the laundromat is now, here they made cabinets, etc., from about 1940 to 43. They sold it to Shopes from Walton. Later in 1943, Mr. and Mrs. Hope Thewliss owned the business and sold it to Ray Myers. In Dec., 1944, Ray took over the business and

completely.

We were never alone as a family for a very long period at a time. It seemed as though every thing that mom made would always turn out just right and very seldom did she use a recipe.

As she would greet or meet someone at the door it almost always was with a smile and come on in, make yourself at home for if you aren't at home you better be, for I'm not much to wait on someone, so you will have to make yourself at home.

Consequently, thinking back and still hearing comments from time to time about Mom's cooking and occasionally talking with some of our former boarders and sharing memories, I believe, "A Home Away From Home With Your Old Fashion Home Cooking," would be a very fitting name.

it was called Myers Hardware and Implement Co. He also sold Oliver tractors and implements. In the spring of 1955, Howard Myers bought business from his brother Ray and moved it to the McFarland bldg. next to the old bank on Main St. He operated his business from 1955-59. Dallas Wilson started a store in the Masonic bldg. in 1961. It was known as Wilson's Hardware and Gift Store. He operated his business for 21 years. In 1961, a partition was put between the two large rooms and a Laundromat was started in the west room by a man from Logansport. Monroe's Coin Laundry, operated by Charles Monroe from Flora, now has this business. In February 1982, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Parrett bought the business. It is now known as Parrett's Bluegrass Hardware.

V. F. COHEE & CO. DRUGS 1912 - 1920 app.

V. F. Cohee & Co. Drugs was located in the east corner of the Masonic Temple. U. E. Tesh owned and operated this business previous to the above owner. At that time a jeweler by the name of Beggs occupied half of the floor space. The drug store was then known as Tesh and Beggs.

Mr. Beggs continued in the jewelry business during the ownership of V. F. Cohee.

This drug store had a complete soda fountain in its time and was well known for a huge palm tree with a circular table around it. Here the young people gathered to sip their lemon cokes and cherry phosphates while one by one each took a turn at playing the player piano in the rear of the store.

CAMDEN'S VETERINARIAN DR. WILLARD H. LANE 1911 - 1959

Dr. Lane served his Community well and long beginning in the horse and buggy days -

Dr. Willard H. Lane D.V.M. was born in Carroll County near Delphi, Mar. 28, 1876 to Richard and Elizabeth Rohrabough Lane. He died 1969. He was married to Bertha Jane Atkinson Mar. 4, 1903. They were parents of 7 children, six now living.

He graduated from Delphi High School and later Terre Haute State Normal. He taught school three terms in Washington Township, and two terms in Tippecanoe. He attended Indiana Medical College for 2 years. He later entered McKillips Medical College in Chicago where he graduated in 1911 and obtained his degree in D.V.M. He moved back to Carroll County where he practiced over 40 years and was a life long member of the Veterinarian

Medical Association.

In 1965 the Camden Lions Club presented him with an honorable recognition plaque for "Camden Outstanding Citizen" of the Year.

He was once president of: the Camden Town Board, the Camden Telephone Co., the Farmers State Bank and served on the Camden School Board for 12 years.

DR. EVA KENNEDY

Dr. Eva Kennedy was one of the first women physicians in this area. She practiced with her husband, Dr. Charles Kennedy. Dr. Eva and her husband were married at Covington, Ind., in 1908. They moved here then and their first office in town was on the second floor of the Masonic Temple, where they practiced for 22 years. Then they moved to the Rice property on Main St. (Sullivan's apartments now). In the early days she accompanied her husband in horse-drawn buggies. Their first car was a chain-drive Buick. "It was red as fire", said Dr. Eva.

Dr. Charles Kennedy died Oct. 28, 1938. After that Dr. Eva went West for a year, but the townspeople begged her to continue the practice and so she returned and continued her practice until 1964.

Dr. Eva, 50 years in practice, was counselor and advisor as well as physician, and patients were often helped as much by her philosophy as by her pills and potions. She said, "She knew most of the town residents and had ushered many of them into the world." She had delivered one couple's all 9 children. She was presented with a plaque in 1954 by the Camden Lions Club, entitled "Outstanding Citizen Award of 1954."

One thing she regretted was that she and her husband did not have the current antibiotics to use in the many crises which arose in earlier years and which found them helpless except for the power of prayer.

Dr. Eva met with a car accident in 1964, at the age of 82. She was still a practicing physician.

Much of this article was taken from an article in the "Indianapolis Star Magazine"

CAMDEN NEWSPAPERS

This article was found in the Camden Record-News August 22, 1946.

CARTER OF LIVER PILL FAME FOUNDED CAMDEN EXPOSITOR

How many local residents know that the Camden Record-News, originally known as the Camden Expositor, was founded by Dr. J. D. Carter, now famous for his "Carter's Little Liver Pills"?

Well such is the case. Dr. Carter founded the newspaper on January 9, 1880, and sold it after five months' operation to Zopher Hunt, according to information compiled this week by James Lesh.

At that time, the Expositor was being printed on a Washington hand press. Editor Hunt carried on for the next 10 years, and in 1890 sold his publication to Armstrong and Van Demon. This partnership continued the Expositor for 13 years, and in 1903 George Wingard arrived in Camden to become its newspaper publisher. With him he brought a Cambell press, thus eliminating the old hand press.

Wingard published the newspaper until 1905, and in that year Wade Farr, who later became Carroll County auditor, and now trustee of Deer Creek Township, began ownership of the paper.

He owned the paper about a year when it was sold to J. S. Bohannon and W. G. Rice. After their tenure, the Camden Printing Co. published the paper for a while, and

in 1909 George Hays began publishing the Expositor. He continued until 1911 when he moved the printing equipment to Idaville. Sam Gordon also owned the paper during this period, Mr. Lesh declared.

For a short time Camden was without a paper, but after a few months, Mrs. Byron Fluno started publishing the Camden Record-News.

Mrs. Fluno, the wife of a traveling salesman, sold out and the newspaper was published under the direction of a company organized with A. D. O'Bear and V. F. Cohee as its officers. The next publisher was Harry Wibel, an ex-serviceman of Spencer.

During this period the paper was also owned by W. H. McMillen, who published the paper for three months and he was succeeded by Don Wimmer.

In 1923 the paper was taken over by W. N. McPhail, after that J. H. Lesh and son Chester had published it for two years.

In 1926 Mrs. W. N. McPhail assumed the publisher's role of the Record-News, and in 1930 Mrs. Nettie Warren became owner.

During Mrs. Warren's ownership, the Record-News was leased in 1934 to Mr. Triplet and in 1936 to Mr. Knodle.

Mrs. Warren owned the paper for 16 years and in June of this year (1946) sold it to Charles Pritchard.

The Camden Record-News was purchased in June, 1946 by Thomas Mayhill of Delphi, who published it for about two months. The Camden Record-News was discontinued in August, 1946, and the subscription list was sold to the Delphi Journal, the Delphi Citizen, and the Hoosier Democrat.

THE BOX FACTORY

Mr. Maynard Stuart started a factory, known as the "Box Factory" in the early 1930's, for about 10 years. It was located where the Yerkes Garage is now at the east end of town. The Stuarts lived where Joe Wagoner lives now, and later built a new home, which is now owned by Mildred Allen. Harry Melling was the manager - lived in the house now occupied by the Don McCain family. The business employed about 20 persons.

Logs, preferably sycamore, were bought, stripped of bark and placed in cement steam vats. Then they were sawed into veneer and cut into staves and sorted to remove the imperfect (knotted) ones, counted by guage, tied into bundles, and transported by semi trucks to Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, Michigan to be made into bushel baskets. The imperfect ones were run thru inspection again to be used in smaller staves.

It is reported that the factory closed due to the scarcity of the preferred sycamore logs.

WYATT-SMITH LUMBER CO.

The Wyatt-Smith Lumber Co. was built in 1900 on the site now occupied by Johnson's Plumbing Office. It was owned by O. W. Wyatt of Camden and J. P. Smith of Indianapolis. O. W. Wyatt was manager until his death in 1919.

After O. W. Wyatt's and J. P. Smith's death, the Lumber Co. was eventually owned by the Allen A. Wilkinson Lumber Co. of Indianapolis. The buildings were then sold to E. E. Johnson in the 1960's.

SAWMILL

At approximate location of the Yerkes Trucking Co., at the east end of town in 1882, David T. Wyatt and son, Olpha W. Wyatt, owned and operated a sawmill in the late 1800's. The sawmill was sold and became the Camden Cement Tile Co. in 1912, owned and operated by U. E. Tesh and Charlie Wingard.

HOTELS

PIONEER HOTEL

This large brick hotel building was built in 1850 by Jonathan Martin, who used it as a hotel a few years. It was used as a business house later by Mr. Ridgway. In 1865 Sam Lenon bought the building and used it for a hotel again for many years. It was later owned by Jim Lesh in 1924 and known as the Lesh Hotel. Thru the years the building has housed many businesses on the first floor. The office of the Expositor, later the Camden Record News, Schlosser Bros. Creamery, Norma Frye-Beauty Shop and a restaurant run by Ray Quinn, Owen Britton and others. The building was razed in 1960 and was replaced with the present Camden Telephone Co. office. The wood structure adjoining this on the west was known as the Okeson bldg. It was the Okeson Hotel and Restaurant in 1912. It also housed a printing office at one time, a monument works, & Dr. Walker's Hatchery. Webb Robeson started a plumbing shop here later, known as the East End Shop. Tolen and Wagoner had a dry cleaning business here at one time. This building was also razed in 1960 and the lot is used by the Telephone Co.

JOE PECK'S HOTEL

This hotel was located on West Main Street where Archie Hughes lived, also was Billy Bowdle's home at one time. A part of this building was torn down in 1906, but the main part is still standing. It is the large empty building between Dewey Edgings and Joe Wallaces - owned by Junior Rohrabough. The old hotel and tavern was at one time the ideal stopping place for transient people.

SHORTRIDGE HOTEL AND TAVERN

This hotel was at one time the empty lot on the west side of Junior Rohrabough's home on West Main St. (north side). The Women's Temperance Union came in and stoned the tavern business and destroyed it at one time.

WAYSIDE INN

The Wayside Inn was located on Main St., where Mrs. Ida Lloyd lives now. Before Mr. Lloyd opened his barber-shop here in 1929, Mrs. Grace Snoeberger Hair had a hotel here and served meals.

OKESON HOTEL AND RESTAURANT

This was located just west of the Pioneer Hotel on W. Main St. It was a wooden structure. This was also torn down in 1960 to make way for the new telephone building. It was in business in 1912.

CAMDEN OPERA HOUSE

The I.O.O.F. in 1858 secured their first lodge room by building the third story to the school bldg. in the north west part of town. This was their home until 1875. The building had been abandoned by the Lutherans in 1873 and was secured by the lodge and moved to a lot on Water Street and so reconstructed that Camden had an "Opera House." This was burned in the 1910 fire. To keep in touch with progress, the lodge purchased a lot on the corner of Main and Water St. (south) and made a new home by erecting a fine building in 1911, for lodge, opera house and two business rooms. The I.O.O.F. dedication service was Oct. 18, 1912.

Camden used to have an entertainment association who brought many traveling groups to town as well as used much local talent in musicals and plays. There was also the Camden Dramatic Company whose plays became

favorably known all through the north central part of Indiana. "Old Folks at Home", a rural comedy-drama drew a crowd that taxed the seating capacity of the opera house in 1913.

Free entertainment was also provided by the businessmen association. They also formed a band and gave many band concerts. Asa Cline showed movies here at one time.

Most of the commencement ceremonies of the Camden School were held at the Opera House from about 1912 to 1946. Also, most Junior and Senior class plays were given here. The last class play given here was in 1945 called "Kay Beats the Band", by the High School Junior Class.

The Opera House had a balcony on 3 sides, north, west and south, with about 50 seats in each section. The stage was on the east end. The main floor had 3 sections with 2 main aisles about 24 across and 15 back. It seated about 400 people. Wills Berry, artist from Logansport, painted the scene in the opera house. There was a large wide stairway leading to the auditorium, with a ticket booth at the top. There were nice folding seats in the opera room. Tickets could also be bought at Armick's Drug Store.

Many large county meetings were held here also, school, agricultural, etc.

The Opera House was our town's Cultural Center until about 1946.

CAMDEN TELEPHONE CO., INC.

The Camden Cooperative Telephone Company was organized in April 1903 with twenty-seven members agreeing to own and maintain their own phones and to equally share the costs of buying and installing a switchboard and lines. The first officers were: U. E. Tesh, President; Leo Worley, Vice President; G. B. Wingard, Secretary; C. E. Baker, Treasurer; and E. A. McFarland as General Manager. Jesse Plank, G. T. Armick, and O.W. Wyatt were trustees.

Mrs. Laura Lennon Sterling was the first operator with her sister, Mrs. Emma Porter, assisting. Mrs. Aaron Wingard and Mrs. Dora Keyes also served in this capacity before Sulie Ward, along with sisters Myrtle and Martha, became the operators. They continued in this service for some thirty-seven years - 5AM to 9PM seven days a week.

In 1958 the Camden Cooperative Telephone Co. dissolved and a new Camden Telephone Co. filed Articles of Incorporation. This organization purchased the Rockfield Cooperative Telephone Co. in 1960, the Burrows Cooperative Telephone Co. and the Deer Creek Cooperative Telephone Co. in 1962, borrowing REA funds to provide dial service and a 100% buried outside plant. At this time the company purchased lots on the southwest corner of Main and Monroe streets in Camden, razed the old hotel building and the adjacent wooden structure on the west to make room to build a modern yellow brick structure to house the commercial offices for the exchanges and for central office switching equipment. Directors elected at reorganization were: W. O. Pettiner, President; Claude Wickard, Lloyd Yerkes, Harold Wyatt, and John McCain.

A 150' tower and a 19' antenna were erected in January 1966 to provide the first and only mobile telephone service in Carroll County.

April 1982 saw the Camden Telephone Co. improving service to its subscribers by installing new digital switching equipment and providing an all one-party system. Current elected directors are: W. O. Pettiner, Joe B. Sullivan, Lloyd Yerkes, E. E. Johnson, Jr., and Hanna Appleton.

Manager is Jack Ford; Outside Plant Supt., Robert McCain; Inside Plant Supt., Brian Appleton.

CARROLL COUNTY FARM BUREAU COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

1930 - 1976

The Carroll County Farm Bureau Coop. Assoc. Bulk Oil Plant was located just east of the railroad tracks on the east end of Camden. It was used from 1930 until 1976 when the oil department was moved to Central Carroll location. The building is now used by the Fertilizer Department.

Ross Wagoner, the first manager of the oil plant, served until 1945. Roy Cornelison was manager from 1945 to July 1953; John Berkshire from July 1953 to 1965; Dale Hanna from 1967 to 1969, then Richard Herriott and now Dale Orem.

CAMDEN PLANT FOOD CARROLL COUNTY FARM BUREAU COOP.

In 1958 the F.B. Co-op Assoc. purchased the land and built a fertilizer storage and blending plant in Camden on Lee St. Their office was in a R.R. box car at same address until 1976. When the F.B. moved their bulk oil plant to Central Carroll, the Plant Food office was moved to its present location at east end of town on 218, just east of the RR tracks. Kenneth Delaplane was the first manager of the Camden Fertilizer Plant and Robert Schock has been manager since about 1972. Others who have served were: Herb Carter, John Moyer and Bennie Dyer. Rick Wertz is also an employee at the plant, and Helen Cree works in the office. Rick Wilson is also a part time employee.

SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME

James R. and Carolyn Sullivan have operated the funeral home in Camden since July 17, 1964, at 160 W. Main St. The building was built in 1905 and remodeled in 1968 to present look. Before Sullivans, R. Norwood Gentry had the funeral home from 1952 - 1964. Harold Baker had the funeral home until 1952 (exact year not known). It was under the Baker ownership for many years and called the Baker Funeral Home. Charles E. Baker, Harold's father, had the business before him and his father, Peter Baker, had it first and established the business. We are also told that before there was a funeral home at this location Cleaver and McCurdy opened a store here, also a Mr. Barth had a store at an earlier day.

SULLIVAN INSURANCE AGENCY

The Sullivan Insurance Agency was started January 1, 1978, by James R. Sullivan. He started his business, operating from his home at the time, but moved into the Kesner Building May 1978, just west of the post office on Main St. In June of 1979 they doubled the space and remodeled the entire building to its present look.

SULLIVAN SPORTS ENTERPRISE

The Sullivan Sports Enterprise has been in business since January 1, 1975, at 152-158 W. Main St. They sell swimming pool supplies and advertising material of all kinds. They operate from the Sullivan Insurance Agency and also have storage behind the Towers Apts.

ACTION REALTY - 152 W. Main St.

Action Enterprises Inc. of Northern Indiana (Action Realty) was formed March 14, 1977. It was started in Flora, Indiana (16 S. Center Street). They moved to Camden - January 1, 1981 and are still here. Owners are James R. Sullivan - Pres.; Peter F. Wagoner - Secy-Treas.; Gary Crume - V. Pres.

SULLIVAN & CREE MONUMENT SALES & SERVICE

This monument business has been in operation since 1977. The owners are James R. Sullivan and Jay Dee Cree. It is operated from the Sullivan Funeral Home and the insurance office. A funeral home has been operated at this location for over a hundred years. The monument display is located where the old barn used to sit behind the funeral home. When the funeral home was remodeled and the barn torn down, this space was seeded in grass for part of the yard. In 1979 the concrete slab was poured for the monument display, which was also put in in 1979.

DENTISTRY

DR. B. C. KERKHOVE

1927 - 1979 52 years

Dr. Kerkhove's first dental office was upstairs in the K of P building. He practiced there 38 years.

In 1965 he bought the Pennsylvania depot building and moved it to its present location on the corner of Church St. and Main St., where he practiced 14 years. In 1979 he sold the lot and building to Dr. Jeanette Lawson, who practices dentistry there now.

Dr. Kerkhove was honored in October 1979 at a banquet at Indiana University for 50 years of dentistry. He graduated with the Class of 1927 from the Indiana School of Dentistry at Bloomington and has practiced in Camden all of the 50 years. Dr. Kerkhove has two sons who also practice dentistry, Dr. Charles Kerkhove at Greenwood and Dr. Peter Kerkhove at Laguna Beach, Calif. He also has two daughters, Mrs. Mary Jo Barnard and Mrs. Colleen Franek of Camden.

In October 1979, Dr. Kerkhove was honored at a "This is Your Life Program" at the Camden School Building by the community. A large crowd was on hand to pay tribute to his 52 years of service to the community.

DR. JEANETTE LAWSON

Dr. Jeanette Lawson opened an office for the general practice of dentistry in Camden Nov. 1, 1979. She bought the business from Dr. B. C. Kerkhove which is located on the corner of Church and Main Sts. She was graduated in 1973 with a bachelor of arts degree from Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass. After doing graduate work in microbiology at Indiana University, Bloomington, she attended the IU School of Dentistry in Indianapolis, graduating as a Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1979.

Dr. Lawson's husband, Mike, graduated from Purdue in Civil Engineering in 1982. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson moved to Kokomo in July, 1982 to be closer to Mr. Lawson's work. Dr. Lawson still practices dentistry here.

LEE'S COFFEE SHOP

Lee's Coffee Shop is located at 101 Main St. It is owned and operated by Mrs. Cora Lee. It is just west of the R. R. tracks.

The first building was from a wood shed on the Baptist Church lot and was moved and put up by Bill Paden. Clarence Hyman purchased the building from Ruth Raber in 1946 for \$800. He paid \$1.00 a year to lease R. R. land where the restaurant was. He had business 3 or 4 years. Other owners have been Katherine Beard Hicks, Charles and Alice Robeson, and Ray Quinn who added on to it. Later Frank and Betty Smith bought it and put new chairs, tables and booths. Lester Yost later added on to it on the north, also an air conditioner etc. It was then sold to Don and Darilee Robbins who operated it from about May 69 to Feb. 71. It was then sold to Ozzie Raders in 1971. The present owner, Cora Lee, bought it from her parents, the Raders, in 1978.

DOCTORS

C. L. WISE, M. D.

PHYSICIAN & SURGEON July 1934 -

Charles L. Wise M.D. was born in Deer Creek Township July 11, 1903. His parents were Faye Buckley Wise and Lewis Wise. He graduated from Delphi High School in 1921. He then went to medical school and graduated from Indiana University in 1933. He started his practice on Friday, July 13, 1934 in the same building that his business is presently located in. He is the father of two sons, Robert of Speedway and Charles of Lafayette. When not working in medicine he enjoys taking photographs, working in the woodworking shop or gardening.

BEAUTY SHOPS

SWAN BEAUTY SALON - OWNER NORMA FRYE

My first shop was in the old creamery bldg., (where telephone bldg. is now), in 1949-50. The shop was then moved to the K of P bldg. over Carter's Grocery - next to Dr. Kerkhove's dentist office in 1950-52. I later moved the shop to my home, at R. R. 1, in 1952 where I still operate my business.

LLOYD'S BARBER AND BEAUTY SHOP

Mrs. Ida (Winfrey) Lloyd operated a beauty shop in a small room in the east side of her husband's barber shop for 15 years. Mrs. Lloyd gave her permanents with a Duart Machine. The first ones were called the "Spiral" style wave, with these the hair was wrapped from the head to the end of the hair, then they came out with the "Croquignole" style wave. With this style the head was wrapped from the end of the hair to the head. The spiral wrap was not quite as curly as the new one.

EVA BROWN BEAUTY SHOP

Mrs. Brown has a beauty shop in Dr. Leander Snyder's house on the corner of Main and Water Sts. After Dr. Snyder died, Mrs. Snyder let Eva have a shop in the east room of her home.

DENISE'S BEAUTY SALON

Mrs. Denise Packard (Darol) has a beauty shop in her home at 263 Monroe St. She opened her shop in April 1979. The home belonged to Mrs. Lulu Sanderson, the Packards bought it in Aug. 1974. Charles and Lulu Sanderson had lived here many years.

THE BEAUTY NOOK

Mrs. Anita Hartman added a beauty shop onto her home in 1971. She has been in business for 11 years on 316 Cumberland St.

SUE'S BEAUTY SHOP

Sue Wertz operated a beauty shop in her home on the corner of Water and Cumberland starting in 1960 until 1977. In 1965 a new addition was added, with a much larger shop. Penny Wertz, her daughter, was also an operator in the shop for a while, as well as several others through the years. The shop was rented to Dan Bishop, Flora, for a barber shop during part of 1981.

CARTER'S GROCERY

32 years

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Carter came to Camden and started a grocery business on Dec. 2, 1950. Their business is located in the west room of the K of P building on Main St. They will be in business 32 years this December. Other

persons who have operated a business at this location have been: Rockhills, Kathryn Beard Hicks, Clarence Hyman 1938 to 1947, Ray Quinn and Otis Beamers. There was also a pool room run by Gwin Haunn in the 30's and also a drug store in the 30's. Owners of the building through the years have been: Ben Been, Junior Patty, Ralph Britton, Kenny Delaplane and present owners, Don Brown and Dave Ferrel, since October of 1981.

PAT BAKER CONSTRUCTION CO.

Pat Baker started his business on March 12, 1982. He and his crew do general carpentry, remodeling, etc.

ROBERSON UPHOLSTERY SHOP

Mrs. Esther (Raymon) and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ruby (Tim) Roberson, formed and operated an upholstery shop in 1974. This was formed and registered in 1974. The shop was operated from Esther's residence at 2013 Water St. The business is still in operation in 1982.

HEDDERICH MACHINE SHOP

(In operation for 50 years)

Hedderich Machine Shop was first built in 1932 by Edward Hedderich who moved to Camden from Lafayette. Ed was a farmer, carpenter, machinist and inventor. He, with his brother, Lee Hedderich, invented and patented the "Dairy Queen" cream separator. It was manufactured and sold from their factory in Flora, Ind. in the 1905 - 1910 era. Prior to moving to Camden, Ed worked for Ross Gear and Fairfield Manufacturing as a tool maker & master machinist.

In 1945 Ed's shop burned to the ground. It was rebuilt immediately at the same location with the help of his son, Frank, and grandsons, Fred and Paul. Ed worked in his shop until he passed away at the age of 85 in March, 1948.

In July 1948, the shop was sold to Fred Hedderich who moved back to Indiana from California bringing his wife, Jean, and small daughter, Phyllis. The business prospered and in 1953 the shop was enlarged. Again in 1961 the building was remodeled and built to its present size and is still operated by Ed's grandson, Fred Hedderich, on 491 Sanderson St.

CAMDEN STATE BANK

The Camden State Bank was organized 112 years ago in 1870 by Elijah C. Rice and Andrew Thomas to be of service to the community. Our purpose is the same today and will continue to be for the years ahead.

The bank was originally started as a private bank and later, around 1900, received a charter as a state bank. Mr. Rice was president of the bank and remained so until he died in 1928. Dr. C. M. Kennedy was then elected president and Mabel Mayne was cashier and she was also a niece of Mr. Rice. She was appointed executor of his estate and operated the bank until 1938 when W. O. Pettiner purchased the stock of the Rice Estate and became the president, which office he held until April 1, 1979 when he resigned and Joe T. Jones was elected president.

In the 1900's the total assets were only \$82,000. Capital was \$25,000. Two employees were employed by the bank at that time. The bank has had a steady growth and was the only bank in the county to go through the 1930 depression without reorganization.

In 1954 the bank was remodeled, completely torn down and rebuilt, doubling the size of it which at the time was thought to be as large as it would ever need to be. But, since we have continued to grow, in 1970 we purchased the Farmers State Bank property and the McFarland property on the east side of our property and added another 25 feet

to the building we had. We also remodeled the interior and added a drive-up window, completely air conditioned and overhauled the electrical and heating system. Also, for the convenience and safety of our customers, a larger parking lot was paved and sealed, a sealed electric heating grid was put under the sidewalk to keep them from falling on snow and ice during the winter months.

In 1974, we added another room to the rear of the bank for the much needed bookkeeping department. This gave us more office space, a private room for the president and another for the Board of Directors. We now have a vault for safe deposit boxes and two rooms where the customers can take their safe deposit boxes and examine the contents in private.

In 1979, when W. O. Pettiner resigned as president and Joe T. Jones was elected president, our total assets were \$16,087,000. Two years later on 12-31-81 they were \$22,666,000. In January of 1982 we opened a branch bank in Flora and on June 30, 1982, our total assets are \$26,326,000. These figures show exceptional growth and are the results of the confidence the public has in our institution.

THE FLOWER BARN

Jeff Sieber opened a flower business on Main St., next to the old Center Garage in April 1, 1980. (Years ago Dr. Hall had a house on this lot and it was destroyed by fire). A man from Chicago, Mr. Payton, bought the lot to build a 3 story garage for his 2 nephews (Wright Brothers). Money became short and their plans fell through. W. O. Pettiner purchased the lot from him and built a small garage on lot. He sold it to Abner Sieber in 1941. Abner's business became too large for a building and he moved to next lot in 1942, keeping old garage for storage. He deeded lot to his grandson, Jeff Sieber in 1980, who burned the old building to make room for a small barn in which a flower shop was added. He added on 1 year later a restaurant that was in business 1 year. In 1982 a gift shop was added to the flower shop.

SELECT SEED HYBRIDS

Operated 54 yrs.

The business began in 1928 as Soy Seed Co. It was located where the present hog market is. The business operated as an elevator buying grain from farmers and also as a soy bean seed business and corn seed. In 1935 hybrid corn was introduced and the Soy Seed Co. was one of the original companies to produce and sell hybrid seed corn. In a few years the hybrid seed corn business had grown to the extent that it was necessary to drop the seed bean and elevator business and devote full efforts to the hybrid seed corn enterprise.

About this time, the company purchased the old opera house building on the corner of Main and Water Sts. and converted the bldg. to a drying and processing plant.

In time the business grew to where it was necessary to move the drying portion of the processing to its present location at the east end of town where more and more of the operations are conducted. Only grading and bagging are presently done at the downtown building.

Today, Select Seed sells hybrid corn in Ind., Ill., Ky., Ohio, Mich., Pa., and Tenn.

CAMDEN HOG MARKET 1982

The original stockyards in the east end of Camden was built in about 1912. Horace Case operated the yards from 1912 until 1920, at which time his son, Fred Case, took over the operation. Fred and his father operated the yards

as general livestock dealers until 1934.

In 1934, the Wertheimer Cattle Co. of St. Paul, Minn. purchased the yards and specialized in western feeder cattle shipped here to be fed out in local feedlots.

During the 40's and 50's Fred Case's son, John, managed the yards for Wertheimers. During this period, auction sales of cattle were held as well as direct sales to farmers.

In Jan. 1960, Hygrade Foods, Inc. of Indianapolis, Indiana leased the east half of the yards, remodeled it to handle hogs and operated a hog buying station there until 1969. The first hog market was managed by Joe Jones until Feb. 1965. When the hog market opened in Jan. 1960, the top price for hogs was \$11.20 per hundred weight.

In Feb. 1965, Gus Sorenson became the manager of the hog market for Hygrade until they closed their business in 1969. From 1969 until early 1971 Sorenson managed a hog market for Wabash Valley, Inc. From 1960 until 1971 Gus Sorenson also managed the feeder cattle operation for Wertheimers in the west side of the yards not used for hogs. He specialized in feeder cattle shipped in from the southern part of the U. S.

In early 1971 Charles Yeager purchased the stockyards from Wertheimers and has operated the yards entirely as a fat hog market. Gus Sorenson has continued to manage the yards for Mr. Yeager, shipping hogs to packers throughout the east and midwest.

Changes in recent years to the building were made in 1951, 1959, and 1972.

E. E. JOHNSON CO.

Edward E. (Bub) Johnson has a mechanical contracting business located at 116 East Main St. In 1946 Webb Robeson, his uncle, and he entered into a partnership in a plumbing business called the East End Shop. It was purchased from Dr. John Walker. It was located on West Main St. in one of the store rooms to the west of the Lesh Creamery until 1950. In 1950 Bub bought his uncle's business and changed the name to E. E. Johnson Co. He then built at the side of and back of his residence, 116 E. Main, where the shop and office were for a while. In 1960 he purchased the Camden Lumber Co. and this is now used for office and storage.

YERKES TRUCKING CO.

The Yerkes Trucking Company has been in business 58 years and is still growing. The business, started by Bruce Yerkes, was first started in Deer Creek in 1924 with a Model T Ford truck. Then in 1925 he moved the business to Camden and operated from a large building north of his residence on 220 E. Main St. In 1948 the business was moved to 415 Illinois St. - 1 block east and 1 block north. In 1955 the building burned but was rebuilt. It was operated from here until 1960. Then it was moved to the location on 218 at the east edge of town where the Camden Cement Tile Co. had been. They have licenses for 15 trucks and 15 trailers. They do local and long distance livestock hauling which is done all over the United States now.

CLEM SAND, GRAVEL, HAULING AND CONSTRUCTION CO.

Quenton Clem has been in business from approximately 1973 to the present. His services have included hauling, building drive ways, and parking lots, ball diamonds, also excavating. He also owns the gravel pit behind the E.E. Johnson Plumbing Office.

K & L GARAGE

The K & L Garage is operated by Keith Parrett on Ohio St. It was started in Feb. 1981. He does small body work and painting. The building was originally built by Asa Cline as a black smith shop in 1916. Walter Skiles also used the building for storage when he had his construction business in Camden.

PARRETT'S BLUEGRASS HARDWARE

In February 1982, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Parrett bought the hardware business from Dallas Wilson. The name was changed from "Wilson's Store" to Parrett's Bluegrass Hardware." It is located in the center room of the Masonic building.

WHITFIELD SIMONIZ SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitfield opened their Simoniz business in August 1967, in an old remodeled barn to the side of their home on 409 Lee St. They used an old laundry stove for heat till 1969. Then they built on a two car garage addition and put in a gas furnace. They got interested through a letter received in the mail. They took their training from out of New York and also got their supplies from this place. They do car washing and polishing, and upholstering and engine cleaning.

Frank and Mary started the business, now their boys are doing it. The first two cars that they did were for Tim Robeson and Dallas Wilson. They still do much work for Camden and many other people, also for Flora Chrysler and Plymouth.

Their aim: To be worthy of Your Friendship.

CALDWELL CONSTRUCTION CO.

The business was started in 1975 by Kenneth Caldwell and sons Tom and Jerry. The business was operated from Kenneth's home on R.R. 2 Camden or North Water St. The business is presently operated by Jerry Caldwell. He specializes in home building and remodeling.

CAMDEN ELEVATOR DIV. OF ALLISON, STEINHART & ZOOK INC.

**Has been operated by Allison,
Steinhart & Zook Inc. since 1935**

The elevator was built by Farmers Grain & Supply Co. in 1911. It was purchased in 1919 by LeRoy Urmston Grain Co. They went bankrupt in the late 1920's and in 1932 it was acquired by the Camden State Bank. In 1935 it was purchased by Steinhart Grain Co. (now known as Allison, Steinhart and Zook, Inc.) and has been improved and operated ever since 1935 by them. The officers of Allison, Steinhart & Zook, Inc. who have their principal offices in the Camden Elevator are: B. Jesse Zook, Ch. of Board, Dennis L. Zook, Pres., Gordon Jones, Vice Pres., John Steinhart, Treasurer, Jane Penn, Sec. and Philip Jones, Director.

CAMDEN ELEVATOR DIV. WEST ELEVATOR

**Has been operated by the
Camden Elevator since 1970.**

The elevator is located west of the railroad on State Rd. 218. The original building burned in 1981.

In 1857, Adam Porter built a flour mill west of Camden on Deer Creek. Around 1897 there was a new road with a steel bridge built just south of Camden and travelers no longer used the creek to cross on a ford and this mill was operated as a flour mill in Camden run by a gas engine. In 1922, Frank Snoeberger purchased the idle mill and used it as a feed room and coal yard until 1943,

when it was purchased by Carroll County Farm Bureau Co-op. They operated this until fall of 1969, when it was closed and sold to Allison, Steinhart & Zook, Inc. The old mill was completely destroyed by fire in Jan. 1981 and only the feed warehouse and grain storage was completely remodeled, as it operated today.

MONROE'S COIN LAUNDRY

The Monroe Coin Laundry is owned and operated by Charles Monroe of Flora, Ind. He took over the business in 1979 from Cliff Jordan. It is located in the west room of the Masonic building on Main St.

CAMDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

On January 10, 1928 at the home of Mrs. Florence Baker, the Camden Women's Literary Club voted to start a public library. The club set 1938, the Golden Anniversary of the Club, for achieving this aim.

Money was raised by various ways by the club as a whole and by individual donations of money and books.

A very large gift of books was received from the Nettie Rice Estate and also from Clara Lennon.

The first Board of Trustees appointed consisted of the following members: Dr. Eva Kennedy, Mrs. J.C. Yunker and Mrs. Effie Wyatt.

The first book committee was: Mrs. Harold Baker, Mrs. Vurpillat and Mrs. Nelle Quinn. All members and friends of the club contributed much time and effort to the project.

On March 10, 1929, at the Vurpillat Pharmacy, the Camden Library was presented to Camden by Mrs. Flora Cripe, president of the Literary Club. Mr. Stangle, president of the Community Club, accepted it for the town.

Mrs. Vurpillat was the first Librarian. From the pharmacy, the library was moved to the town hall room back of Johnson's Store. (Camden Grocery and Meats). For the next 10 years the library was maintained by the club. As a climax to the Golden Anniversary Celebration in 1938 - 1939, the library became a tax supported enterprise.

In 1950, it was moved to a different location in the town building formerly known as the Center Garage. In 1969, the Library Board purchased a lovely old brick home on the corner of Main and Monroe Sts. The home was originally built by Mr. A. J. (Andy Thomas in 1869.) The library was moved to its present location in 1970.

Librarians through the years have been: 1940 Nelle Quinn with Ruth Edging as assistant; 1942-1973 Ruth Edging with a record of 33 years service to the library. Since 1974, Shirley Schock has been librarian with June Thomas as assistant.

The Library Board in 1982 is: Vance Fincher, President, Mrs. Nancy Kleckner, Secretary, Mrs. Madeline Kesner, treasurer. Other members are: Mrs. Myra Gardner, Mrs. Opal Ringer, and Mrs. Charlotte Wallace.

DILLON'S SHELL STATION

Dillon's Shell Station is located on the corner of Main and Water Sts. (north). Lynn Dillon owner of the business since about 1969. Here is a list of some of the other owners through the years: Till Leslie had it for a while, then it was closed quite a while. Keith Wertz had it from 46 to 51. Then Chet Hartman, Bob Kleckner, Don Prescott, Tom Young, Bill Cree, Bud Seward and the Dillon's at the present.

CAMDEN GROCERY AND MEATS

The Camden Grocery and Meats is operated by Jim Weiland. He started his business June, 1981. It is located in the east corner of the Masonic Bldg. Here is a partial list of

some of the owners since 1902. U.E. Tesh was the first after the new building was built. He had a drug store, then a Mr. Beggs had a jewelry business in the back of Tesh's store. Then V.F. Cohee and Co. Drug Store, with Mr. Beggs continuing. Approximately 1921, it was Brown's Pharmacy, in 1929, it was Vurpillat's Pharmacy. Later a

Mr. Gaby sold his grocery business to Ed Johnson in 1944. Bill Johnson was next, then it was Heiny's Market. He sold it to Larry Hamm, called Hamm's Market, then in 1977, it was sold to Jim Jackson, who had Jackson's Grocery until June 1981.

Present Businesses

Hedderich Machine Shop
Dr. D. J. Lawson, Dentist
Dr. C. L. Wise, M.D.
Monroe's Coin Laundry
Parrett's Blue Grass Hardware
Camden Grocery and Meats
Dillon's Shell Station
Camden Telephone Co.
Sullivan Funeral Home
Sullivan Insurance Agency
Sullivan & Cree Monument Sales & Service
Camden State Bank
Camden Post Office
S. S. Hybrids (Select Seed Hybrids)
Carter's Store
Double D. Saloon
Brown's Pizza
Lee's Cafe
Farm Bureau Plant Food
Yerkes Trucking Co.

Camden Hog Market
Camden Elevator Div. of Allison, Steinhart & Zook, Inc.
Camden Elevator Div. West Elevator
Whitfield Simoniz Service
Harold McCormick Insurance
Caldwell's Construction
Pat Baker Construction Co.
Denise' Beauty Shop
The Beauty Nook
Swan Beauty Saloon
The Flower Barn
E. E. Johnson Mechanical Contracting
Action Realty
Ken Red Elk Auctioneer
Clem Sand and Gravel, Hauling and Construction
Robeson's Upholstery Shop
K & L Garage
ReNew Sewing Shop
J. & W. Antiques and Collectibles
Jack Lenon Repair Shop

OUR CHURCHES

LOWER DEER CREEK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

In 1828, two years after the settlers started coming to Carroll County, three German Baptist families started holding church services in the Peter Replogle barn east of Delphi along Deer Creek, where his great, great-granddaughter, Dorothy Replogle now resides. He is also the great, great-grandfather of Kenneth Cripe.

The families also included Peter Eyman, the first minister, and Samuel Wise. His descendants include Claude Wise, the Bob Scholl family, Dan Cripe, Helen Cree and family and Doris Maxwell and family, who are members of the Lower Deer Creek Church now.

In 1829, Peter Replogle was elected to the ministry. Replogle and Eyman had a different view on how to conduct communion and other church doctrine, so Eyman moved to the Bachelor Run Community in 1838, but they still had differences over boundries etc.

An Annual Conference was called to be held in Carroll County, September 24-25, 1848, at the home of John Koontz north west of Camden. They decided both sides were in error and all was to be forgiven and forgotten.

In 1852, John Musselman sold an acre of ground to erect a 40 by 60 church house, which is still standing, with some remodeling. The timbers for the church were cut from trees on the Stephen Cripe farm, later known as the Elmer Cripe farm and now owned by Hershel Trapp.

In 1881, there was a division in the church. A large number of the ministers and deacons left the church and built another church 1½ miles away. They kept the name German Baptist and the original church became the Lower Deer Creek Church of the Brethren. Then in 1882, the more progressive brethren also left the church, but it continued to grow.

The first Sunday School was held in the church in 1888 with Aaron Brechbill as superintendent. At first the preaching was in German, then both German and English. The singing was also in German. The Hymns were lined because of a shortage of books.

The first musical instrument was a pump organ given to the church in 1928. It was replaced with a piano in 1932. An electric organ was added in 1955.

The lighting has consisted of tallow candles, kerosene glass lamps, brass lamps and electricity was installed in 1937.

The church was first remodeled in 1887 and in 1917 a new roof was put on. In 1946 a complete remodeling job was started. The church was raised and a basement was put under all of the church. Rest rooms and more class rooms were added. It was rededicated in January 1949. A parsonage was added near by in 1966.

Since then a new vestibule has been added. New doors, basement ceiling and carpeting the sanctuary has been installed. In 1976, new pews were installed. A new roof was put on in 1977. New projects are vinyl siding for the outside of the church and new windows to be put on in the near future.

The Ladies Aid was organized in 1916 with Lizzie Angle as president. It has been a very active organization down through the years, sewing for relief, quilting and serving meals to help with church finances.

The men's work was organized in 1931. Prior to that time the men had cut wood to be used as fuel in the wood stoves to heat the church. Planting corn, beans and potatoes to help with church finances, they also help neighbors and friends in the community when there is illness or death in the family.

The first annual birthday dinner was in 1937. The an-

nual dinner replaced the giving of birthday offerings each Sunday. These offerings are used for upkeep and remodeling of the church.

John Laprad was minister of the church from 1970 until his retirement in 1982. The present minister is Willis Mangans.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Our church was first organized in 1833 northwest of Rockfield on the Wabash River, a point then known as Tiptonsport. The early members worshipped in homes and buildings until the year 1844, when it was decided to build a church building in the Town of Camden, and the name then would be known as Camden Baptist Church.

In January 1844, the church decided to build a building in the Town of Camden. It was located on Lot, No. 2 in Martin's addition upon land donated by Bro. John S. Counts. This lot No. 2 is now occupied by the K of P building and the church building stood approximately where Carter's Grocery is now located. This original building is located today at 425 Indiana St. in the north east part of Camden and is used for a residence. It was moved from downtown several years ago.

In the year 1861, we find the congregation was faced with the decision of either building a new church building, or repairing the first building and moving it back farther on the lot. A committee of five were appointed to see if they should raise enough money for a new church. A month later, they reported back to the monthly business meeting that they could not raise enough money to build a new church and the committee was dismissed. In 1866, after the Civil War, they did move the building farther back on the land at which time they put on a new roof with oak shingles. This structure seemed to serve the Baptists until the year 1879 when again the members thought they needed a new structure to serve their needs.

In August 1880, the church adopted plans for the new building.

The bricks were made down the hill south of the church near the gravel pit now owned by Clifford Wallace. A portable brick kiln was set up and the red clay was obtained from that area, pressed and baked on the spot. After the bricks were dry, they were hauled up the hill to the present site. They began building in the fall of 1880 as shown on the corner stone and the building was completed in the summer of 1881. On August 21, 1881, the new church building was dedicated.

In 1888, Dr. Armstrong donated the land just east of the church and a parsonage was soon built. This parsonage was used until 1964, when the congregation decided to buy the Miller residence across the street from John Case for \$10,500. The trustees were given the authority to dispose of the old parsonage and it was sold and moved to the top of the Pittsburg hill west of Delphi where it is used today for a residence. Mr. Hankins who purchased the house sawed it into two parts and moved it in parts and put it back together on its new lot.

In 1898, the basement was excavated under the back part of the church and a furnace was installed. In 1906, plans were made and more basement was excavated just south of the back end of the church, where a dining room downstairs and a chapel upstairs were completed.

In 1912, the Town of Camden tore down the old wooden bridge that crossed the ravine near Wyatt's residence. After the large tile had been laid and the cement banisters and abutments had been made, the street was fill-

ed level using horses and slip scoops. Side walks were added along our property along with other improvements such as street lights, etc. It was in 1912, that our church was first lighted with electric lights. Our church records reveal that a special "thanks" was given to the ladies of our church for furnishing the lights.

During the winter of 1948, our sanctuary was completely redecorated and the beautiful hanging lantern lights were installed. The next changes were made in 1952 when the Sunday School rooms and larger dining room were made. The old dining room of 1906 was extended in the basement to its present status, and the Sunday School and Primary rooms were added to the old chapel.

In 1957, the old stable and hay barn that was built at the time the parsonage was constructed, was torn down and a new brick building was constructed that now serves as our office and garage.

In 1958, the congregation voted to alter the front of the sanctuary, re-arranging the chancel and purchasing a new pulpit and lecturn, corresponding with the beautiful communion table. New choir pews were added to both sides.

The old baptistery that was under floor was disposed of. When it was in use, large wooden doors were raised up and left open. The new baptistery was raised to clear view. The large doors behind the baptistery were taken down and the wall filled in. Doors were then put into both side rooms so the chapel could be entered from either side as it is now in use. The painting on the wall in the baptistery was done by a Quaker minister, Rev. Francis Clark Brown, of New London, Indiana in 1960. This artist not only was well known for his work, but he had traveled in the Holy Lands and he portrayed the Jordan River as he had seen it.

In 1973, much was done to improve the appearance of our sanctuary again. After the decorating was finished the sanctuary was completely covered with new carpet. Then the new pews you see today were installed.

HISTORY OF ST. PETERS LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutherans in Jackson Township organized August 22, 1846, into a congregation as St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Camden. Twenty six members partook of their first communion with Rev. Samuel McReynolds as the first pastor until 1855. They met at various places until a new church was erected in 1849 on the northwest corner of Cumberland and Water Sts.

In 1861, a parsonage was bought on the southwest corner of Cumberland and Water Sts. for \$300.

The second church was erected two blocks west of the first one on the southeast corner of Cumberland and Church Sts. in 1873 for \$8000. It was a two story white frame building with Sunday School held on the lower floor and a winding stairway to the sanctuary on the upper floor. It had an imposing bell tower and the structure was a landmark for Lutheran Churches in the Indiana-Kentucky Synod.

In the late 1880's, the old parsonage was moved to the north end of Church St. (Florence Leslie house) and a new parsonage built on the site. This was sold in 1963 and a new brick parsonage was built east of Camden Park on James St.

On Sept. 4, 1910, a new pipe organ was dedicated. A \$625 gift from the Carnegie Foundation and \$700 from the Luther League youth made this possible. Electric lights were installed in 1914.

On the 110th anniversary Sept. 9, 1956, a new Parish Hall was dedicated with dining room and kitchen in basement and classrooms and pastors study on second floor.

After several years of discussion, planning and

prayerful consideration, it was voted to raze the old building we all loved. Ground breaking was July 3, 1966, completed the summer of 1967.

All former living pastors and many friends came to the dedication Nov. 19, 1967, among them our present pastor, Richard Recher, who returned as our pastor Dec. 3, 1967. He also served here from 1949 to 1953. One other pastor served two times, Rev. H.C. Stuckenberg from 1901 to 1906 and 1923 to 1929. Thirty pastors have served our congregation.

**CAMDEN METHODIST CHURCH
TRACES HISTORY TO 1857
taken from an article
in the Kokomo Tribune
8/12/74 By Madeline Wilcos**

The Camden United Methodist Church stood at the southwest corner of Monroe and Cemetery Sts. for 77 years.

The cornerstone bears the date 1897 but Camden Methodists were organized some 51 years earlier and attended services in a church known as the Methodist Episcopal. It was located, as far as can be determined, near Cumberland and Union Sts. at the west end of town and was in a combined circuit with Rockfield, Clymers, and for a short time, Nebo.

The earliest pastor whose name is recorded as T.E. Webb served from 1857 through 1858. Little is known of the first church which was razed to make way for the present building during the pastorate of the Rev. A.M. Hagenbook.

In 1940, "Episcopal" was deleted from the name of the church and until 1968, when it merged with the United Brethren, it was known simply as Camden Methodist.

It was in 1949 under the guidance of the Rev. Floyd

Stevens that a basement was poured and a kitchen, dining room and heating plant installed. Much of the construction work was volunteered by men of the congregation. Financing of the project was realized through bonds amounting to \$2000 from the sale of the former parsonage, a bequest of \$470, miscellaneous donations and a mortgage of \$1,040.

Through the efforts of the Women's Society of Christian Service sponsoring public suppers, bazaars, and markets, the mortgage was paid in ten months with a special burning ceremony conducted by George Hunt, and honorary trustee.

While there have been few major changes in the building, a number of improvements and additions were made between 1956 and 1973. These included redecoration of the interior, new carpeting and a new concrete walk and steps leading to the main entrance. A wrought iron hand rail and portico were also installed at the main entrance.

An open Bible greets the visitor in the small vestibule which occupies the lower half of the bell tower. Double varnished swing doors to the left lead to the auditorium where three sections of curved pews, believed to be from the original church, are located.

Etched windows framed in white offer a contrast to the walls which are painted light green. The white sanctuary has sections of wood panelling on three walls. Wood also frames the top front edge of the alcove. Focal points here are the altar, a marble baptismal font and a cross which can be illuminated. A wood railing follows the rounded edge of the dais. An anteroom is located off the sanctuary.

Open rolling doors at the rear of the pews lead to a room used by the young adults of the congregation. From this room there is another stairway to the basement where the kitchen, dining room and two classrooms are located.

Rev. Steve Pavy is the Pastor of the church.

OUR ORGANIZATIONS

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CAMDEN MASONIC LODGE

This is the 125th anniversary of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 211 Free and Accepted Masons. It was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Indiana May 27, 1857.

The ten charter members were: George Kuns W. M., James Sterrett S. W., James M. Justice J. W., other members were Cornelius Conover, James R. Laird, Andrew Robison, John B. Kane, Charles P. Freeman, William Wright, and William Armstrong.

The Lodge met in an old church near the cemetery, the 3rd floor of a school building located in the north west part of town, and in a room over Brown's Drug Store. In 1875 the Lodge bought a lot at the corner of Main and Monroe streets. There they built the present building. This building was dedicated October 30, 1902.

Over the years the lodge grew in numbers. By mutual consent, West Sonora Lodge No. 706 merged with them January 1, 1976, making total membership of 230.

The present officers are Willard R. Dyke W. M., James L. Gill S. W., Wayne E. Downham J. W., Max Gish Treas., John R. McCain Sec., Rev. Ray French, S. D., William A. Veach J. D.

MASONIC TEMPLE

On Oct. 30, 1902, the Masonic building was dedicated. It attracted a large and distinguished crowd of visitors and added another happy chapter to the interesting

history of Camden. The crowd was estimated at about a thousand, almost half of whom were Masons. A special train arrived from Logansport shortly after noon with a delegation of about 250 Masons, headed by the Elk's band. The parade marched from the depot to the Masonic Temple. There were about 400 Masons in the line.

An impressive and interesting program and ceremony was held, for the spectators in the rooms which were packed to capacity.

The Masonic Temple is a two story brick building that is over 40 ft. in height and 80 ft. square. There are three large store rooms on the ground floor, two of which are already occupied. U. E. Tesh has occupied one with a drug store while another is occupied by Melson & Whorley's Department Store. Both establishments are elaborately furnished with costly and handsome fixtures.

The second floor has four office rooms besides the lodge room and adjoining banquet hall. The offices are occupied by Miss Birdie Penn's Milinery Store, Trustee James Martin, Dr. B. O. White and Dr. W. A. Herman, the latter two, as well as Melson & Whorley being recent arrivals in Camden. The lodge room has a 20 ft. ceiling and is 36 x 47 ft. The 2 rooms may be thrown into one by rolling up the partition. The combined rooms have a seating capacity of about 500. The cost of the building was about \$20,000. A nice supper was served by the ladies in the vacant store room below the lodge.

Taken from a Newspaper clipping in Nov. 1902

CAMDEN WOMEN'S LITERARY CLUB

During the summer of 1888, a group of ladies in Camden was busily engaged in planning means for its intellectual development. One of its members, Miss Bright Armstrong, had attended Mrs. May Wright Sewall's "Classical School for Girls" in Indianapolis and she brought news of the forming of ladies literary societies. Her mother, Mrs. Mary J. Armstrong, was an enthusiastic factor in forming such a society in Camden.

A banquet was held in the old Odd Fellows Hall on Water Street. All ladies interested were invited and Mrs. May Wright Sewall came to talk to them about club work. A few days later on Oct. 9, 1888, fourteen ladies met at the home of Mrs. Salle Wallace to complete an organization. These charter members were: Mrs. Mary J. Armstrong, Mrs. Nettie Rice, Mrs. Emma Reed Davisson, Mrs. Sadie Carter, Mrs. Ella Kiefer, Mrs. Anna Shank, Mrs. Sallie Wallace, Mrs. Retta Dillen, Mrs. Flora McFarland, Mrs. Ida Scholl, Miss Anna Ricketts, Miss Bright Armstrong, Mrs. Anna Bradshaw, and Miss Lou Stewart.

The first officers elected were: president, Miss Bright Armstrong; vice president, Mrs. Emma Reed Davisson; recording secretary, Mrs. Ida Scholl; corresponding secretary, Miss Lou Sterrett, and treasurer, Mrs. Nettie Rice.

The first ten years the club meetings were held continuously throughout the year and the first meeting in October was a formal banquet, to which ladies were expected to wear hats and gloves. These banquets were sumptuous to a high degree and were planned with much thought and care. Some illustrious people were guest speakers on these occasions among whom were: Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Mrs. Serdia Wallace, Emerson Hough, Miss Ora Cox, a cousin of James Whitcomb Riley, and Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley.

In various ways the Literary Club has helped to shape the destiny of Camden and its people. In 1915, the idea of a Cemetery Endowment Fund became a reality by the very substantial proceeds gained from a play "Union Depot" and a community supper. This fund has constantly grown and is recognized today as being a great civic accomplishment.

Another project of which the club is proud, is the Public Library. At the Fortieth Anniversary dinner given at the home of Mrs. Florence Baker, a Library for Camden was the goal set for its Golden Anniversary. On March 11, 1929, a library, small but growing, was opened to the public in the Vurpillat Pharmacy, (where Camden Grocery and Meats is now)

In 1932, in keeping with the Washington Bi-centennial movement of tree planting, and in a desire to beautify Camden, the club furnished the voice back of the willingness and muscle of the Town Board and the Community Club and more than one hundred trees were planted along the streets.

In 1923, the club became affiliated with the State Federation of Women's Clubs and in 1931 it was one of the two clubs in Carroll County to accept Universal Membership, which enrolls it with the General, State, District and County Federations. One of its members, Mrs. Florence Baker, was chairman of the County Federation from 1927 to 1930. The newly elected president is another member, Mrs. Raynes Wyatt. Two county secretaries, Mrs. Raynes Wyatt and Mrs. Helen Snell, have also been elected from the club.

In 1970, the Library Club established a "Memory Room" at the Camden Library, in which many volumes of books have been placed as memorials to friends and loved ones. In 1976, a brick planter and flag pole were placed in

the library yard by the club during our "Bicentennial". A flag was presented by the American Legion Auxillary. In 1981, as a Community Improvement project, the club started plans for a museum on the second floor of the library. Many interested people donated money to the fund as well as businesses and other organizations. The club received the District 9 traveling trophy for the museum project in 1982. The club also received a 20 year service plaque from the American Heart Association this year.

The present officers are: President, Mrs. Kathryn Sprinkle; Vice President, Mrs. Nancy Kleckner; Secretary, Mrs. Judie Peters; Treasurer, Mrs. Katie Cree; Historian, Mrs. Shirley Schock. The Executive committee for 1982 is Mrs. Joyce Sanderson, Mrs. Mary Margaret Goodwin, Mrs. Judie Peters.

"Progress and Culture" was the motto chosen by the original fourteen members. It has proven to be an inspiration during ninety-four years. It is expected to mean as much to the future members of the Camden Women's Literary Club.

Present members are: Mrs. Hanna Appleton, Mrs. Nancy Biederwolf, Mrs. Gertrude Bowman, Mrs. Carol Briggs, Mrs. Esta Carter, Miss Anna Case, Mrs. Katie Cree, Mrs. Connie Cripe, Mrs. Ruth Edging, Mrs. Myra Gardner, Mrs. Mary Margaret Goodwin, Mrs. Eva Jones, Mrs. Barbara Jones, Mrs. Malinda Kendall, Mrs. Nancy Kleckner, Dr. Jeanette Lawson, Mrs. Barbara McCain, Mrs. Ruth Myers, Mrs. Jane Penn, Mrs. Judie Peters, Mrs. Opal Ringer, Mrs. Joyce Sanderson, Mrs. Shirley Schock, Mrs. Evelyn Sharp, Mrs. Marjorie Sieber, Mrs. Kathryn Sprinkle; Mrs. Blanch Stiles, Mrs. Helen Tesh, Mrs. Mary Alice Winslow, Mrs. Patt Wilson, Mrs. Linda Snyder and Mrs. Helen Yeager.

THE DINNER CLUB

The Dinner Club has been in existence in Camden well over 50 years, organized about 1913. It is a social club that met at the various members homes through the years to play bridge. The evening used to always start with a 3 course dinner, followed by bridge. The meetings and dress used to be very formal. There were usually 4 tables of bridge.

Through the years, the club has become smaller. They now just serve dessert at the meetings. They still get-together two or three times a year.

The present members are: Evelyn Sharp, Helen Tesh, Blanche Stiles, Alta Bohannon, Mildred Clem, Evelyn Gardner, Thelma Jones, Ruth Myers and Fannie Hinkle.

BOY SCOUTS

Our first Scout Master in Camden was Dr. G. T. Runcie, a Dentist. This was in 1913. Floyd Gish was a member of this troop. Floyd was also the first Eagle Scout in Carroll County. He remembers that they met up in the K of P Bldg. Rev. D. P. Drawbaugh was the next leader with Rev. Morgan Webb as assistant. They met in the Lutheran parsonage, as both were Lutheran ministers. Floyd was assistant scout master in 1917. Later a Rev. Colman, a Methodist minister was leader. He took a group of scouts on a trip to Washington, D.C.

Murray Tesh was scout master about 1949 for quite a few years. When they were building facilities at Camp Buffalo, Murray donated cement block from the Camden Tile Mill to help. They met in a room over the town offices. Other leaders have been: Rev. George W. Schuette, Skip Lesh, Charles Gardner in 1957. He remembers that his group met in a garage attached to the library. This has been added on to now and converted into a home where the Bill Trapp family live now. Jerry Britton was scout

master from 1963 to 1970. His group met in the scout barn, which was donated to the scouts by Dr. Eva Kennedy. Ron Kleckner was the next leader.

The scouts are inactive at the present.

EASTERN STAR

Carroll Chapter Order of the Eastern Star No. 475 was organized in 1922. The first officers were: Worthy Matron, Eva Kennedy; Worthy Patron, H. K. Bohannon; Associate Matron Leona Mills; Secretary, Gertrude Pritsch; Treasurer, Kathryn Rice; Conductress, Pearl Shamel; Marshall, Bessis Wray; Organist, Bernice Brown; Chaplain, Blanche Baker; Adah, Louella Boles, Ruth, Ruth Leslie; Esther, Grace Waterford; Martha, Eda Lane; Electa, Vera Bohannon; Warder, Elizabeth Orahood, Sentinel, Charles Rice.

The first meeting was held May 22, 1922. Two petitions were presented that night: Margaret Kennedy, mother of Dr. Kennedy, and Nancy Mullin, great grandmother of our present Worthy Patron. Meetings were held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. In 1942, a request was made to meet once a month on the second Monday and that has been the meeting night since that time.

Various projects have been sponsored through the years; card parties held, tea and book reports, style shows and bake sales. The last few years we have made noodles in the fall as our project. Our signet was purchased in 1952. In 1957, Sister Mabel Mullin served as page at the Grand Chapter Session. In 1963, Sister Carolyn Edging served as a page at the Grand Chapter Session, and in 1982, Sister Susan Allread served as a page to the Worthy Grand Matron and Wayne Edging served as usher at the "Wings of a Dove Session." In 1965, District 15 was organized. Sisters Mildred Parrett, Evelyn Chapman, and Marjorie Skiles are past presidents of this organization.

In 1966, Carroll Chapter was honored when Sister Marjorie Sieber was appointed District Deputy of District 15. Sisters Esta Carter, Marjorie Sieber and Grace Deel have all had the honor of serving as Grand Representatives.

The members of Deer Creek Chapter affiliated with Carroll Chapter in 1976. Among those who came into Carroll Chapter was Sister Perrietta Appleton. Thru her we had the privilege of having the Worthy Grand Matron of Indiana in 1981-82 from our Chapter. Sister Perrietta was appointed a Grand Star Point and then elected to serve as Grand Associate Conductress. Carroll Chapter was honored to serve as host to the School of Instruction and to prepare a reception for her. Carroll Chapter has been very proud to have this gracious lady as a Sister in our organization.

The officers for this year are: Worthy Matron, Betty Gardner; Worthy Patron, Raymond Gardner; Associate Matron, Marjorie Sieber; Associate Patron, Wayne Edging; Secretary, Esta Carter; Treasurer, Alice Linn; Conductress, Marilyn Wilburn; Associate Conductress, Susan Allread; Chaplain, Ray French; Marshall, Gladys Caldwell; Organist, Mabel Mullin; Adah, Malinda Kendall; Ruth, Mildred Parrett; Esther, June Gill; Martha, Mildred Been; Electa, Grace Deel; Warder, Jacqueline Edging; Sentinel, Jeanne Gardner; Prompter, Francis Gish; Soloist, Nancy Biederwolf.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CLUB

The Jackson Township Extension Homemakers Club first meet as an auxiliary club for wives of Farm Bureau members. In 1922, it was reorganized for town and coun-

try women and was called Jackson Township Home Economics Club.

The purpose of the club was to help homemakers make better homes, to create an interest in various community activities and to promote high ideals for a happy and useful life.

Charter members first elected to hold office were: Mrs. Verna Coplen, Pres., Mrs. Nellie Sink, Sec., and the late Mrs. Roxie Wagoner as treasurer.

The dues were fifty cents per member, which entitled them to have a dress form made to help them in sewing for themselves. Also, they had a spring seed and bulb sale to raise money which the club has continued to do.

Before hot lunches were put in our school, the club ladies prepared and served hot lunches two days a week at the Camden School. In 1924, they helped sponsor the girls 4-H Club and still do.

The club membership grew into numbers in the seventies so they helped organize another club called "Aim Hi", which is still an active club.

Through sixty years of club work many township women have belonged and enjoyed its activities. Programing now comes through the County Extension Office. Special events we have enjoyed through the years have been bus trips, mother-daughter banquets, guest day with many book reviews, Halloween and Christmas dinner parties. Also the club has always been supportive of local activities and contributed to charitable organizations.

The name of the club was changed in 1967 to the present name and is still a very active club with approximately thirty members.

Present members are: Mildred Allen, Julia Arnold, Minnie Arnold, Eunice Biegler, Alta Bohannon, Gertrude Bowman, Eva Brubaker, Gladys Caldwell, Mabel Chapman, Mary Cohee, Florence Cripe, Mary Dittman, Pearl Doyle, Hilda Edging, Evelyn Gardner, Fredah Gardner, Eva Jones, Bertha Judy, Ida Lloyd, Ruth Martin, Hilda McClain, Ruth Myers, Opal Ringer, Martha Sanderson, Geneva Shanks, Kathryn Sprinkle, Mary Willy, Mary Wilson and Helen Wise.

SIT N SEW

During World War II, the War Mothers Club was organized by a group of mothers whose sons were in the military service. Each month they held an all day meeting at which time they sewed various articles of clothing which were given to Riley Hospital, the State Hospital, nursing homes and needy families. Among the garments made were dresses, pajamas, boys shirts, bibs and hospital gowns. Many baby quilts were made as well as lap quilts for wheel chair patients and others. Later the club changed its name to "Sit N Sew" and continued to make and donate many articles that they had made. The club disbanded in August 1980 and donated the money in the treasury to the Camden Library.

MOTHERS CLUB ORGANIZES

April 11, 1946

from Camden Record-News

A special meeting was held at the Camden School house for the purpose of deciding whether the mothers of Jackson Twp. should serve hot lunches to the children at noon during the coming school year. The mothers voted for federal aid and hope to hear soon if it can be had.

President of the organization is Mrs. Walter Parrett; vice president, Mrs. Tom Sanderson; Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. James Dunkin; Finance committee, Mrs. George Martin, Mrs. Charles Jones, Mrs. Ira Brubaker; Menu

committee, Mrs. Charles Wise, Mrs. Clarence Arnold, Mrs. Ralph Replogle; Organization committee, Mrs. Harold Jones, Mrs. Dan Caldwell, Mrs. Harold Trapp, Mrs. Paul Brovont, Mrs. Charles Wise, Mrs. Harry Wilson.

As we all know the mothers club still continues today helping with the school lunches. Initially the Jackson Township Home Ec. Club, with Mary Wilson as president, started serving hot lunches 2 days a week to the children. Bud Sink, Trustee of Jackson Civil and School Township, was very helpful and let them use the furnace room in the northwest corner of the school basement for their kitchen. Some of the food was furnished through Federal Aid, but the mothers brought in much of their own vegetables to serve. They also brought in their own pots and pans for cooking, and canned many foods for later use. Mary Wilson helped in the purchasing of plates.

Eva Dillon was the first cook, followed by Gladys Caldwell and at present time Delphia Shives who has been here for 18 years. Foods such as flour, rice, cheese, cooking oil and butter are bought through the government for \$1 a case. The money the children pay goes for special meats and other foods not obtainable from the government. If the mother cooks or hires a cook, the child's lunch is at a reduced price. Present officers are president, Deloris Houser; vice president, Connie Garrison; secretary Julie Forgey.

CAMDEN AMERICAN LEGION POST NO 413

After some meetings, consisting of Community War Veterans from World Wars I & II, the group met at Dwight and son Sam Elam Plank's home many times to form a new Legion Post for Veterans in Camden and surrounding areas that were returning home from W.W. II.

The Camden American Legion Post No. 413 was chartered on the 7th of Sept. 1946. Meetings were held in the above mentioned Plank home for a few months.

The Charter members are as follows: Fred Leslie, Ervin Gish, Robert Calloway, Howard Dewitt, Wayne Caldwell, Donald Dewitt, William Lenon, Harold Cripe, Wilbur Hicks, Harold W. Edging, Robert Hedde, Jr., Robert Yerkes, Lee J. Sterrett, Raymond Wallace, Laurel Roberson, Rufus Doyel, Everett Judy, Dwight Plank, Kenneth Calloway, Chester Hartman, Johnny Graham, Orville Williams, Merle Dewitt, George Clem, Harold Baker and Sam Elam Plank.

After a few months, Ben Been owner of the old K of P Lodge Hall, let the Camden Legion Post No. 413 use the upstairs of the hall for their post meetings and community functions. Meetings and community functions continued at the old K of P Lodge Hall until 1960.

In 1956, a lot was purchased on the south side of Main Street where the old delivery stable was located years ago from Raymond Ringer. Three years passed before starting on the new post home.

The new post home was started in the spring of 1959 and was completed in March of 1960, for the American Legion's 41st birthday celebration. All volunteer labor was used to construct the new post home.

A few years later the lot west of the post home, where the old blacksmith shop stood, was purchased. The building was later removed. Last year the old Marathon Station was purchased and the building was removed. This gave the Camden American Legion the property from the alley east of the existing post home to the alley to the south and to the west to Church Street. The post home mortgage burning took place in 1975.

Presently the Camden American Legion Post No. 413 membership is 103 members from Camden and surround-

ing communities. It is active in the local community activities.

POST COMMANDERS TO DATE

1946 Raymond Wallace
 1947 Fred A. Leslie
 1948 James A. Sullivan
 1949 Gerald Sieber
 1950 Robert Calloway
 1951 R. J. Rohrabough
 1952 Claude T. Linn
 1953 Robert L. Hedde, Jr.
 1954 Robert Calloway
 1955 Robert G. Deel
 1956 Kenneth Wertz
 1957 Keith Arion
 1958 Keith Arion
 1959 Keith Arion
 1960 R. J. Rohrabough
 1961 Robert Calloway
 1962 Keith Wertz
 1963 Donald Snoeberger
 1964 Everett O. Brown
 1965 R. J. Rohrabough
 1966 R. J. Rohrabough
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 1968 R. J. Rohrabough
 1969 R. J. Rohrabough
 1970 Melvin Kahler
 1971 K. Frank Simmerman
 1972 Chester Hartman
 1973 Dale Griffey
 1974 William Vibbert
 1975 K. Frank Simmerman
 1976 K. Frank Simmerman
 1977 Larry Hicks
 1978 K. Frank Simmerman
 1979 Keith Arion
 1980 Brian Appleton
 1981 Everett O. Brown
 1982 Everett O. Brown

CAMDEN UNIT NO. 413 OF AMERICAN LEGION AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLIARY

On June 24, 1947, ten ladies met at the home of Faye Edging in Camden to organize an Auxilliary of the American Legion.

The following officers were elected:

President.....Faye Edging
 1st V. P.....Alice Linn
 2nd V. P.....Fern Sullivan
 Secretary.....Madeline Kesner
 Treasurer.....Betty Sullivan
 Chaplain.....Florence Leslie
 Historian.....Ruth Edging
 Sgt. at Arms.....Jacque Edging

Charter members were: Faye Edging, Fern Sullivan, Alice Linn, Madeline Kesner, Betty Sullivan, Florence Leslie, Ruth Edging, Georgana Drake, Marybelle Hicks, Sue Wertz, Georgiana Hartman, Jane Calloway, Norma Johnson (deceased), Ruth Raber (deceased), Doris Sieber, Helen Yeager and Florence Baker.

For several months meetings were held in members homes; when the Legion acquired the use of K of P lodge rooms, we held our meetings there. Now we meet at the Legion Home.

In October 1948, the Unit sponsored a Halloween Carnival to raise money to help purchase land for a park. The

net profit of \$394.39 was turned over to the Park Fund. The unit is a non-profit organization and the money derived from selling Poppy's in May of each year is used for Veterans and their rehabilitation.

Present members are: Grace Arion, Florence Baker, Mary Jo Barnard, Esther Beamer, Willie Mae Bechdolt, Zura Brown, Roseann Britton, Jane Calloway, Esta Carter, Carla Chapman, Helen Cree, Grace Deel, Margaret DeWitt, Camilla Downing, Faye Edging, Gladys Fife, Martha Fincher, Linda Goldsberry, Beth Hicks, Marbelle Hicks, Madeline Kesner, Florence Leslie, Alice Linn, Opal Maxwell, Marceil Nipple, Roselyn Penn, Carol Rohrbaugh, Evetta Recher, Doris Sieber, Marjorie Sieber, Helen Simmerman, Marjorie Skiles, Thelma Snoeberger, Kathryn Sprinkle, Vira Vibbert, Gayle Wertz, Kathy Wertz, Penny Wertz, Sue Wertz, Twylia Wertz, Rebecca Weiland, and Vesta Zoubul.

AIM HI

On December 21, 1948, a group of twelve young homemakers met at the home of Mrs. Edwin Wise in Camden to organize a new Home Economics Club. The name of the club - "Aim Hi" - and the meeting time to be the fourth Tuesday evening of each month. The following officers were elected for 1949, President Mrs. Ernest Minich, Vice Pres., Mrs. Dallas Wise, Secy, Mrs. Edwin Wise, Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Yerkes, and Publicity, Mrs. Roland Shanks. The membership roll was: Florence Frantz, Jean Hedderich, Lorene Martin, Jeanette Myers, Betty Minich, Pat Pearson, Marie Richter, Iva Shanks, Geraldine Sturgeon, Helen Yeager, Betty Yerkes, Rowena (Wallace) Calloway, Amelia Wise, Shirley Wise, Waulene Caldwell, Mary Hedde, Norma Johnson, Freeda Lesh, Elizabeth Mylet, Eva Weiland, Almeda Brubaker, Mary Johns, Mary Kleckner, Frances Caldwell, Fern Sullivan, Betty Sullivan, Mary Jane Chapman, Jacqueline Edging, Georgana Drake and Ruth Blocker.

The club has been a very aggressive and active club through the years. Their 25th anniversary celebration was held on Jan. 31, 1974, at the Camden Baptist Church, with the original first membership as special guests. At the present date, two charter members are still active which are, Lorene Martin and Rowena Calloway. Membership of the club for 1982-83 is thirty.

Officers are:

President, Joan Rogers
1st Vice Pres., Mary Jo Barnard
2nd Vice Pres., Colleen Franek
Treasurer, Judy Martin
Secretary, Sharon Ashby
Publicity, Mary Whitfield
Health & Safety, Mary Ann Berkshire
Cultural Arts, Lorene Martin
Citizenship, Josephine Wyatt
Membership, Malinda Kendall

The present members are Grace Arion, Sharon Ashby, Mary Jo Barnard, Mary Ann Berkshire, Judy Britton, *Rowenna Calloway, Justine Crume, Carolyn Edging, Colleen Franek, Jane George, Barbara Jones, Malinda Kendall, Judy Martin, *Lorene Martin, Joan Rogers, Joyce Sanderson, Barbara Sell, Joyce Shank, Marge Sieber, Carrie Sullivan, Donna Swayze, Mary Trapp, Mary Whitfield, Jean Willy, Josephine Wyatt, Marcella Yerkes.

*denotes charter members

CAMDEN COMMUNITY CLUB

The Camden Community Club was organized on Feb. 8, 1950, by five couples: Thomas and Martha Sanderson,

Gene and Mary Willy, B. Jesse and Anna Myrle Zook, Dean and Adriene McCain and Wilmer and Margaret Schock.

Officers elected were: Gene Willy, Pres., Tom Sanderson, 1st Vice Pres., Wilmer (Bill) Schock, 2nd Vice Pres., Adriene McCain, secretary, Anna Myrle Zook, assistant secretary, Dean McCain, treasurer, Martha Sanderson, entertainment chairman and B. Jesse Zook, chairman of By-laws committee.

The new officers went to work, and under the direction of a hard working president, Gene Willy, they had 145 members in a very few weeks. The first item of business was to order membership cards and to plan regular entertainments such as card parties, dances, etc. One of the club's first projects was to raise money through activities, such as pancake and sausage suppers, dances and fish fries to help pay for uniforms for the new high school band directed by Clarence Marocco. The club gave the Band Boosters one half of the money they made and the uniforms were soon paid for.

The Town of Camden had previously purchased the old cement block building located across the street north of the bank. This building had been used as a garage and later as a furniture factory. It was the concern of several citizens that much of the empty space in the building could be used for some good purpose to help promote entertainment and useful projects around Camden.

The idea of having a fish fry came from an event that had taken place sometime previously. Jess Kendall, Gene Willy, Wilmer Schock and several others decided to go down to Deer Creek and gig some suckers and have a fish fry. Everyone liked the idea and they soon had a couple of tubs of suckers. Bill Schock brought his lard kettle, Claude Patty donated five gallons of lard and others brought a covered dish of food and their own table service. A great time was had by all.

The first public fish fry sponsored by the club was in August 1950 and they engaged the Chalmers Civic Club to bring the equipment and fry the fish. It also was quite successful. Another fish fry was held in Feb. 1951, then again in Aug. 1951, both being done with the help of the Chalmers Club. In 1952, the Camden Community Club purchased material and made their own cooking equipment and since then have become well known for taking care of crowds from 1,000 to 2,000 without any trouble.

The Community Club now holds 3 fish fries a year. A membership fish fry is held in March. On the first Saturday in June a Smelt fry is held, with a large crowd that seems to grow every year. A Little League parade is held in connection with this. A large portion of the proceeds goes to the Jackson Twp. Youth program each year. A dance is held after the fall fish fry. This fish fry was held about the 2nd week in August for many years on Main Street in front of the Community Building. The street was closed and the fish were fried outside also. It was called our "Annual Street Fish Fry." About ten years ago, the fryers were hooked up permanently in the kitchen of the community building, natural gas was piped in and is used for the frying. Now all 3 fish fries are held in the Community Building.

The officers for 1982 are: Herb Yerkes, President; Bob Schock, Vice President; Bob Yerkes, Secretary treasurer; and directors are Jim Hodges and Gary Penn. There are about 130 members in 1982.

The Camden Community Club has remained extremely active during its first 30 years and has contributed much toward the park, youth programs, school programs, and many other things that helped Camden's Civic life.

CAMDEN LIONS CLUB

The Camden Lions Club was chartered November 29, 1951, during an installation banquet at the Sportsman Hotel in Monticello. Delphi Lions Club served as the sponsor for the Camden Club. W.O. Pettiner served as chairman of the charter night committee. A total of 51 charter members were present and are listed below:

Frank Stiles	W. O. Pettiner
Max Gish	Walter Skiles
James W. Sink	Clifford Wallace
Walter O. Sprinkle	Fred Wagoner
Otis Beamer	Joe Sullivan
Carl E. Carter	Herbert Yerkes
Edward E. Johnson, Sr.	Everett Newby
Raymond E. Judy	Bob M. Wyatt
Claude T. Linn	George M. Clem
A. Ray Myers	Rev. Richard Recher
Gerald W. Sieber	Robert Steinhart
Albert S. Verrill	Harold S. Baker
Harold L. Wyatt	Charles C. Bryan
Lloyd Yerkes	Chester Hartman
Dean McCain	Chester Joyce
Robert Dittman	Skip Lesh
Wilmer Schock	D. A. Mullendore
Robert L. Pettiner	J. V. Pickart
Dr. B. C. Kerkhove	Jim Sullivan
Edward E. Johnson, Jr.	Floyd L. Wyatt
John A. Case	Marshall Wingard
John E. Berkshire	John McCain
Eugene M. Chapman	Carl Dittman
Garth M. Johnson	Vern Avery
John F. Kesner	Robert Yerkes
Winfrey Lloyd	

Over the years the Camden Lions Club has sponsored many fund-raising community activities. Currently, the major activities are a consignment auction in the spring and the tractor pull in late summer. Current officers of the club are: President, Everett Brown, 1st Vice President, Mike Lawson; 2nd Vice President, Keith Arion, 3rd Vice President, Tim Roberson; secretary, Kevin Bender; treasurer, Ken Berkshire; tail twister, Paul Fife; Lion tamer, Junior Snider, Present members are:

Keith Arion	Asa Cohee
Ken Berkshire	Lowell Edging
George Clem	Paul Fife
Bill Dittman	Ron Homburg
Wayne Edging	Charles Jones
Chuck Foreman	Richard Kendall
Jack Hammond	Art Lane
Joe Jones	Paul Marcellino
Edgar King, Jr.	W. O. Pettiner
Gary Linn	Ken Red Elk
Don McCain	Leonard Rutledge
Kevin Bender	*Walter Sprinkle
Milt Bowman	*Fred Wagoner
Quentin Clem	B. Jesse Zook
Bob Dittman	Tim Roberson
Mike Fife	Dean Sanderson
Jack Gish	*James A. Sullivan
Gene Jennings	Pete Wagoner
Phil Jones	John Rogers
George Kistler	Jr. Snider
Mike Lawson	James R. Sullivan
Merlin Mullin	*Bob Wyatt
*John Berkshire	*denotes charter members
Everett Brown	

CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scouts were started in Camden in 1954. Sibyl Pettiner, the Den Mother, with Fred and Jean Hedderich as assistants. There were 8 boys: Tom Hedderich, Bobby Calloway, Steve Wallace, Robert Baker, Darrell McNabe, Dale Pettiner, Robert Reifel and Stuart Milligan. They were sponsored by the Lion's Club who still sponsors the scouts.

The scouts are still active in 1982 with 3 Dens, one of these is "Webeloes." There are 27 active scouts. The Scout Council is composed of Chairman, Connie Garrison, Treasurer, Gary Linn; Scouting Co-ordinator, Mike Lawson; Dean Cripe; and Melinda Kendall.

Dean Wood is Scout Master, Larry Price is Webelo Leader. Connie Garrison is Den Mother of Den 1, Judy Spangle is Den Mother of Den 2.

They are always looking for boys and parents interested in scouting. Dr. Eva Kennedy donated the old barn southwest of the bank to the scouts. It is being cleaned up and will be used again. Pictures and material that has been left in the building will be placed in a scrap book. Carl Baker, Charles Gardner, Curt George, and Bob Pettiner helped to make over the barn for the scouts' use.

CAMDEN BROWNIE TROOP NO. 153

In August 1981, a new Brownie Troop was started No. 153 in Camden. The leader is Deborah Foreman, Asst. Leader Rachel Yates, also Denise Packard, Judy Spangle and Cathy Brown.

There are 19 girls in the troop: Ana Spangle, Donna May, Kim Justice; Ginger Mummert, Stephanie Ashby, Brandy Bigaman, Jennifer Houser, Mary Lou Brown, Michelle Martin, Christina Dittman, Mitzi Brown, Jennifer Shuler, Gigit Thomas, Stacy Appleton, Rachel Bemis, Misty Hunt, Wendi Packard and Ashli Forgey.

GOAL GETTERS

The third Home Extension Club in Jackson Township was formed in October of 1969. Justine Crume, president of the Aim Hi Club, opened the first meeting. The first officers elected for 1970 were: Jody Wilhite, President; Charlotte Wallace, 1st Vice President; Janis Hanaway, 2nd Vice President; Bonnie Richter, Secretary; Suanne Jones, treasurer. A total of 22 members were in the club in 1970.

A committee composed of Sandy Keen, Mary Walters and Suanne Jones selected the name of "Goal Getters" for the club. The motto chosen was: "Keep Your Eye on the Goal". Mint green and yellow were chosen for the club colors and the yellow rose as the flower.

Guest night was held once a year. At Christmas the members went caroling and took boxes or baskets to the Senior Citizens or shut-ins. In 1978, "Our Senior Citizens" was a special project. Members took favors to them at their lunchrooms, took them to doctor appointments, beauty appointments, shopping and other errands. They also had window washing day for them and honored them at a special supper that year.

In 1982, there are 8 members: Kathy Brown, Julie Forgey, Rebecca Myers, Kathy Scott, Janet Wilburn and including the following charter members: Nancy Biedewolf, Melody Hodges and Kay Spence.

Officers for 1982 are: Kay Spence, President; Rebecca Myers, 1st Vice President; Melody Hodges, 2nd Vice President, Janet Wilburn, Secretary, Rebecca Myers, treasurer and Julie Forgey, Reporter.

HISTORY OF UTILITIES & IMPROVEMENTS IN CAMDEN

- 1903 The Camden Cooperative Telephone Co. was organized.
- 1908 Cumberland Street was opened Oct. 2, 1908.
- 1911 Rose Hill Addition was platted and all sold.
- 1912 Electric Lights were installed. An Ordinance for the Wiring of Camden passed April 8, 1912. On June 10, 1912, the ordinance for the underground wiring was passed and also included 18 ornamental street lighting posts. Nine to be placed on each side of Main St. Before this the town was lighted by 7 gas lanterns on posts. T. H. Leslie was paid \$20.00 a month for attending the street lamps, which included lighting them each night and turning them off in the morning. In June of 1912 bids were taken for the improvement of Main St. In December 12, 1912, the paving with brick of Main St. was finished.
- 1924 The incorporation of the Camden Water Co. was July 17, 1924. The capital stock was \$30,000 or the term of existence of the corporation - which was 25 years. The water co. was under discussion in 1898, but was actually planned and finished in 1925.
- 1929 The old town pump was no longer used, location was on Main St., in front of where Select Seed owns building now.
- 1946 In 1946 the water bill was \$1.05 per month, payable every 3 months.
- 1958 Camden Cooperative Telephone Co. dissolved, the new Camden Telephone Co. was formed.
- 1960 Old hotel building was razed.
- 1961 New telephone building finished.
- 1962 Dial System put into use.
- 1973 Sewage system was started in 1973 and finished in 1974.
- 1982 The Telephone Co. installed new digital switching equipment - providing an all one party system.

Our present Town Board is: President Frank Simmerman, Wilhelm Peters, and Lon Frye. Mrs. Pat Richardson is Clerk-Treasurer. Raymon Robeson is Town Marshall and Water and Sewage Supt. Jerry Snavely, Jr. is assistant to Raymon Robeson.

POLITICS

Dr. Franklin G. Armstrong represented Clinton and Carroll Counties in the State Senate in 1866. He served 3 sessions of the Senate. He also served Carroll and Howard in 1871.

Jackson Township had been honored in law making for the state by being represented in the lower house by Thomas Thompson in 1847, 1850-1860, A. P. McFarland, Dr. C. E. Scholl and Perry Rule in 1915. Dr. C. E. Scholl served one term as State Senator.

(taken from O. C. Sterling History)

Dr. B. F. Wray was a Representative 1926 - 1928.

Mr. Walter Sprinkle served two terms in the House of Representatives - Representatives from Cass and Carroll Counties in 1961 to 1964.

CAMDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Camden Fire Department was organized in 1921 with one piece of equipment, a Model T truck. The first fire station was behind the Masonic Lodge and in 1951 it was moved to the community building on Main Street. In

1946 they purchased their second piece of equipment, a new pumper. In 1975 the township built a new fire station one block south of 218 on Church Street and changed the name from Camden Fire Department to the Camden-Jackson Township Fire Department.

Harold Wyatt served as Fire Chief from 1923 to 1968. From 1968 to 1970 Gerald Sieber was Fire Chief and from 1970 to 1972, Chief was Charlie Johnson. From 1972 through present time, Max Rude is Fire Chief.

Abner Sieber is the only living original member and was on the department for 59 years.

Today's Fire Department consists of 20 members and 4 pieces of equipment. Present members are: Max Rude, Chief; Charlie Johnson, 1st Assist. Chief; Chuck Foreman, 2nd Assist. Chief; Gary Linn, Sec. Treas.; Ron Cree, Lieut.; Ron Wertz, Captain; others members are: Jesse Zook, Keith Arion. Brian Appleton, Charles Wolf, Jerry Caldwell, Bill Jones, Bob Wyatt, Jimmy Sullivan, Kenneth Wertz, Bill Dittman, Rick Wertz, Ralph Spangle, Mike Hartman, and Wayne Edging.

CAMDEN PARK

During the summer of 1947 it was discovered that the American Legion was raising funds to run an electric line to the old park located southeast of Camden along Deer Creek on ground leased from the Pennsylvania Railroad in order to play night baseball. A group of businessmen indicated they would help if land was bought in Camden. At the same time, the Boy Scouts were looking for a site to build a small clubhouse.

May 19, 1947, Dr. Charles L. Wise called a meeting in his office of representatives from the American Legion, the Boy Scouts, Camden Community Club, the farmers and from the churches in the township.

It was suggested that instead of all groups promoting separate projects of community interest, they should unify their efforts. It was further suggested that they try to purchase a plot of land conveniently located and dedicate it as a community park. A committee discovered that Joe B. and Betty M. Sullivan would sell some of their farm land for such a purpose.

A mass meeting was called September 15, 1947, at the Legion Hall in Camden, where it was decided to endeavor to raise the funds for this land.

Committeemen held a meeting October 1st at the Legion headquarters to check the progress of the solicitations. Contacting helpers were: North precinct - Harry Wilson, Dean McCain and James Sullivan; south precinct - Harold Jones, Walter Sprinkle, Gerald Sieber and Daniel Caldwell; Camden - Mesdames Jay Edging, Paul Crume, Ralph Sullivan, Claude Linn, Robert Snoeberger, Kenneth Bohannon and Jesse Zook. Some \$1,600 was raised.

An October carnival was then planned with all township organizations cooperating and over \$500 was cleared.

The Legion turned their Athletic Fund money over to the Camden Community Park Fund to be used for the new park.

Another meeting for representatives of all organizations in the community was held on November 17, 1947. Before any further action could be taken an organization was necessary. A Board of Directors was appointed and approved with one member's term expiring each year.

They were Dr. Wise, chairman, 1952; James Sullivan, vice president, 1951; Dean McCain, treasurer, 1950; Ray Myers, 1949; and Rev. Clarence Sink, secretary, 1948.

The Board of Directors contacted Wilbur Lane, attorney, and he recommended that a non-profit corporation be formed. This action was taken to give the Board of Directors power to act legally, to buy and sell real estate and also to give the land rights of the park to the protection of both the county and state.

At a meeting of the Park Board held February 7, 1948, the treasurer was authorized to purchase from the Joe Sullivans a seven acre tract at the north edge of Camden on James Street for the sum of \$2,100 or \$300 per acre.

On March 5, 1948, the land was deeded by the Sullivans to Camden Community Park, Inc., with the stipulation that the land be returned to the grantor in case it ceased to be used for a park.

The new park development plans called for an electrically lighted ball diamond, outdoor furnaces for picnics and outings, and swings and slides for the children.

Dr. Wise and Rev. Sink pointed out that "the park belongs to the community and the Park Board is the community's servant to manage the property in such a way that it may be of the most value to all concerned."

Dr. R. B. Hull of Purdue University, who landscaped the park, met with the Park Board in February 1948 when a work day was set up for April 9th. A mass community meeting followed to get ready for Park Day.

Those providing equipment for the work project or helped in other ways included: bulldozer, Jess Wilson; two jeep post hole diggers, Wayne Brechbiel; county road grader; tractors, Robert Snoeberger, Mason Rinehart and Voris Chapman; jeeps, Mason Rinehart and Walter Sprinkle; plow, Mason Rinehart; discs, Joe Sullivan and Dean McCain; trucks, Everett Newby; gravel furnished by George Hunt; trees and shrubs, Jesse Zook; fertilizer, Green Tree Elevator; lighting and work, Everett Newby; ground preparation, Dean McCain, Joe Sullivan, Voris Chapman, Mason Rinehart and Walter Parrett; seeding, Joe Wagoner, Laurel Wayne Roberson, Edward E. Johnson, Walter Mack Johnson, Dean McCain, Wayne Snoeberger and Charles Kerkhove.

High school boys wrapped and planted the trees and helped to build the cinder track. The high school girls prepared and furnished food.

Ray Myers gave two buildings, 14'x14' and 14'x16', one of which was used for the pavillion.

Harold Wyatt was chairman of the committee to secure bleachers for the park. The high school boys used the park for baseball and track meets.

Frank Kesner, Keith Wertz and Abner Sieber were appointed to see about a screen for free shows. Robert Yerkes headed the committee for the ball diamond, while Voris Chapman was chairman of the park mowing committee. Jesse Zook was in charge of graveling the parking lot.

The four-day park festival September 20-23, 1950, climaxed the beginnings of the efforts for the new park and concluded with its dedication.

Many served to make the festival a successful event. Committees included: candy, Camden Literary Club, Helen Tesh; advertising, Frank Smith, Rev. George W. Schuette and Rev. Clarence Sink; carnival arrangements, Ray Myers; park stand, Miss Reba Shanks, high school girls and Mrs. Mildred Parrett.

Also, softball, Walter Sprinkle; raffles, Mrs. Floyd Gardner, Robert Hedde and Mrs. Frank Smith; flag and pole dedication, American Legion, Ralph Rohrabough; park dedication, Eva Fouts; entertainment, Mrs. Eugene Willy, Bill Schock; traffic, Lloyd Moore, Harvey Furnish, Jess Kendall, Marshall Wingard; basketball, Gerald Sieber, Dean McCain and Hi-Y boys; pony rides, Joe Sullivan; pop corn, Camden Boy Scouts; fun night, Mr. and Mrs. Max Gish, Winfrey Lloyd, and Murray Tesh; tractor pulling, Bill Schock, Robert Hedde; melons, Keith Wertz and Frank Kesner; coffee and doughnuts, Sunshine Society and Hi-Y; hotdogs and pop, Jackson Township Home Demonstration Club, Mrs. Dallas Wise and Mrs. Thomas Sanderson; bingo, Legion Auxiliary; donations, Harold Wyatt, Murray Tesh and Jesse Zook.

Baker Amusement Co. furnished the rides and concessions for the festival. The community chorus sang on Thursday night. The first ball game of the festival was between Kokomo Sad Sacs and Deer Creek.

Kids night was Friday with a greased pig contest. There was a tractor pull Saturday afternoon.

Tiny Joe Jordon of Radio Station WSAL, Logansport, was present to emcee the park transfer and dedication program on Saturday night of the festival. Judge William B. Smith gave a dedication speech. The Camden band played.

On July 12, 1951, the land was transferred by deed from the Camden Community Park, Inc., to Jackson Civil and School Township and recorded when Dr. Wise was president; Daniel Caldwell, secretary, and Dean McCain, treasurer, of the Board. The main reason for this action was that about this time more land was needed for Camden School building program. The deed stated the township trustee shall be a member of the Park Board as a non-voting member. Walter Sprinkle was trustee at the time.

Another change came May 27, 1965, when Delphi Community School Corporation was formed and it assumed part-ownership of assets of the Jackson School Township. Then the park property was transferred by affidavit to Jackson Civil Township and Delphi Community School Corporation. The school corporation is now only affiliated with the park through the summer recreation program. James A. Sullivan of Camden was Jackson Township's member of the Board of Trustees of the school corporation.

In 1953 Vance Fincher organized a boys youth program. It was not until 1959 that the girls youth program was organized by Mrs. Cecil Wallace and Mrs. Max Gish.

A softball league was organized in 1968 and included the Camden Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Rockfield Christian and Presbyterian Churches.

There were two men's softball teams this summer at Camden. A Youth League Board was organized in 1968 by Cecil Wallace. Members of that board were: Richard Walters, president; Richard Denhart, vice president; Peter Wagoner, secretary, treasurer; Dean Sanderson, Cecil Wallace, Joe Jones, Richard Kendall, Robert Schock, James Schock, Joe Jr. Barnard, Patrick Kennedy and Ralph Cree. The Camden Park was the site of the 1973 Town and Country District tourney. These activities draw a total attendance of about 13,000 a season.

Each year the Tri County All Star Girls play their final game at the Tractor Pull. Tri County includes Peru, Grissom Air Force Base, Kokomo Taylor Township, Walton, Logansport, Camden, Delphi, Flora and Burl-

ington. These are divided into two districts with State Road 29 being the divider.

Camden has one of the better tractor pulls in the state at the park, drawing an average crowd of each night of 2500. This project was started to raise funds for the park. A dirt track has also been added by the Camden Lions Club. The club, along with lots of help from the community, built the pavillion, rest rooms and the dugouts. The pavillion was an expansion or addition to the building already there. Mrs. Max Gish and Cecil Wallace have set out many trees at the park.

Vance Fincher served as the first park superintendent and was succeeded by Richard Kendall, Cecil and Mary Wallace, Art and Ida Lane, and presently Max and Mary Lou Rude. Their salary is paid by the Delphi Community School Corporation and by Jackson Township funds.

Since 1971 Dean Sanderson has been overseer of the park by virtue of his position as Jackson Township Trustee, instead of a park board. In 1975 the Jackson Township Youth Board was created by Sanderson and advisory board member Peter Wagoner to govern the boys' and girls' programs. A president, vice president, secretary and treasurer are appointed by the trustee. Along with the park director, four officers, and the trustee, they appoint a boys' chairman and a girls' chairman all of which make up the Jackson Township Youth Board. This board is responsible for generating and dispensing funds necessary for the total program. The board approves and oversees all youth programs of Jackson Township. The 1982 board consists of: President, Ed Houston; Vice President, Mary Lou Rude; Secretary, Bill Jones; Treasurer, Joe Wallace; Boys' chairman, Dale Griffey; Girls' chairman, Kenny Berkshire; Park Director, Max Rude; and Trustee, Dean Sanderson.

More recent improvements to the park include modern restrooms, announcers booth, storage building, electrical scoreboard, added lights to the back diamond, replaced lights on the front diamond, built new bleachers, and replaced seats on the old bleachers. Both diamonds have been reworked and raised by adding clay and washed sand. Two horse-shoe pits were built. New playground equipment added includes a circular slide, animal swings, two adult swings and a Yogi Bear teeter tot. The foul line fence has been replaced and extended. The old cement slab was covered with asphalt, painted, and fenced in for a tennis court. An asphalt basketball court was added as well as lights for both areas. These improvements were made with township funds budgeted for the park and with some volunteer labor. The park season opens the first Sunday in June and closes the last Sunday in September.

Much of the above information was taken from an article written in the Delphi Journal-Citizen in 1972.

**CAMDEN POST OFFICE
ESTABLISHED FEB. 1833**

POSTMASTERS	DATE SERVING
John E. Snoeberger	1833
John Woodman	1837
Jonathan Martin	1838
Washington Beale	1844
Lemuel G. Patterson	1846
John S. Morrow	1852
Cornelius Conover Feb.	1853
John Lamb Sept.	1853
James R. Laird Dec.	1853

Thomas Cline	1854
William Wilson	1857
James L. Kerlin	1858
Thomas J. Goodman	1861
Adin A. King	1864
John McDonald	1866
Adin A. King	1867
Joseph B. Sprague	1868
William Fearnot	1869
Samuel G. Pilling	1871
A. King	1872
David W. Ross	1875
John Crooks	1878
Zopher Hunt	1881
Matthew G. Dillon	1885
Thomas J. Mills	1888
Winfield K. Schenck	1889
John S. Bohannon	1893
Winfield D. Schenck	1897
Harvey Reece Mills	1914
Fred G. Armick	1921
Mazie F. Cline	1926
Edward M. Cripe	1934
Claude T. Linn	1946- 1968
John Connely	1971- 1979
Joe Draper	1980

The first post office was in the John Snoeberger home about a mile west of town, where Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilburn live now. This was in 1833.

The second location was at the Fearnot Grocery Store. This was about where the Marathon Station was on West Main St., of course this has been torn down and is the vacant lot next to the Legion Home.

The third one was located just west of the Shell Station. At the time the Keller Schenck or (Brent Cripe) home was where the Shell is now and the post office was right next to it.

The next place was where Brownys' Pizza place is now. It was moved to its present location, on the corner of Main and Water Sts. (southwest) in about 1952.

SENIOR CITIZENS APARTMENTS

On Oct 7, 1977, there was groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Senior Citizens apartments which are located on North Monroe St. These were finished in April of 1978, with an Open House held Dec. 3, 1978. The 11 apartment unit also has a laundry facility and a small meeting room. Camden-Jackson Inc. officers at this time were: Rev. Richard Recher, Pres.; Raymond Bieghler, Pres. of Camden Senior Citizens; James Huffer, Attny.; Alice Linn, Herb Yerkes, Dallas Wilson; Tom Kirby, Tres.; Marge Sieber, Sec.; and Jim R. Sullivan, Vice Pres. The project cost \$210,000.

In August 1982, there will be groundbreaking for another 12 unit apartment complex, and construction to start shortly. It is to be finished in about 180 days. The meeting room now used by the Senior Citizens living there will be converted into another apartment. The new section will be built in back of the present ones on the north end of Church St. A new community room will be added between the two units. It will contain a laundry, 2 rest rooms and kitchen and meeting room. There will be 24 apartments when this is finished.

The present officers are: Rev. Richard Recher, Pres.; James R. Sullivan, Vice Pres.; Sec., Alice Linn; Treas., Max Gish. Board of Directors are: Henry Miller, Dallas Wilson, Joe Jones, Edwin Wise and Raymond Bieghler.

Camden is very proud of this facility for our Senior Citizens.

AS THEY REMEMBER IT

Mildred Parrett remembers getting her first hair cut at Ed Hance's Barber Shop, which was located where the Center Garage is, toward the front of the lot.

Children of Mildred Allen's 5th grade classes remember that every spring, she would take the class on a train ride to Logansport. They then toured many places in Logansport, with a stop at the Double Dip before returning home. She continued this for about 25 years until the last passenger trains stopped here in 1949.

Agnes Kennedy remembered when Camden had the bad fire of 1910. She and her family lived out near the Lower Deer Creek Church. Her grandparents, the Zu Bennett's, had her parents rush to town to help save their home and belongings. The children had to stay home, but she remembers the terrible red sky over Camden, and the anxious wait till her parents returned home. She was ten or eleven at the time. The home was burned, but the furniture and most belongings were saved.

Many remember the Pettit Hack Line between Rockfield and Camden. It carried mail and people. It was a horse drawn hack.

Many also remember the Board Walk which extended from Water Street east to the Railroad. This was before the streets were paved.

Agnes Kennedy also remembered that her grandfather, Zu Bennet, lived behind where the Center Garage building is now. He also drove a dray wagon. He would pick up freight at the train station and deliver it in town.

Max Gish remembers when Claude Billings had the restaurant, where the post office is now, that some evenings after it was closed, a group of 5 or 6 men would gather there and sing. One had a banjo and some really good harmonizing took place. People used to stop by and listen.

Many also remember dancing on the cement area on the west side of the restaurant, where the post office is now. A juke box was there for a while.

Mary Jane Chapman and Mildred Parrett remember paying their telephone rent to Effie Guard at her home in the dining room for years. It was \$1 a month.

Josephine Wyatt remembers when her father was just starting the Soy Seed business. She and Dorothy and Mary Alice and their father were all trying to think of a name for the business. Since they sold soybeans and seed corn - the name "Soy Seed Co." was chosen.

Ruth Edging found this in the 1906 files: Regarding Peck's Hotel (across the street from Junior Rohrabaugh's home on West Main St.) "the west end of the old tavern of 35 and 50 years ago was torn down last week and in its stead will be erected a neat cottage." The old tavern was at one time the ideal stopping place for transient people.

Soy Seed as told by Walter Sprinkle June 22, 1982. In about 1927, he remembers the Soy Seed Co. being located in front of where the Camden Hog Market is now. Owners were Chester Joyce, Roy Caldwell, William Joyce and Clarence Sprinkle, Walter's father. At this time they mostly bought beans, later they sold seed corn and fertilizer, coal, and timothy grass seed. This was from about 1927 to

1933. Clarence later sold his ¼ share to Roy Caldwell, later Bill Joyce sold his ¼ to Chester Joyce. Walter remembers hauling coal all over Camden in a truck when he was young in 1929 & 30, from the elevator of Soy Seed. There were 2 elevators there, theirs was on the left.

Floyd Gish said that folks operated a livery barn where Dr. C.L. Wise's office is now, from 1913 to 1917. He said his folks went to Florida one year and he ran the livery, and roomed at a home where Mrs. Ida Lloyd lives now.

Henry Miller said part of a barn was moved in the wintertime on a sledge on the ice and made into the opera house. Mr. George Judy fell clear through to the basement while working on this and was hurt badly.

Floyd Gish told in May, 1981, that the 1st Opera House was 2 doors west from the Post Office or where Pet-tiners Insurance Agency is now. (In 1982, this area is all the bank) He remembers silent movies were shown here. Several girls took turns playing the piano for these. Among these were Julia and Helen Ray, daughters of Schyler Ray. Charlotte Mullin played also.

This was in business around 1912, 13, 14. It cost 10 cents to go.

Bob Wyatt tells us about this incident. After the K of P fire in 1925, the east brick wall was of course heavily damaged and weakened. So the wall was pushed into a huge hole that had been dug and left many years before, about where the Flower Barn is now. Then many people from town would work when they had time, chipping mortar from the old brick to be used in rebuilding the building again. He remembers seeing lots of people working at this. Today, if you look at the east wall, you will see where these bricks have been used.

Ruth Edging remembers walking to Camden from Rockfield, where she lived, to buy a hat at Mrs. Myers Milinery Store which was located in the back of Camden Grocery and Meat, also where the library used to be, about 1916.

Lots of us remember the outdoor movies that used to be shown in the lot behind the Shell Station in the summer time. Everyone brought their blankets and popcorn and sat on the grass. This was probably through the 40's. Later movies were shown at the south end of the ball park. Many people parked their cars and watched from them. Others brought their blankets and sat up front.

Grace Arion remembers when there wasn't much money for gas, they rode the train to Flora on Sunday afternoon to go the movies. It cost 10 cents. The train came back through late in the afternoon and dropped the passengers at the depot.

Maxine Henderson remembers that there was a tin factory here before the box factory, that was located where Yerkes' Garage is now. It made chicken feeders etc.

Miles Appleton remembers that Charlie Rice had a 30 ft. tall tower behind the old frame bank building on the west side of the alley. Rice property was where Sullivan's apartment is now. It had a gas engine on it used to pump water to the bank, Rice house, Phillip Ray house (library) and John Bowman's house. There was a pipe line buried to carry the water.

Ruth Myers remembers that when she and Ray came to Camden to open the Hardware in 1944, that they couldn't find a place to live at first, so they lived in the side where the laundramat is now for about 2 months until they found a place.

Lee Appleton remembers that he was Frank Kesner's first customer to receive a hair cut when he opened his new shop.

Anna Case remembers that her grandfather had a meat market where the post office is now.



Main Street -- 1912. Looking East - Corner of Monroe and Main St. Left foreground - Philip Ray property, 1982 - Camden Library. Right foreground - Baker Funeral Home, 1982 - Sullivan Funeral Home.



Drs. Charles and Eva Kennedy's old offices were in this home. Building now owned by James R. and James A. Sullivan, remodeled to make 2 apartments. Picture taken approximately 1976. Location: 158 Main Street, first home East of Sullivan Funeral Home.



Sullivan Funeral Home in 1982. Location - Southeast corner of Monroe St. & Main St.



Wyatt-Smith Lumber Co., 1900. Owned by O. W. Wyatt and J. P. Smith. Located: South side of Main St., corner of Indiana and Main.

lady at door - Ruby Gardner



1982 - E. E. Johnson Co. Plumbing-Heating-Ventilating. E. E. Johnson, mechanical contractor.



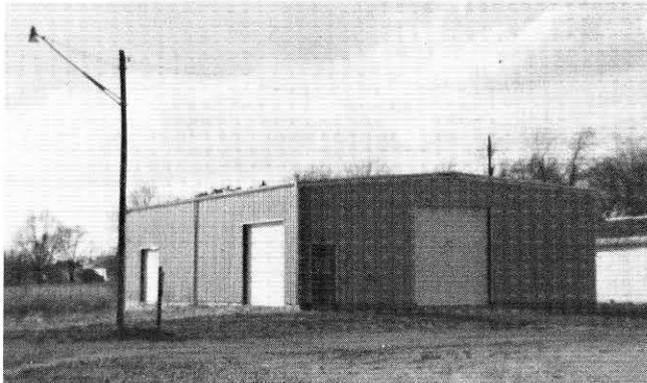
Select Seed Hybrids - Location: North side of State Road 218 at the East side of Camden. President - Arthur Eggerling. Select Seed from Select Soil to Provide you with more Green in your Pocket.



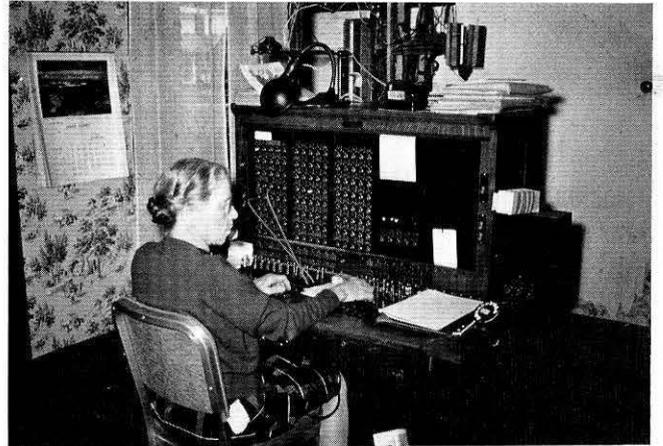
Old Hotel Building - The Hotel Building was located on the present site of the Camden Telephone Company. Location: Southwest corner of Monroe and Main Streets.



Old Camden Telephone Office - Home of Sulie and Myrtle Ward, telephone operators.



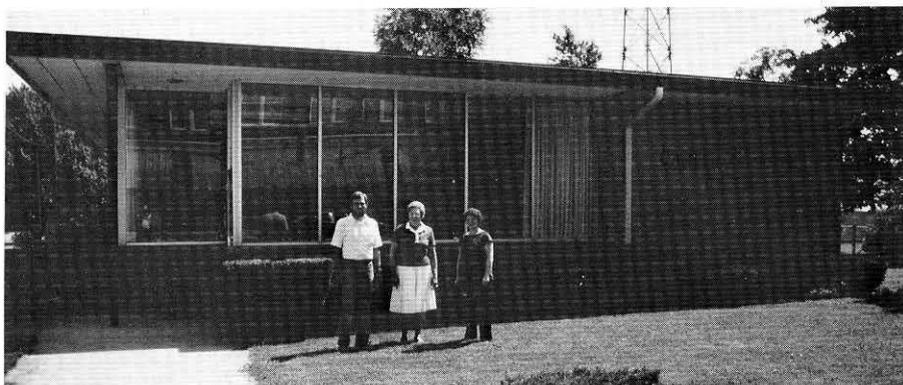
Camden Telephone Equipment Building - Location: Corner of Cemetery and Church Streets.



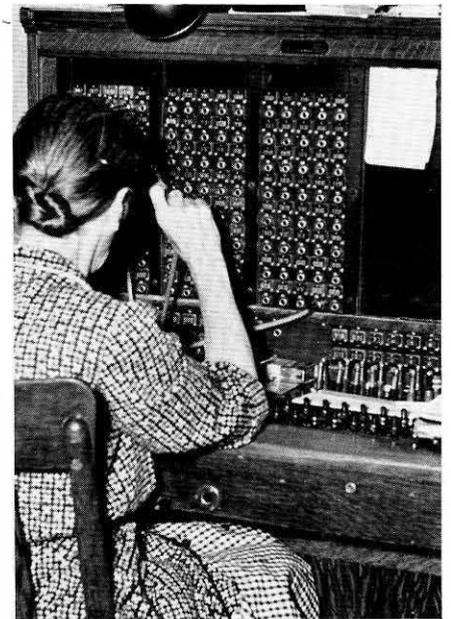
Old Camden Telephone Company - Miss Myrtle Ward, operator. Office in her home across the street from the Masonic Temple on Main Street.



Camden Telephone Office - 1982. Location - Corner of Monroe and Main Street.



3 of the employees of the Camden Telephone Company in 1982: Brian Appleton, Hanna Appleton, Kathy Berkshire.



Old Camden Telephone Company - Miss Sulie Ward, operator. Office in her home across the street from the Masonic Temple on Main Street.



South side of Main Street - Camden, Indiana, prior to 1912. Present location - Post Office to the West side of the bank.



South side of Main Street - 1982: The Camden Post Office, Sullivan Insurance Agency and Action Realty Office, The Camden State Bank.



On the left: Camden Post Office - July 1982. Located at the corner of State Road 75 and Main Street in Camden, Indiana. On the right: Sullivan Insurance Agency, Sullivan Funeral Home, Sullivan Sports Enterprise, Sullivan and Cree Monument Sales and Service, and Action, Realty, Inc.



The Camden State Bank - July 1982. W. O. Pettiner - Chairman of the Board; Joe Jones - President. Located on Main Street on State Road 218--South side of the street.



BREAKING GROUND - Construction for the Flora Branch of the Camden State Bank got underway Monday by F & K Construction of Flora following the ground breaking ceremony performed by W.O. Pettiner, chairman of the board. Attending the ceremony were: [l-r] Joe Jones, president of the Camden State Bank; Eldo Beam, Flora town board member; Tim Miller of Dimensions, Inc.; W.O. Pettiner, Steve Kuns of F & K Construction and Rex Overholser, executive vice president of the Camden State Bank. Completion of the project is scheduled for late October. Comet Photo



W. O. Pettiner - 1982 Chairman of the Board of the Camden State Bank. He was President of the bank from 1938 to 1979. Joe Jones became President in 1979.

Ground breaking ceremonies for the Flora branch of the Camden State Bank, 1982.



Office of Dr. C. L. Wise - Frances McGill, Dr. C. L. Wise, Becky Whitham.



Front view of the home of Dr. C. L. Wise taken in 1982. Home located just outside of Camden, Indiana.



Back view of the home of Dr. C. L. Wise taken in 1982. Picture also includes Dr. Wise's large garden he plants each year. Home located just outside of Camden, Indiana.



North Side of Main Street - East to West. Shell Station located on the Northwest corner of Main and Water Streets. Looking West from the Shell Station you see the Camden State Bank parking lot, the Community Building and Town Office, and the Camden Library.



One of the oldest homes in Camden - Nettie Windle's home. New owner - Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Wise. Located at the corner of Union and Main Streets.



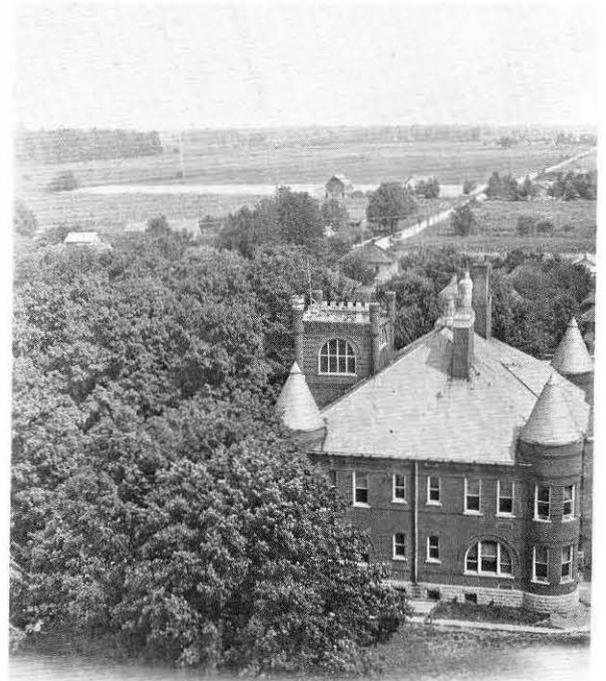
Nettie Windell's home sold to Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Wise. In process of remodeling - 1982.



Amanda and Rosa Roth's home. Amanda and Rosa Roth lived to be over 100 years of age. They were Camden's oldest residents. The home is located on Monroe Street across from the Methodist Church. Amanda Roth worked in the old Farmers State Bank.



Camden School - Grades 1 through 12. Built around 1899 - burned September 3, 1968. New elementary school built on the same location. New gym was built in 1951. Located at the corner of Water and Cumberland Streets.



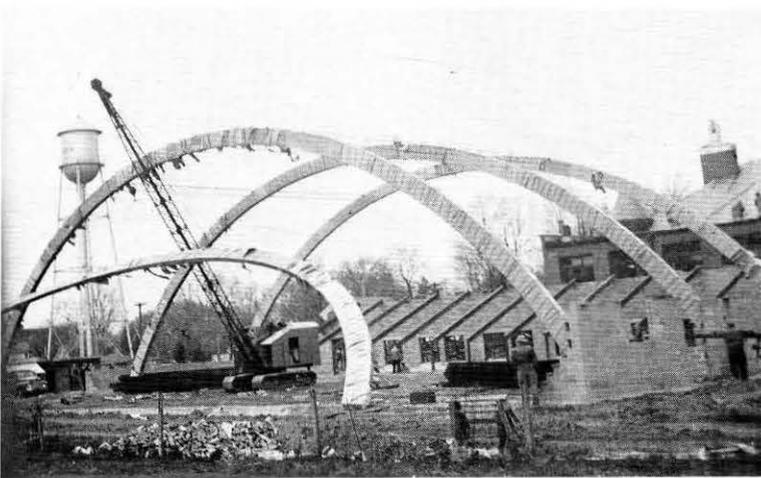
Aerial view of the Camden High School.



Old school - without first gym. "Picture from Mr. Cecil Wallace." Picture taken in 1917 - Preparing to pour the concrete street on the South side of the school on Cumberland Street prior to building assembly hall and the old gym.



Completion of the new Camden High School gym. Located on Cumberland Street. This picture taken in July of 1982.



One beam to go on the construction of the new Camden School gym in 1951.



Old Fire Engine House - first location. Located on Monroe Street - one lot North of Masonic Temple.



Old Fire Truck "International and Crew".



New Jackson Township Fire Department Station. Located at the corner of Church and Cemetery Streets. Picture taken at the day of their open house, Sunday, May 2, 1976. Camden Senior Citizens Lunch Program is served in the Fireside Lounge which is located in this building.



The present fire equipment of the Jackson Township Fire Department. Left: Town Truck - White; Center: Two 1000 Gallon Pumpers; New Grass Fighter.



SINGING in a 45-minute program for Camden Senior Citizens on the first anniversary of their lunch program are 42 choir members of Grades 4 and 5 of Camden Elementary School. Some of the students

are pictured with their director John Atkinson. Seated eating is Oth Beamer, secretary of the Camden Senior Citizens. Comet Photo.



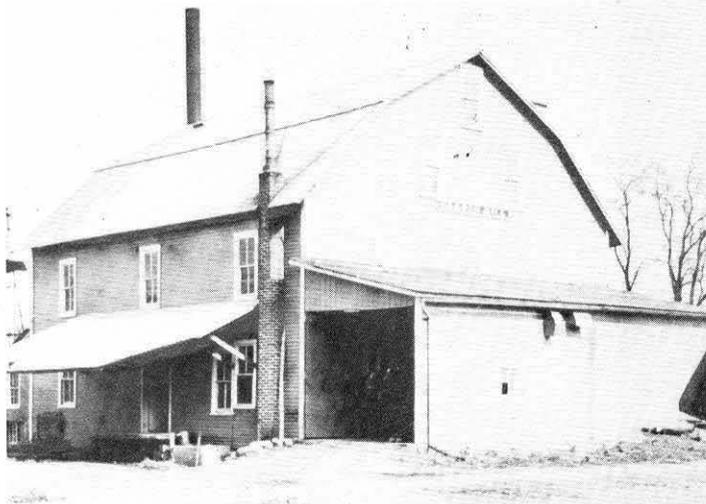
SERVING LINE at first anniversary of Camden Senior Citizens Lunch Program includes guests, from left, Dorothy George, secretary at Camden School; John Beach, principal at Camden; and

Arthur Weddell, superintendent of Delphi Community Schools. Senior Citizens in line are Alta Bohannon and Bertha Judy. Comet Photo.



CAMDEN SENIOR CITIZENS observed their first anniversary of the lunch program May 11 in the Fireside Lounge of Camden Fire Department building. Waiting to serve the food are Lutheran women, from left, Adriene McCain, Ruth Berkshire, Florence Leslie, site director; Loda Martin, and Mary Cohee. Thirty to 40 lunches are

served daily, Monday through Friday, with 14 to 15 of them being homebound meals. Five Camden area churches take turns in serving - Monday, Old German Baptist; Tuesday, Methodist; Wednesday, Lutheran; Thursday, Church of the Brethren; and Friday, Baptist. Comet Photo.



Was moved in town from along Deer Creek--close to where Jesse Zook lives. Camden Coal Yard (about 1920-22). Owned by Frank Snoeberger. Now owned by Zooks--1976.



Crew of Elevator--1939-40. Left to Right: Oliver Stone, Mary Kinsey, Jesse Zook, Joy Edging, Forrest Long, Forrest Appleton, Willard Weiland.



Green Tree Feeds - Lynn Miller, Ernest Martin - on truck.



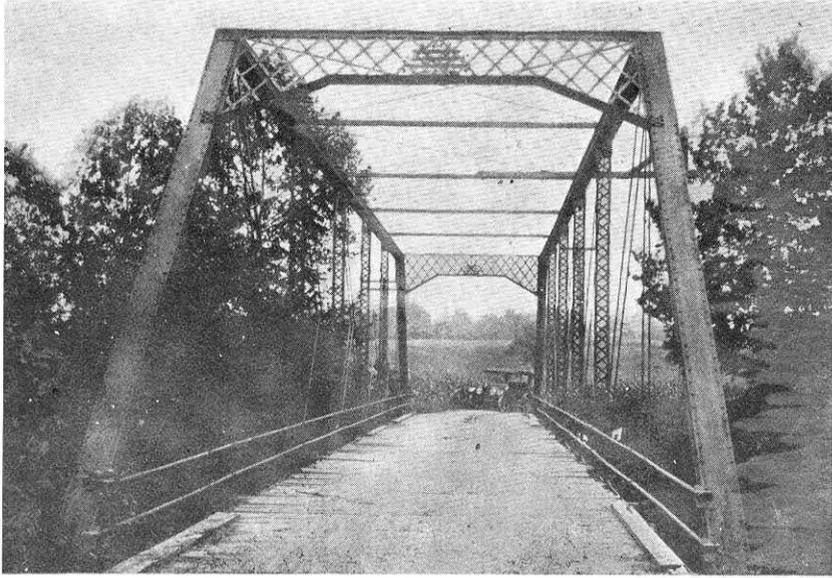
Old Farm Bureau Elevator - now owned by Jesse Zook, April 1977.



Green Tree Feeds - 1982. Location: East side of the railroad tracks on State Road 218--North side of the road.



Green Tree Feeds - 1982. Grain processing & storage. Location: West side of the railroad tracks on State Road 218--North side of the road.



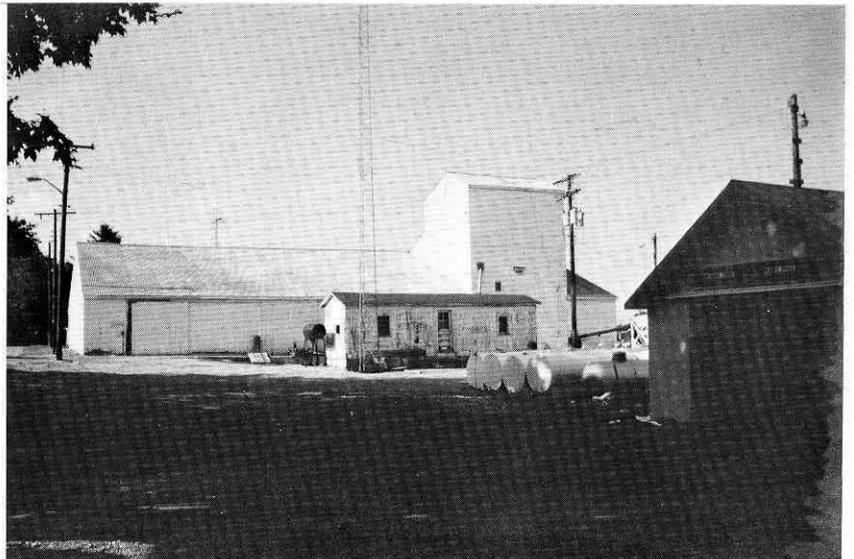
Old Wagon Bridge over Deer Creek.



New State Road 75 - South of Camden, Indiana. Picture taken July of 1982. Picture is approximately 300 yards West of the old wagon bridge over Deer Creek.



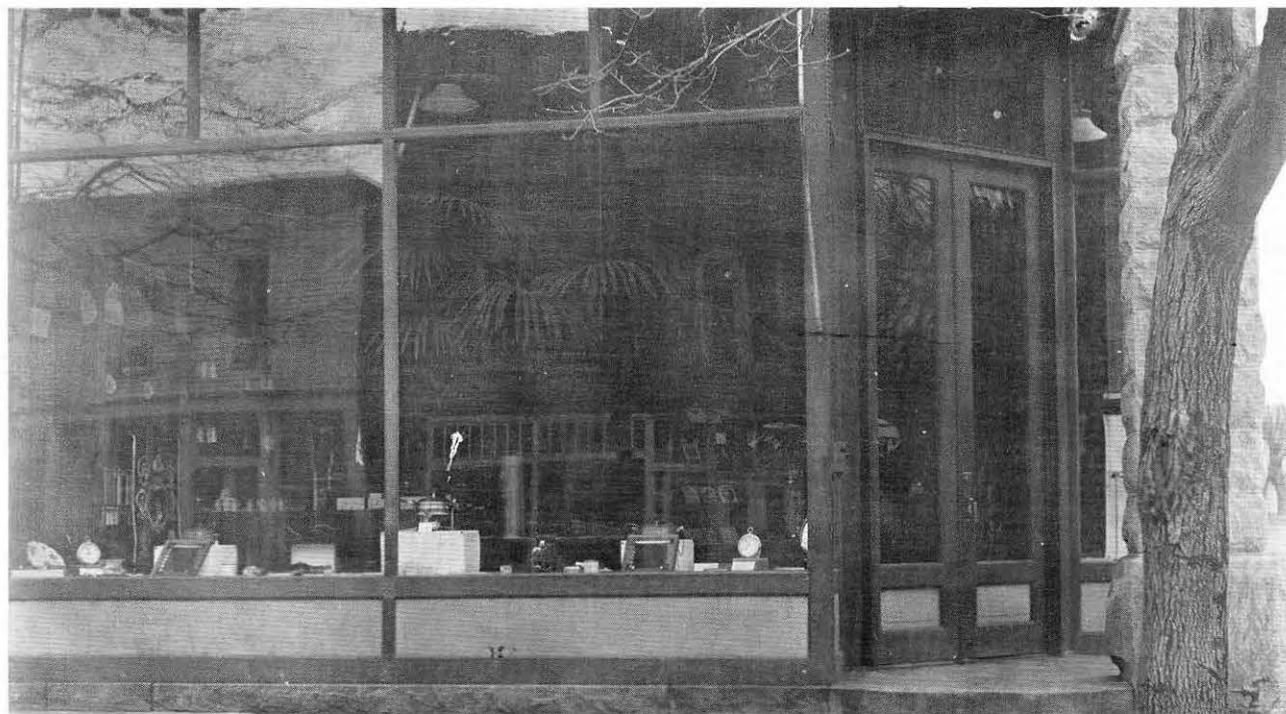
Farm Bureau Plant Food - South side of 218 East of R.R. crossing.



Farm Bureau Bulk Blending Plant - Location at the corner of Lee and Cumberland Streets.



Masonic Temple - Camden, Indiana. Built in 1902. Located at the corner of Main and Monroe Streets. NOTE: The acetylene street lamp on the left of the picture.



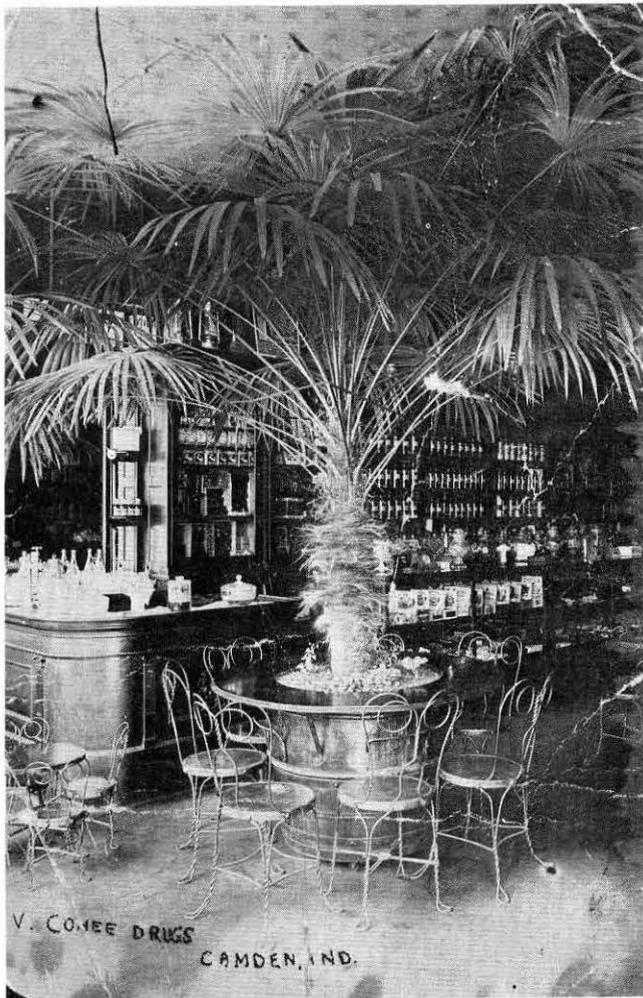
V. F. Cohee Drugs - formerly owned by U. E. Tesh -- known as Tesh & Beggs. 1912. Southeast corner of present Masonic Temple Building.



Masonic Temple - Camden, Indiana. Picture taken 1982. Located at the corner of Main and Monroe Streets.



Masons and Eastern Star - 1982. Upstairs of Masonic Building. Laundromat - Downstairs of Masonic Building.



V. F. Cohee Drugs - formerly owned by U. E. Tesh -- known as Tesh & Beggs. Approximately 1912. ★ Inside of Cohee Drugs located on corner of Monroe and Main. Located on the Southeast corner of present Masonic Temple Building.



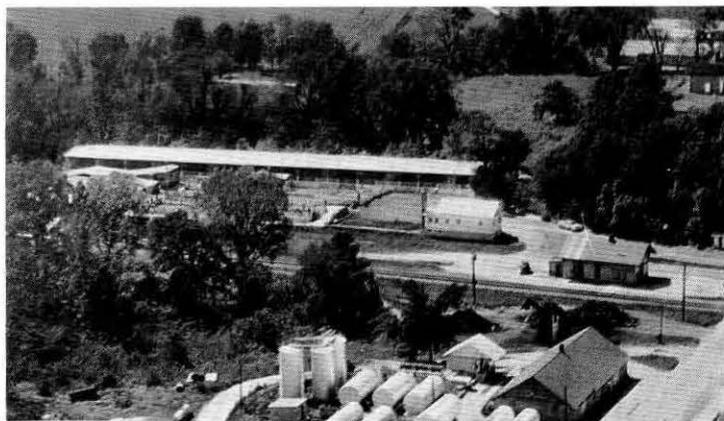
Parrett's Hardware - 1982. Keith and Linda Parrett - Owners.



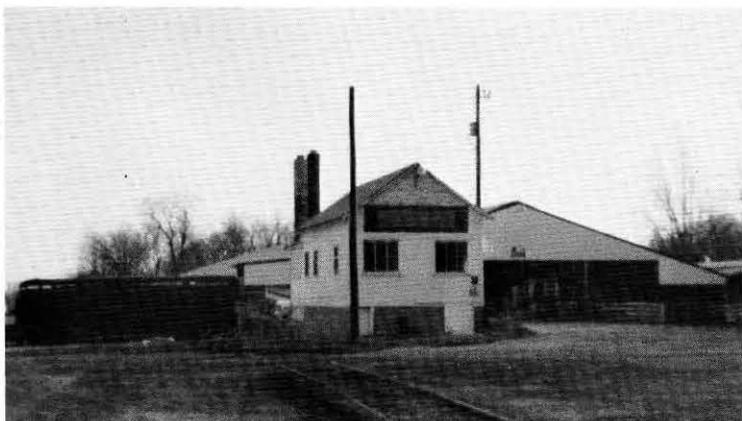
Camden Grocery and Meats - 1982. Owner - Mr. and Mrs. Jim Weiland.



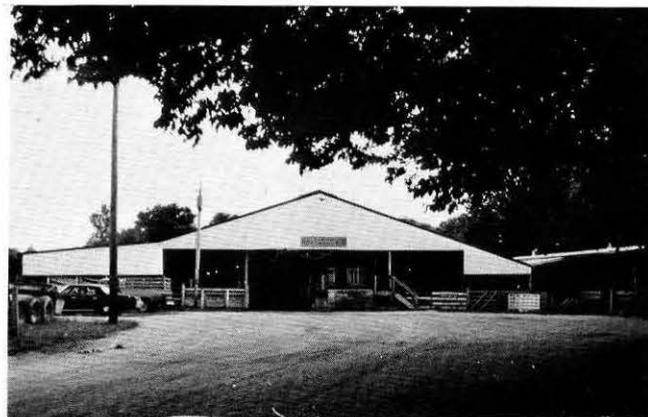
Soy Seed Company - 1928. Roy M. Caldwell and Chester Joyce - owners - grew Reids Yellow - Dent corn and soybeans on their own farms. Soybeans was a new crop - buying and selling for seed purposes. Sold many carloads to Henry Ford and the Ford Motor Company for using in making oil paint for their automobiles during the 1930's for their line of Model "A" Fords. 1944 - Became a specialist in the production of hybrid seed corn. 1982 location - Camden Hog Market - East edge of Camden, Indiana at the railroad crossing on 218. Roy Caldwell is seen in this picture.



Wertheimer Cattle Company, Pennsylvania Depot, Farm Bureau Bulk Plant.



Camden Hog Market - Located at the East edge of Camden, West of the railroad crossing, on the South side of State Road 218. Picture taken approximately 1976.



Camden Hog Market - 1982. Located at the East edge of Camden, West of the railroad crossing, on the South side of State Road 218.



"Yerkes Trucking" 1928 - Indiana Trucks. Left - Paul Graves, Right - Bruce Yerkes.



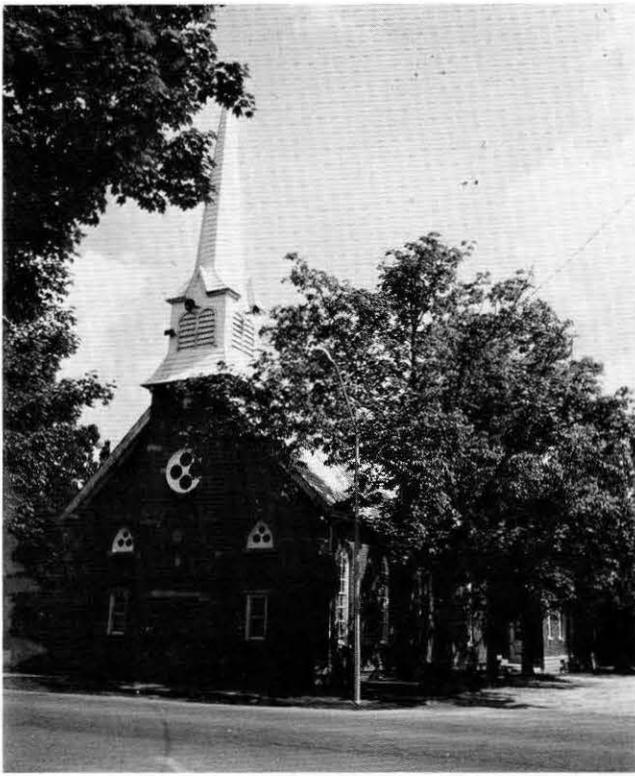
Yerkes Trucking Company - Located at the corner of Illinois and Cumberland Streets.



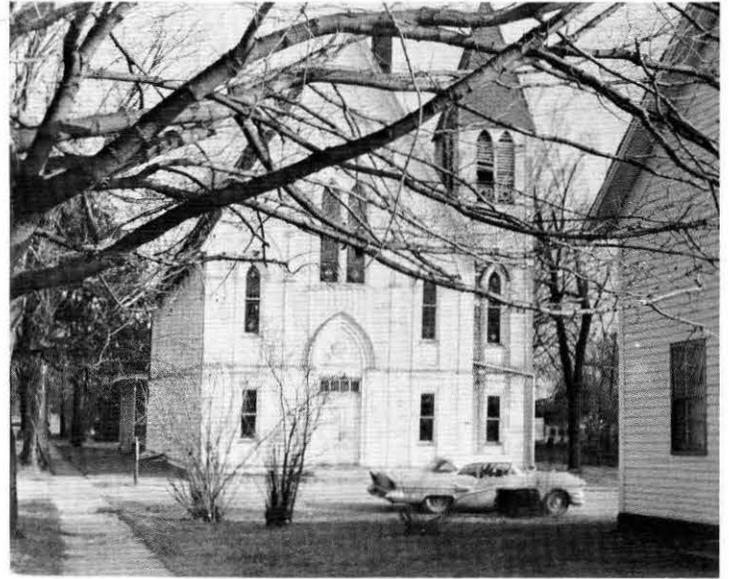
Yerkes Trucking - July 1982. Left to Right: Larry Yerkes, Charles Johnson, Carl Yerkes, Bob Yerkes, Herb Yerkes, and Lloyd Yerkes. Picture taken in front of an "International Truck."



Yerkes Trucking Company. July 1982 - Present office and truck yard. Repair shop on the left of the picture. Office on the right of the repair shop.



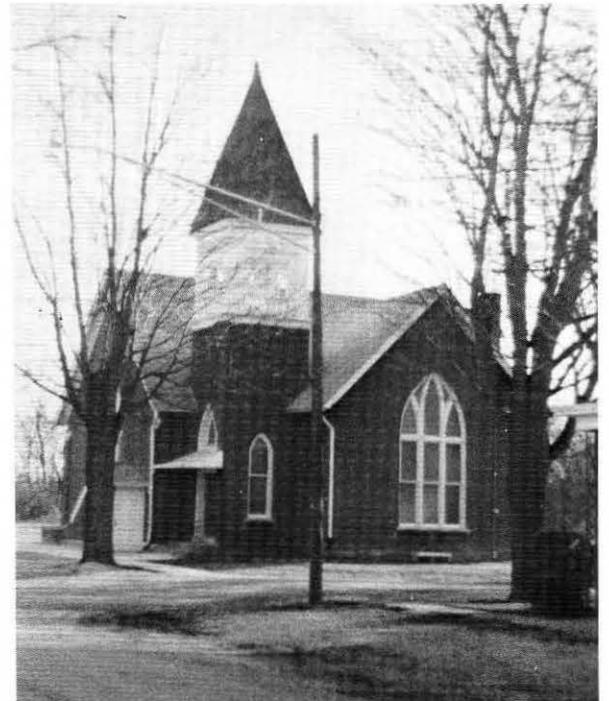
The Camden Baptist Church - July 1982. Location: Armstrong and Main Streets.



OLD St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Location: Church & Cumberland Streets.



NEW St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Location: Church & Cumberland Streets.



The Camden Methodist Church - Picture taken approximately 1976. Location: Corner of Monroe and Cemetery Streets.



The Lower Deer Creek Church of the Brethren - July 1982. Location - 1 mile East of State Road 75 on 300 North in Carroll County, Indiana.



Old German Baptist Brethren Church - 1982. Location: 1 mile South of Camden on State Road 75.



Old Brethren German Baptist Church - 1982. 2½ miles South and ½ mile West of State Road 75.



Dean George & Equipment. Big snow--1978.



Dean George & Equipment. The town's reliable waterline, sewer & ditch repairman. 1977.



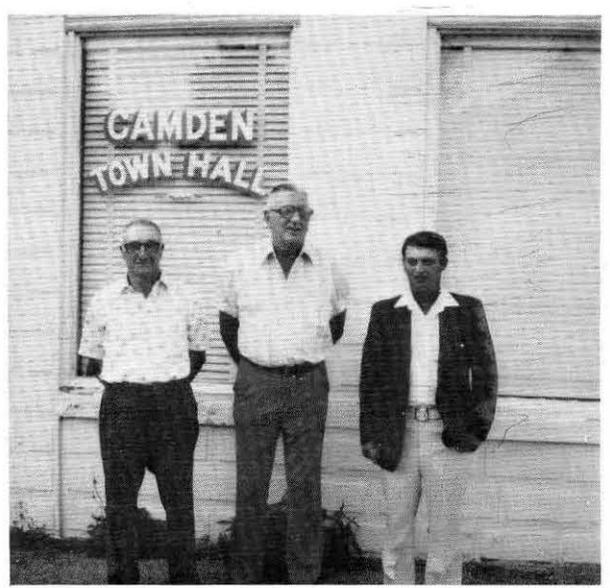
1982 - Norma Frye's Beauty Shop. Shop is located in her home ½ mile East of Camden.



Norma Frye's Beauty Shop, 1948 to 1950. Upstairs of the K. of P. Building. Present shop in her home - ½ mile East of Camden, Indiana.



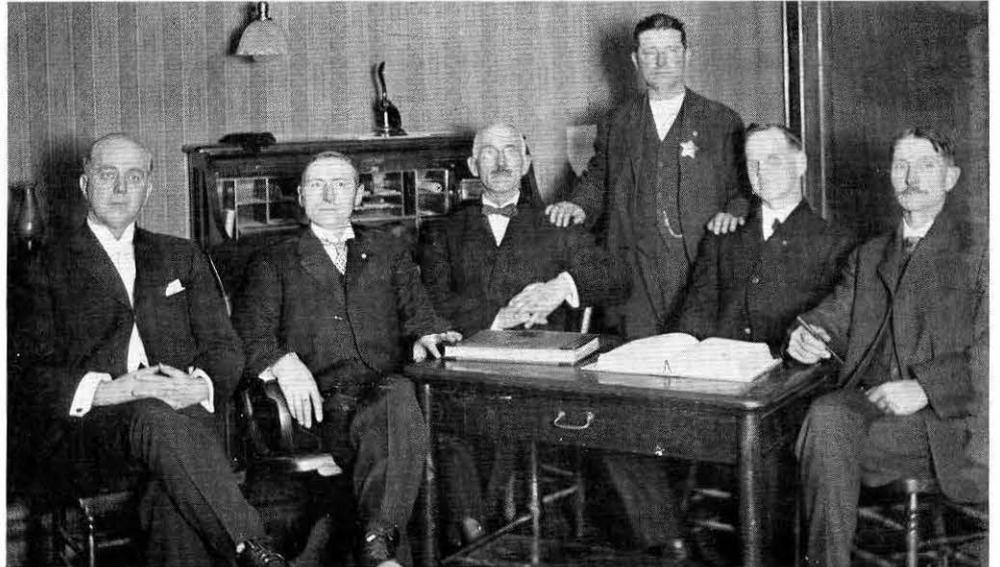
Camden Town Hall office building, Pat Richardson - Town Clerk.



Camden, Indiana Town Board - July 1982. Wilhelm Peters, Frank Simmerman, Lonnie Frye.



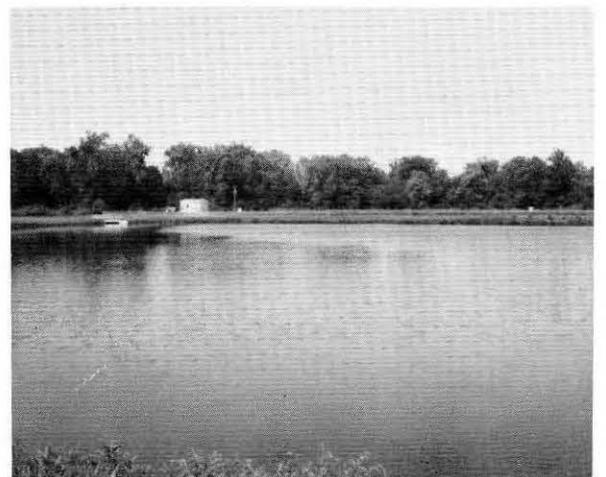
Raymon Roberson, Camden, Indiana - Town Marshal. Picture taken July of 1982.



The old Camden Town Board and Attorney, February 7, 1910. People in picture Left to Right: Judge, E. E. Pruitt - Counsel; Dr. C. M. Kennedy - President; C. C. Ovahood - Clerk; Frank Porter - Marshal; C. E. Baker; J. H. Lesh.



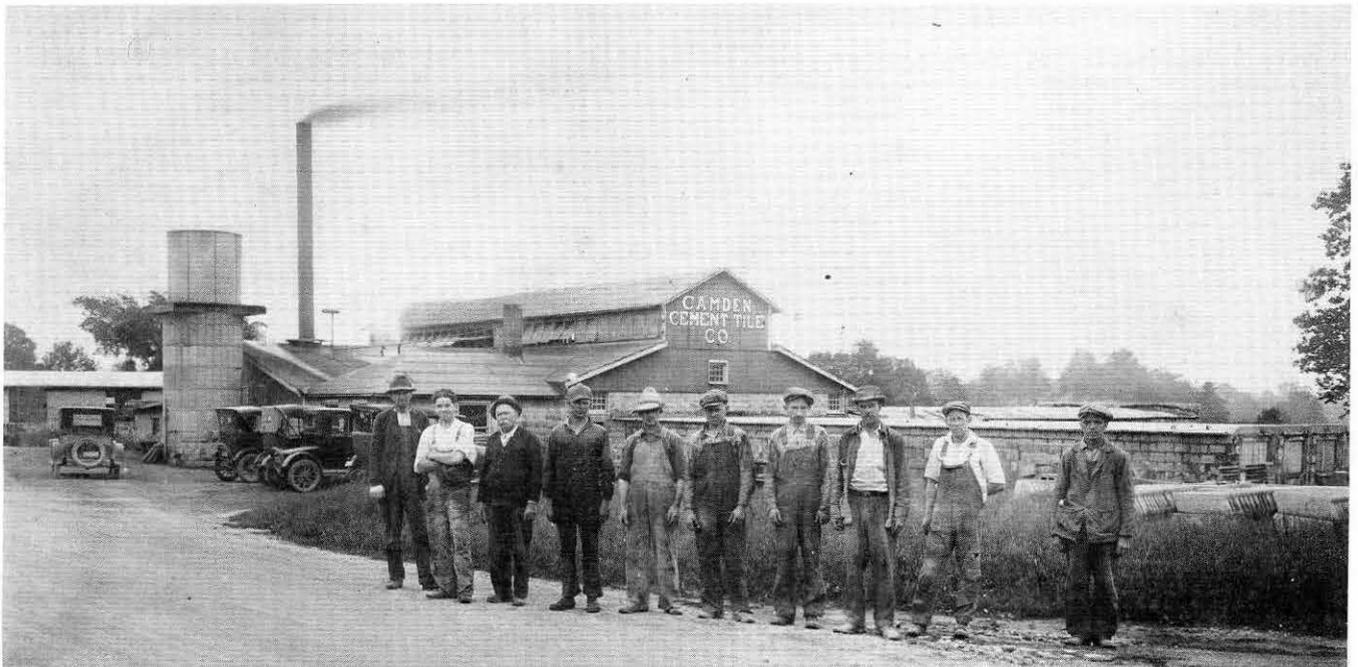
Camden Community Building and Camden Town Hall Office and the 2nd location of the Jackson Township Fire Department. Picture taken in July of 1982.



Control station and two sewage ponds for the sewage system of the town. Southwest of the cemetery.



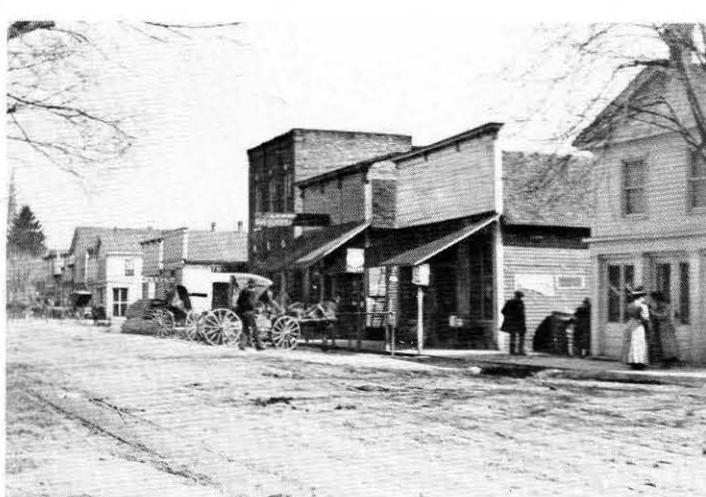
Jackson Township Old Settlers, August 17, 1900 - Back Row Left to Right: Nancy Briggs, 73; Jesse Thomas, 88; Christian Sieber, 77; William Wyatt, 76; Samuel Kepner, 79. Front Row Left to Right: Lavisia Bridge, 82; Elizabeth Shank, 81; N.H. Weida, 83; Dr. F. G. Armstrong, 78; Andrew Robeson, 85; William Edschker, 86; Hannah McFarland, 79.



Camden Cement Tile Company and Crew - Picture taken approximately 1920. In 1982 - present Yerkes Trucking Co. parking lot. (L. to R.) Charles Wingard, Marshall Wingard, U. E. Tesh, Clyde Taylor, William Castle, John Wagoner, Sam Hazelgrove, Jess Graham, Joy Edging, Bert Ulery.



Town Pump - Corner of Main Street and State Road 75. This picture is the South side of Main Street-State Road 218 prior to 1910.



Main Street - West of State Road 75 to the old Ray and Rice Bank. South side of Main Street - prior to 1910. Brick building in the center of the picture was the Farmer's State Bank.



A fire in 1910 destroyed all of the business houses and 1 resident on Main Street - South side. This picture is East of State Road 75 to the Baptist Church.



Present IOOF Building - Select Seed Hybrids to the right. Building to the left was the original K of P Building. Location is the South side of Main Street from State Road 75 to the alley. Picture prior to 1925 fire.



This picture is looking East on the South side of Main Street - Intersection of State Road 75 and State Road 218. This is the reconstruction after the fire of 1910.



Camden Lunch Room - People in picture Left to Right: Frank Porter, Quince Wallace, Mrs. Charles Spittler, Mr. Charles Spittler, Bill Leslie, Carl Leslie. The Double "D" Saloon is now located in this section of the K of P Building.



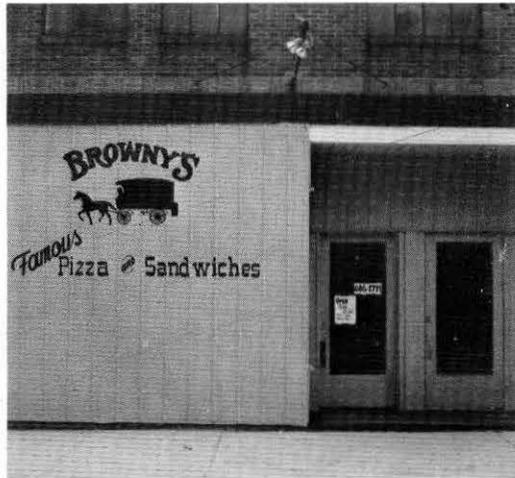
Carter's Grocery - West Section of the K of P Building.



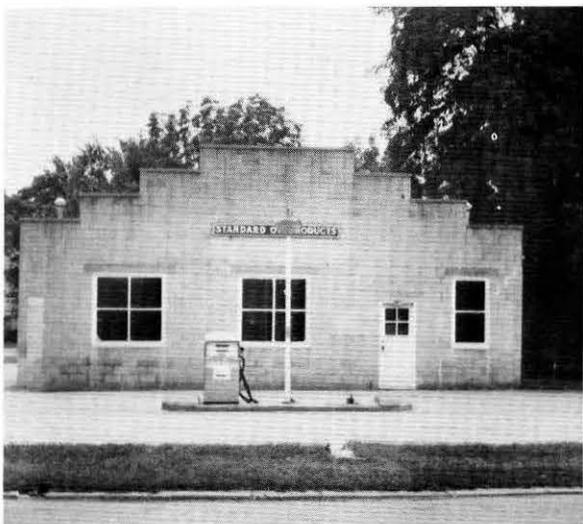
Esta & Carl Carter, owners of Carter's Grocery from December 3, 1950 to present, July 1982.



The Double "D" Saloon - the center section of the K of P Building--1982. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Don Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ferrel.



Brown's Pizza - East section of the K of P Building. 1982 owner - Mr. William Brown.



Sieber's Garage - East of the Flower Barn on Main Street. Owners: Abner and Doris Sieber. Built in 1941.





Looking West - South side of Main Street in Camden, Indiana--1982: Left to Right - Buildings are Brown's Pizza, Double "D" Saloon, Carter's Grocery, Select Seed Hybrids.



This picture is Select Seed Hybrids - located in all of the IOOF Building--1982. Floyd Gish shown in picture.



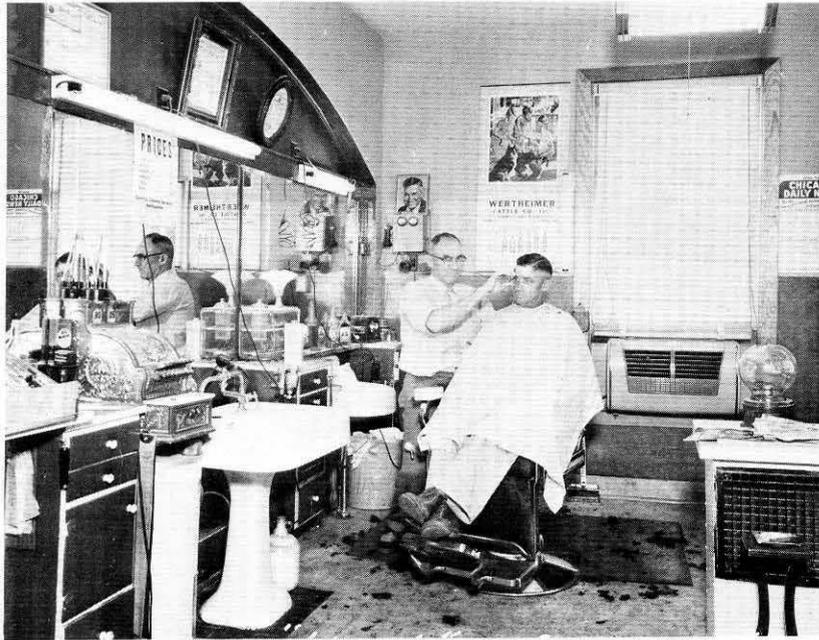
The Flower Barn - Located East of the K of P Building--1982. Jeff Sieber - Owner.



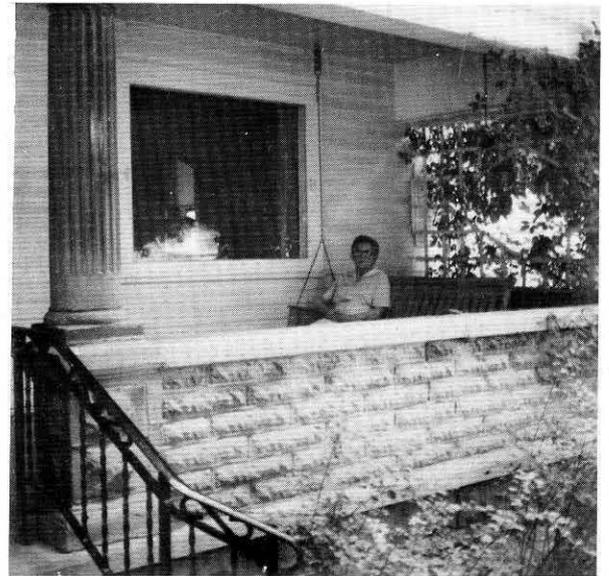
1982 - Looking West - South side of Main Street: Sieber's Garage, The Flower Barn, K of P Building, IOOF Building.



July 4th Celebration in Camden, Indiana. Float - Wyatt-Smith Lumber Company.



Lloyd's Barber Shop--1954. Shop was in the front room of their home on Main Street. Mr. Winfrey Lloyd is the barber standing on the left of this picture. Tom Sanderson in the chair.



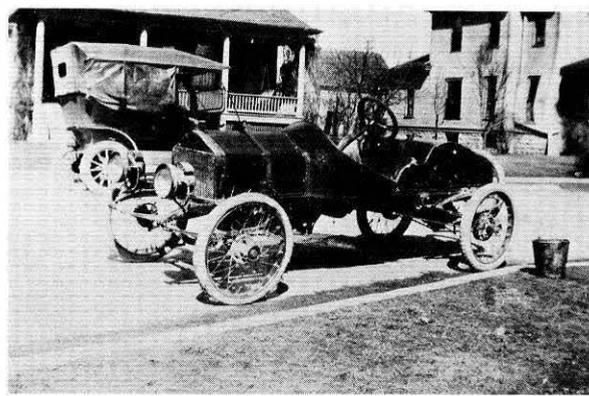
Mrs. Winfrey Lloyd--1982. Lloyd's Barber Shop was in the front room of their home on Main Street.



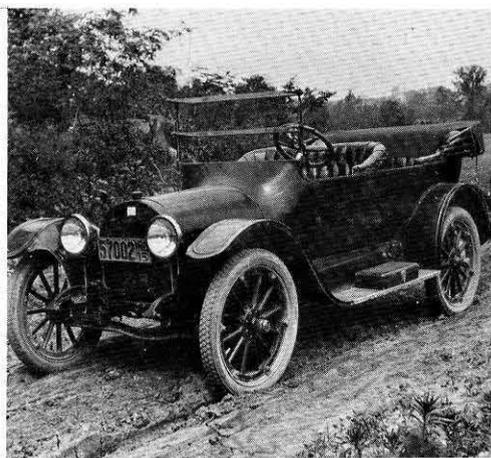
Operetta -- "Tulip Time" -- 1936. Music Teacher - Jeanette Hyman. Location - Upstairs of IOOF Building on Main Street.



Kesner Barber Shop, Left to Right: Max Gish and Carl Lake, Frank Kesner, Barber; Man in chair ??? Pastor Lewis Westenbarger, pastor of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, is sitting at the right of the picture. Approximately 1954.



Early Transportation

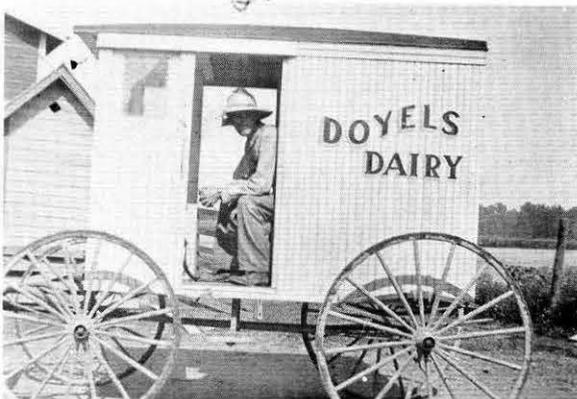


*On left - Asa Cline Middle - Otto Kussmaul
on right - Thurlow George*





Asa Cline's Blacksmith Shop. 1st location - Center part of the Camden Auto Company in 1912. 2nd location - On Ohio Street between Cumberland and Main Streets. People in the picture, Left to Right: Frank Mills, Asa Cline.



Doyel's Dairy, 1928. Truman Doyel in the picture.



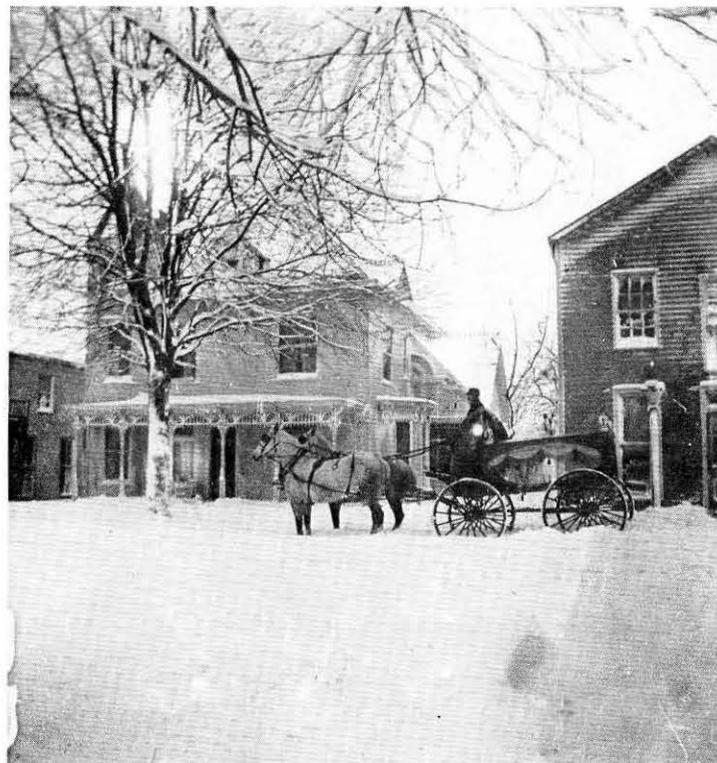
K and L Garage, Keith Parrett 1982 owner. Location - Ohio Street between Cumberland and Main Street. This is the building owned by Asa Cline in 1912.



Monroe Martin and Son Dairy - Monroe Martin's son was Ross Martin, shown in the picture helping deliver milk. Ross Martin's son is Ernie Martin.

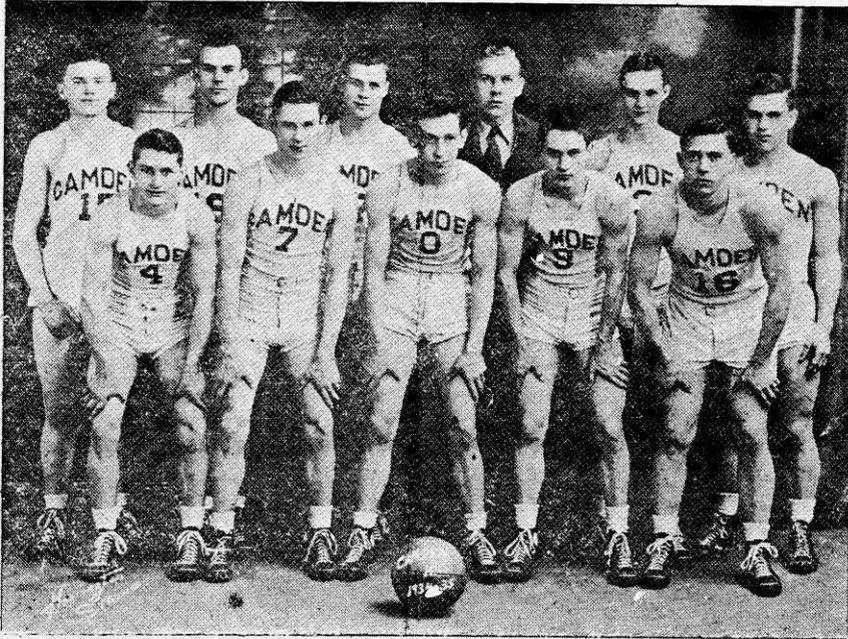


Camden Girls Basket Ball Team Carroll County Champs - Front Row: Martha Wagoner, Evelyn Cohee, Maverne Wagoner, Florence Gardner, Thelma Dillen. Back Row: Edna Hanaway, Lavarn Coplen, Coach Mrs. Haskell, Lena Linn, Edith Maxwell.



Camden Horse-Drawn Hearse driven by Billy Bowdle. E. C. Rice residence - now James R. Sullivan apartments. Baker Embalming Parlor to the right on the corner. Picture taken over 100 years ago.

Camden's Enduring Red Devils



Here are the Camden Red Devils who made tournament history in winning the Delphi sectional in seven overtime periods last week and are now ready to play in the Logansport regional Saturday afternoon against Mon-guard. Ucello.

Back row: left to right: Price, guard; L. Simmons, guard; Lloyd, center; Coach Tom E. Downey; Yerkes, center, and R. Cline.

Front row: left to right: Hodge, forward; Titus, forward; Wallace, forward; Cole, forward; and C. Cline, guard.

Camden Enduring Red Devils - 1934-35. Tournament history in winning the Delphi Sectional in 7 overtime periods. Coach - Tom E. Downey.



52-YEAR ROLE ENDS — Mrs. Dewey Edging, Camden correspondent for this newspaper, ended her 52-years of loyal service at her desk and table last week when she wrote the "Camden News" for the last time. Her career includes papers in Carroll County and in nearby counties also. With the exception of two years, she has missed only one time in writing weekly for the Comet or its predecessors. Comet Photo.

"Mrs. Maude Edging Retires After 52 Years as a Camden Correspondent for Several Newspapers." Newspaper clipping in February of 1976.



CAMDEN SEWER LOAN — Shown here are Farmers Home Administration representatives, Camden officials and others who participated in the closing of the FHA sewer loan grant to the Town of Camden at the Town Hall last Thursday. They are (l. to r.): Seated — Mrs. Alice Linn, clerk-treasurer; W. Robert Peterson, FHA State Director; Ralph Rohrabough, chairman, and Ken-

neth Caldwell, Camden Town Board; and Mrs. Faye Edging, who retired as clerk-treasurer on Dec. 31. Standing — Robert W. Demaree, FHA chief, community programs; Robert Williams, Carroll Co. FHA supervisor; William Briggs of Briggs and Briggs, Flora, legal services; and Ralph Shelburn, FHA civil engineer. Staff Photo

Newspaper Clipping - January 1972: "Farmers Home Administration Loan for Camden Sewer Closed Thursday". Picture of the "Farmers Home Administration representatives" and "Camden officials".



WORK STARTS - Ground breaking ceremonies for the new Camden senior-citizens apartments were Fri., Oct. 7. The 11 apartment unit will also have a laundry facility and a small meeting room. Camden-Jackson Inc., officers and some members were on hand for the ceremonies. They are: front - Rev. Richard Recher, pres.; Raymond Riegler, pres. of Camden senior citizens; Row two: James Huffer, atty.; Alice Linn; Herb Yerkes; Dally Wilson; Tom Kirby, treas.; Marge Sieber, Sec.; and Jim Sullivan, vice pres. The project should be completed in 3 - 4 months at a cost of \$210,000.



Newspaper Clipping - "Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Camden Senior Citizens Apartments". Ceremonies were held on Friday, October 7, 1977. Located on Monroe and West James Streets at the corner.



Camden Library - Andy Thomas was a banker, built home where library is now in 1869.



Camden Library - Phillip Ray was a banker and lawyer. He married Andy's widow, and lived in the home where the library is now. It was known as the Philip Ray home for many years.



The Camden Library - 1974. Sandblasted to original finish in 1976. Located on the Northeast corner of Monroe St. and Main St.



Camden Library - May 1982. Sandblasted to original finish in 1976.



NEW LIBRARY HOME—Mrs. Ruth Edging, Camden-Jackson Township librarian, is busy placing books on the shelves at the new location on Main Street in Camden. Staff Photo

Camden-Jackson Township Library Celebrates Library Week By Moving

Camden - Jackson Township Library celebrated National Library week by moving into its new home on Main Street in Camden.

Steven Carroll, principal of the Camden School, and Richard Kendall, seventh and eighth grade teacher, with some 25 to 30 boys volunteered their services during the noon hour and transferred both books and bookcases to the library's new home.

In November 1969 the Board of Library Trustees completed the purchase of a Camden landmark, known as the Phillip Ray home and more recently as the Goodwill Nursing Home. The brick house was built well over a hundred years ago by Andrew Thomas, an early Camden banker

who came to Camden in 1838. Plans immediately went into effect to restore this beautiful old house as well as giving the Library a new home with room for expansion.

Local organizations, clubs, civic minded individuals, along with the school students and their teachers responded to the appeal of a grateful Library board for volunteer labor; thus a dream, in four months time became a reality.

The rooms have been painted and carpeted in soft shades of green. Old shutters, that were at the windows originally, were restored and hung again and new light fixtures installed.

The volunteer help installed 12 large bookcases shelves in the four rooms used for the library.

It was in 1929 that the Camden Woman's Literary Club set as its project for the club's 50th anniversary, a Library for the Town. The goal was reached and in 10 years they presented to the Town of Camden some 200 volumes; and placed it on a tax basis.

This club, now 82 years old, financed as its part of the project the Memory room, which has 125 volumes.

From its meager beginning the Library now has over 5,500 volumes, serves both Camden and Jackson Township, Rockfield and Burrows communities and the Camden School Children.

The first home of the Library was in Vurpillat's Pharmacy, now Heiny's Store, then the room at the back of the store. In 1950 it was moved to the room in the Community Building.

In 1963 a merger was formed with Jackson Township thus forming the Camden-Jackson Township Library.

Mrs. Nelle Quinn was the first Librarian.

For the past 25 years or more, Mrs. Ruth Edging has been librarian and only recently has there been additional help with Mrs. Grace Arion and Mrs. Camilla Downing having been secured as assistants.

As soon as the Library is reopened a new schedule will be in effect and will be published at a later date.

Moving Day - April 15, 1970, from Town Office to present location. Steven Carroll, principal of the Camden School and Richard Kendall - 7th and 8th grade teachers, and 25 to 30 boys volunteered their services during the noon hour to transfer books and bookcases to the library's new home.



New location of the Camden Depot, Corner of Church and Main Street. Dr. Kerkhove - retired after 52 years in practice as a dentist. Dr. Kerkhove sold his office to the present owner, Dr. Dianella Lawson.



Dr. Kerkhove retires



Dr. B.C. Kerkhove

Friday, December 14, 1973



Mrs. Ruth Edging, retiring Camden librarian, explains some of the details of her job to Mrs. Shirley Schock, her replacement. Both the retirement and the new appointment are effective Jan. 1, 1974. (Staff photo by Leveda Smith)

Librarians

Camden Librarian Retires After 30 Years Service

CAMDEN—After nearly 30 years, Mrs. Ruth Edging, Camden librarian, is retiring. Mrs. Edging, 76, wife of Joy Edging, has served three generations of Camden residents during her years as town librarian, and is known as the "library lady" for hundreds of Camden youngsters.

The Camden-Jackson Township Library was organized in the 1930's by the Women's Literary Club, which had dreamed of a town library since its inception.

First located in a small room behind the local store, the library moved to the Camden Town Hall in the 1950's and to a former nursing home in 1970.

The new library is located in Camden, a stately two and one-half story brick mansion built in 1845. When the nursing home went out of business, library board members purchased the structure for \$3,500.

During the years, the Camden library, now the Camden, Jackson Township-Rock Creek Township Library, has grown from 600 volumes to over 6,000 volumes, some of which are rarely found in larger libraries.

"We've had people come here for reference works they couldn't find in the Kokomo Library," Mrs. Edging explained. "You'd be amazed at what you can find in this library."

Mrs. Edging became librarian after Mrs. Nelle Quinn, the first librarian, resigned her post after serving three years.

She served alone until four years ago, when Mrs. Grace Arion became her first assistant. Mrs. Arion, now Camden school librarian, will leave her post Jan. 1, 1974, as will Mrs. Edging.

Mrs. Shirley Schock, who has served as assistant librarian for one and one-half years, has been named the new head librarian. She will be assisted by Mrs. Charlotte Wallace and Mrs. Linda Penn.

All of the librarians were honored at an open house Tuesday, during which Harold McCormick, president of the library board of trustees, presented Mrs. Edging and Mrs. Arion with silver trays honoring their years of service.

"I'll really miss the library and everyone who comes here,"

Mrs. Edging said, "but at 76, it's time to quit."

"I'll still be around, though," she added. "You can't stop doing what you've done for 30 years just like that. But now I'll have time for my painting. I paint on china, for knitting and crocheting, and for just taking it easy."

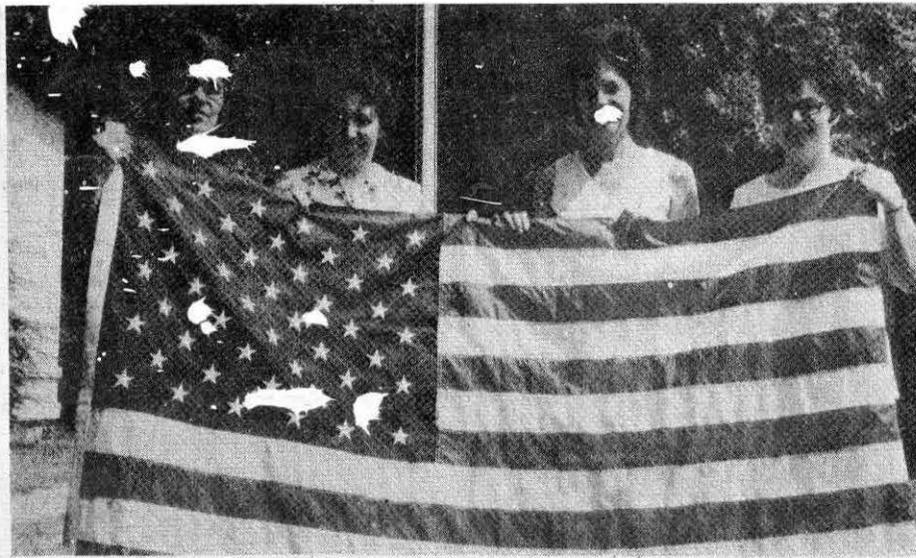
"After 30 years, it will be nice to just take it easy."

Mrs. Schock won't be taking it easy, however, since the library's hours have been expanded.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1974, the library will be open from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday in addition to the regular library hours which are from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

"We all have a lot to learn," Mrs. Schock said, "and we know we won't be able to replace Mrs. Edging. She has personalized the Camden library for so long, it will seem strange not to have her around."

Strange it may be, but, as Mrs. Edging noted, "I've earned my rest. Now there's a new library lady."

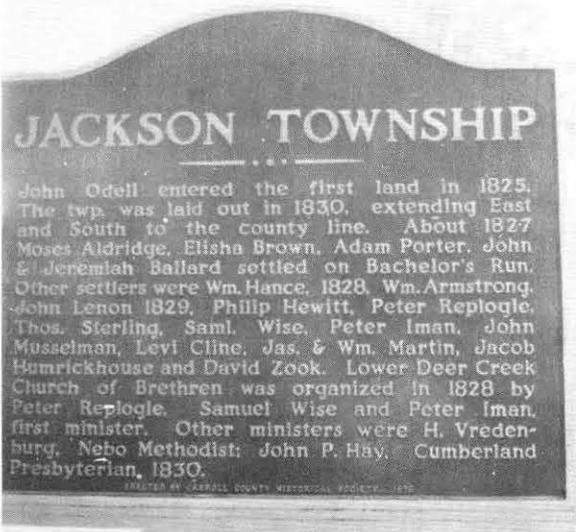
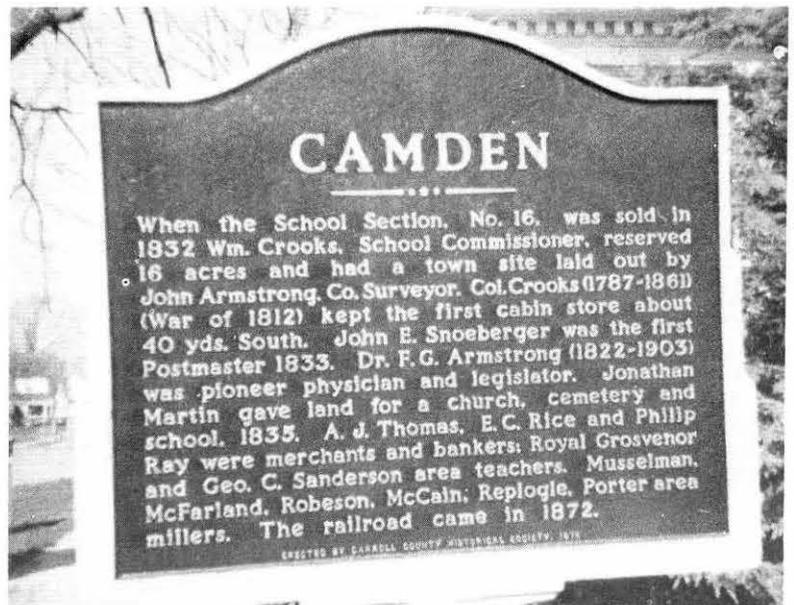


Margaret Goodwin, president of the Literary Club, and Mrs. Shirley Schock, librarian and Community Improvement chairman of the Literary Club. Comet Photo.
 NEWSTARS-A new American flag flies over the Camden Library, courtesy of the Camden

Literary Club and Camden American Legion Auxiliary. The Literary Club recently erected a Flag pole and the Auxiliary purchased the flag. Shown (l. to r.) are: Mrs. Marceil Nipple, Americanism chairman; Mrs. Camilla Downing, president of the Auxiliary; Mrs. Mary

Camden Literary Club, Camden American Legion Auxiliary presenting flag to library.

CAMDEN AND JACKSON TOWNSHIP - Historical marker revealing history of Camden and Jackson Township on property of Camden-Jackson Township Library on Main Street. Marker erected by the Carroll County Historical Society, July 6, 1977.



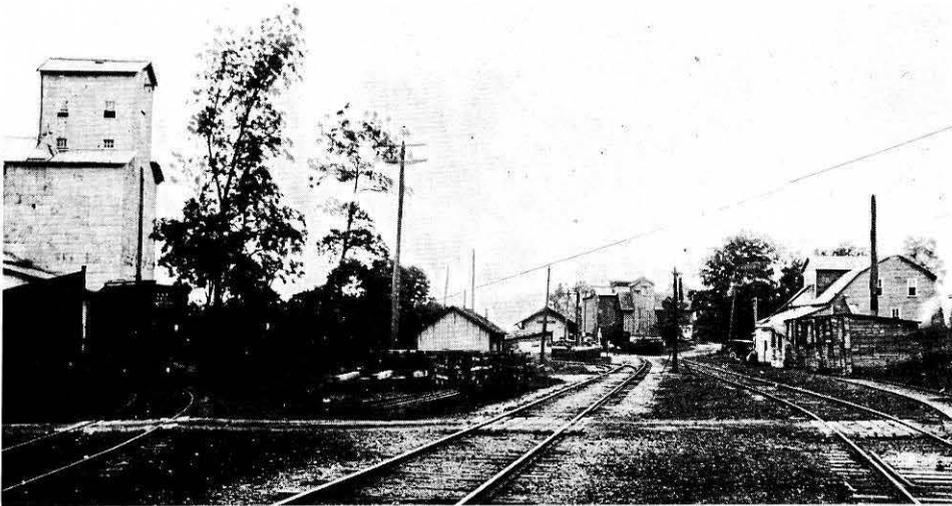
Shirley Schock, Librarian, June Thomas, Assistant Librarian, working on Sesquicentennial book.



HISTORICAL MARKER at Camden revealing history of Camden and Jackson Township [on side not pictured] was erected by Carroll County Historical Society on ground of Camden-Jackson Township library, Main Street. Pictured, from

left, are Shirley Schock, librarian; Jane Penn and Richard Recher, library board trustees; Shirley Kistler and June Thomas, assistant librarians, and Evelyn Sharp, library board trustee. Robert Brookbank Photo.

Library Board - Erected on the ground of the Camden-Jackson Township library, July 6, 1977.



Camden Depot - Picture taken prior to 1926. Picture of Depot at Camden, Indiana, when the main line passed the Depot on the West side rather than the East side.



Camden Depot - Purchased by Dr. B.C. Kerkhove, Dentist, to use as his office. Moved it to its present location at the corner of Church and Main Streets.



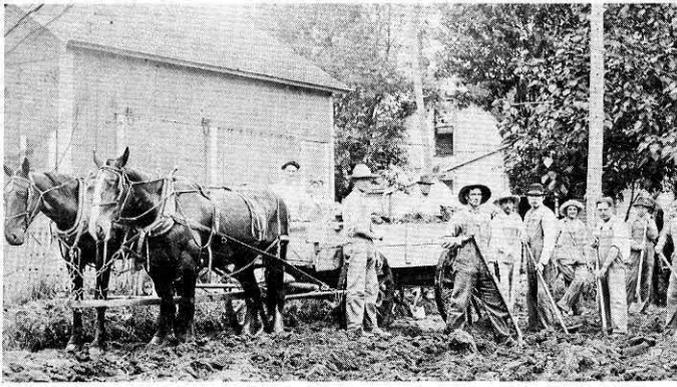
Camden Depot - Moving day down Main Street. William L. Helvie, Flora, Indiana, mover.



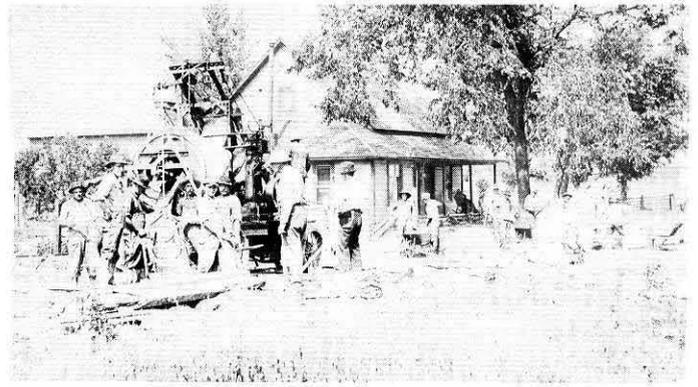
Camden Bank - 1912. Location is the same as the Camden State Bank in 1982.



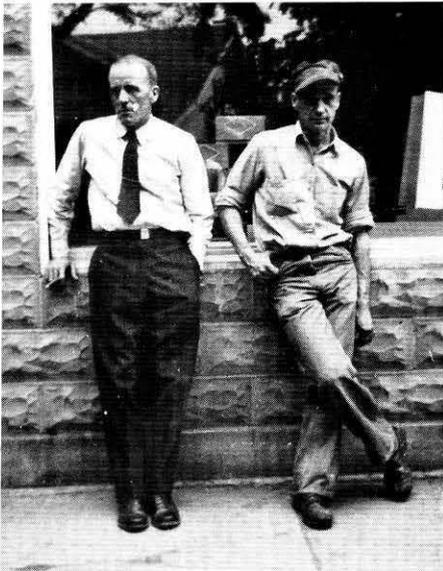
Camden Bank - Inside the bank - 1912. People in the picture are Mabel Mayne and Roger Hunt, Cashier.



Cutting the grade for Camden, Indiana, street. This is the work crew - June 23, 1917. Picture taken during paving operation with concrete of Water Street from Main Street to Old Northern Town boundary plus Cumberland Street from Cumberland and Water East to Lee Street and South to Main Street - 1917.



Work crew for Camden, Indiana streets. Picture taken in 1917. Paving Cumberland Street with concrete.



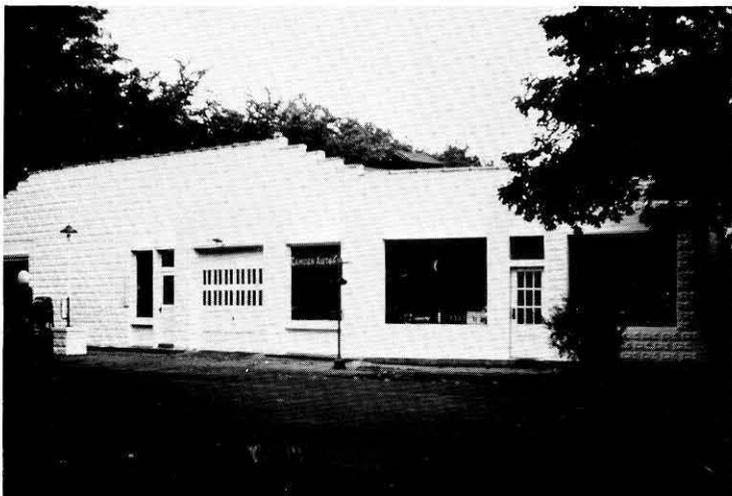
Camden Auto Company. In 1946 - George Clem joined the partnership. Left: Harold Wyatt; Right: George Clem. Business was discontinued in 1980.



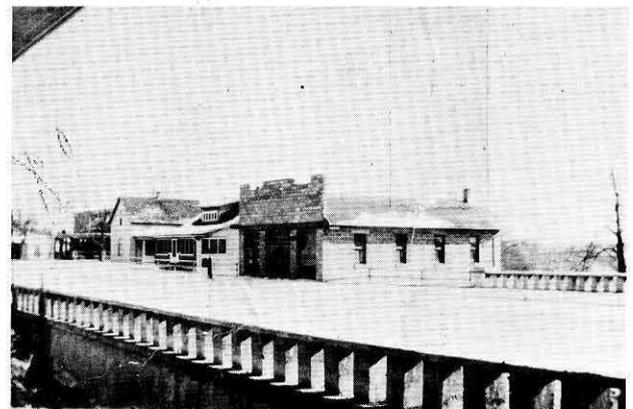
Camden Auto Company. The business was started in 1916. Co-Owners are left to right: Harold Wyatt, Floyd Wyatt. Picture taken approximately 1920.



Old Office - Camden Auto Company, prior to 1944. Left to Right: John Redding, Wes Randolph, Murray Tesh, Kenneth Bohannon, Harold Wyatt.



Camden Auto Company. Picture taken in January 1951.



Asa Cline's Garage. Built by Asa Cline in 1912. Later sold to O. W. Wyatt - 1916. 1982 - Camden Auto Company.



LIONS PRESIDENTS HONORED — Camden Lions Club recognized its past presidents at a dinner last Wednesday evening at the Lower Deer Creek Church of the Brethren. The club was chartered in 1951, and the first president was Frank Stiles. Four of the past presidents are deceased. They are represented in the above photo by their wives, left to right - Mrs. Frank Stiles, Mrs. James W. Sink, Mrs. Claude Linn and Mrs. Dean McCain, all of Camden. Past presidents shown are from the Camden area unless otherwise indicated. First row (l. to r) - Everett Brown, Gerald Sieber, Walter

Sprinkle, John Berkshire, Dean Sanderson and James Sullivan. Second row - Albert Verrill, Lafayette; Wayne Edging; Peter Wagoner; Junior Snider, Burrows; Norwood Gentry, Plainfield, and Fred Wagoner, Flora. Third row - Bob Wyatt, Jack Gish, Dan Baker, Lewis N. Mullin, Delphi; Robert Steinhart, Indianapolis; B. Jesse Zook, and Donald Robbins, Rt. 3, Delphi, current president. John Case of Logansport, the club's third president, was unable to be present. Comet Photo



★CAMDEN'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DRAWS BIG CROWD★. 100th year - Camden as a town - Celebrated July 4, 1932. Article about Centennial was in the Camden Record-News on July 7, 1932. Left to Right: Rev. & Mrs. W.A. Bender, Pastor of the Camden Baptist Church, Camden, Indiana.



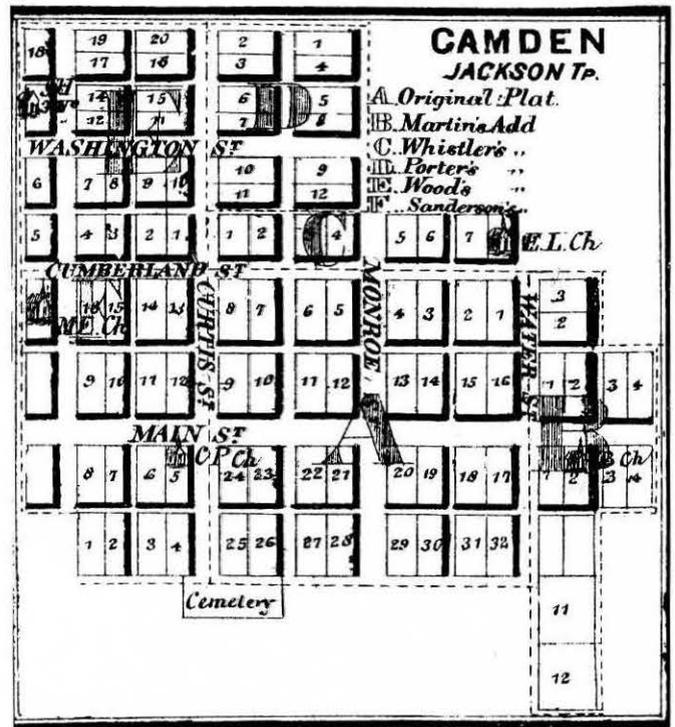
Camden Centennial Celebration, 100 years as a town - July 4, 1932. Mrs. Raynes Wyatt - Wife of Mr. Harold Wyatt and Mother of Mr. Bob Wyatt. Mrs. Raynes Wyatt opened the evening session with community singing, dressed in real colonial costume, with Mrs. Florence Baker at the piano.



Camden Centennial Celebration, 100 years as a town - July 4, 1932. Left: Patricia Lynch - daughter of the Ticket Agent at the Camden Depot. Right: Bob Wyatt - Son of Mr. Harold Wyatt and Mrs. Raynes Wyatt. Both were in the Centennial Program.



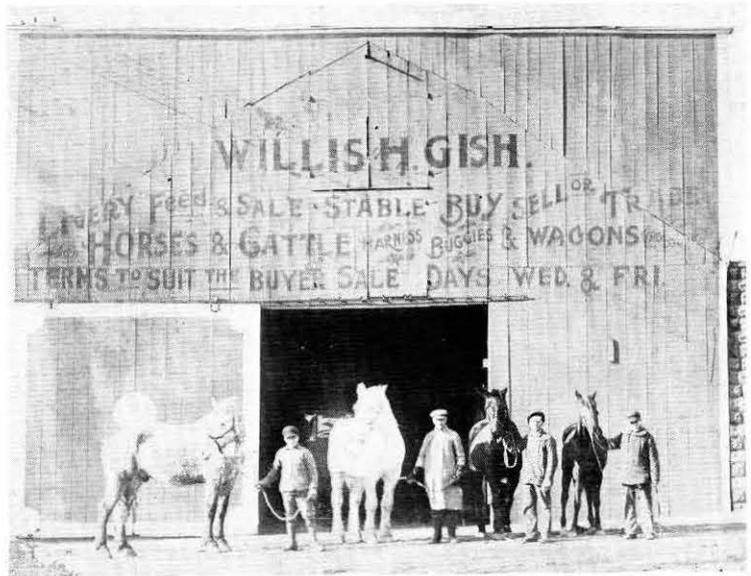
Lesh Livery Barn at Camden--1898. Was located where the Legion Hall is now. The present Legion Hall is located on Main Street.



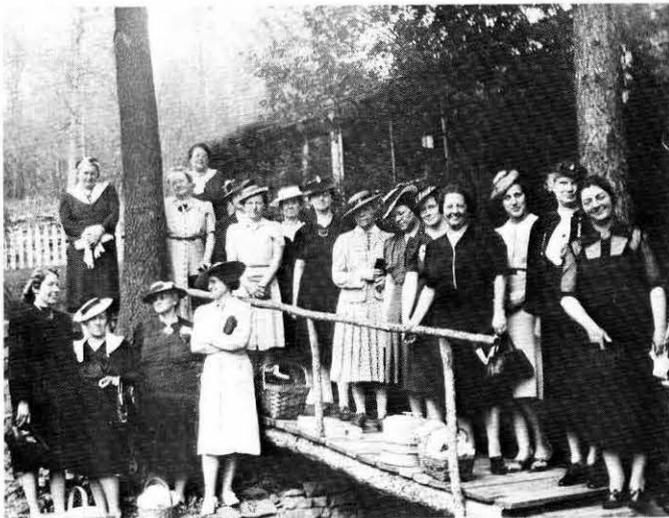
Map of the Town of Camden, Indiana as of 1863 - Reprint from Carroll County Historical Society Book.



Camden Literary Club Members.



Willis H. Gish Barn. Sale barn for horses and wagon equipment. The location of this building was on the same location as Dr. C. L. Wise's office is now in 1982, on State Road 75 South. This picture was taken approximately 1906. Dr. Wise's office was built in 1908 by Bruce Wallace.



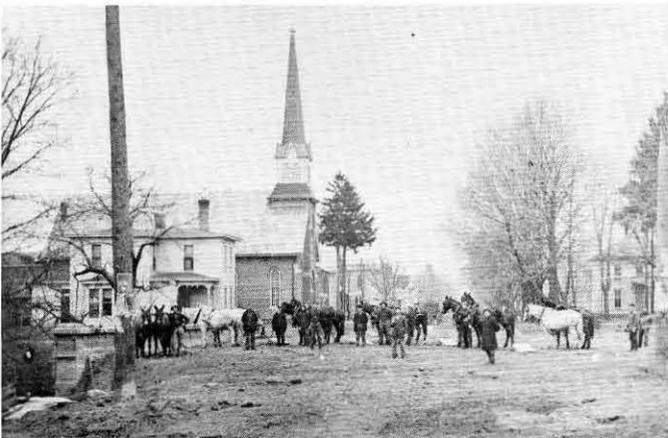
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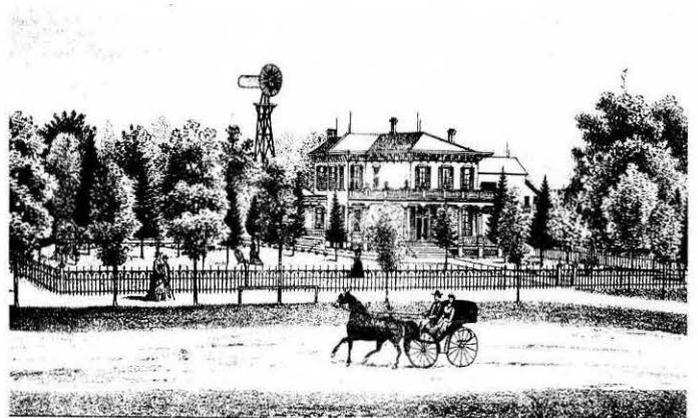
Main Street looking West - Brick Street Baptist Parsonage and Baptist Church (built in 1881) on South side of the street. Dr. Armstrong Home - North side of the street. Armstrong home built in 1865. Picture taken approximately in 1912.



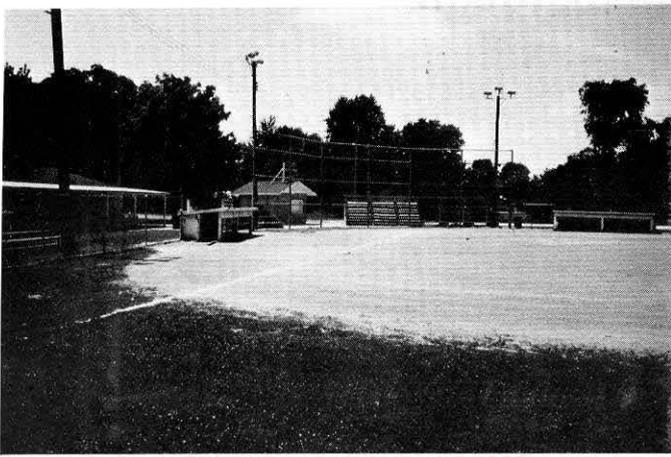
Myers Hardware--1946.



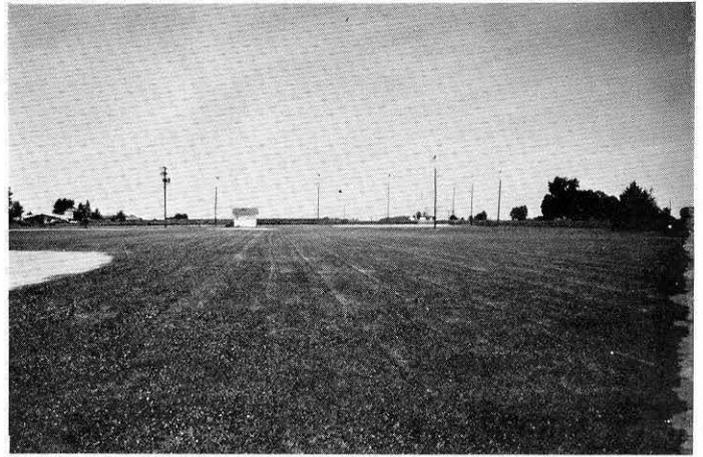
Construction of culvert over the George Hunt drain. Picture taken approximately 1909.



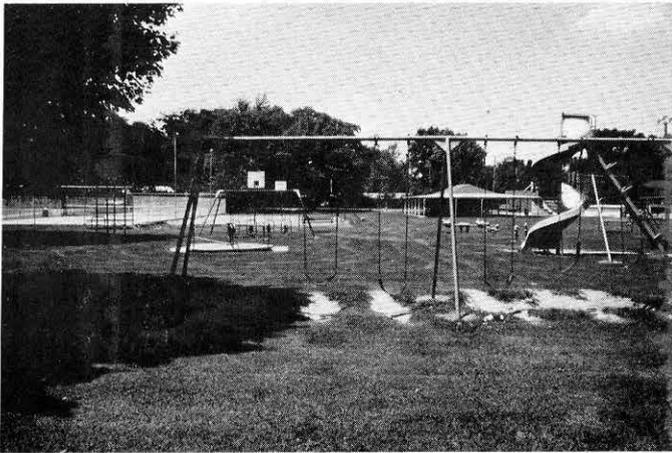
An artist's concept of the F. G. Armstrong estate.



Camden Park - James Street, Playground.



Camden Park - James Street, Baseball Diamond.



Camden Park - James Street, Auxiliary Pump House.



Old Charley Guard Blacksmith Shop building. West of present American Legion building on West Main Street. In 1930, Halbert Rupley operated a blacksmith shop. Clem Machine operated in this building for a short time after Rupley. ★Building is not in existence today.



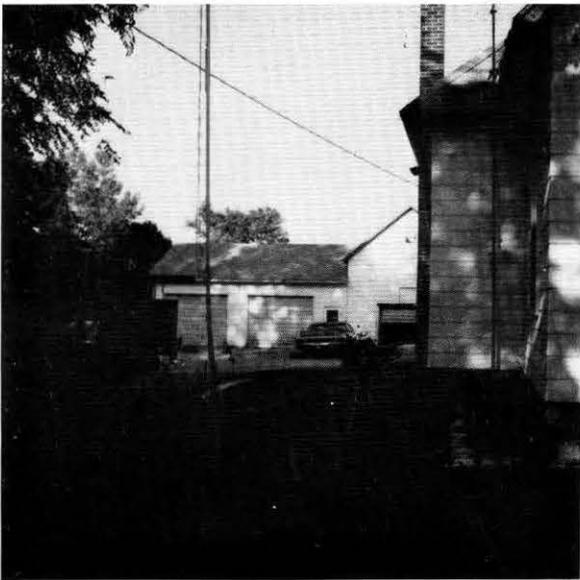
American Legion Hall, Location - 174 Main Street.



Rupley Shop--1936. Operated by Walt & Halbert Rupley.



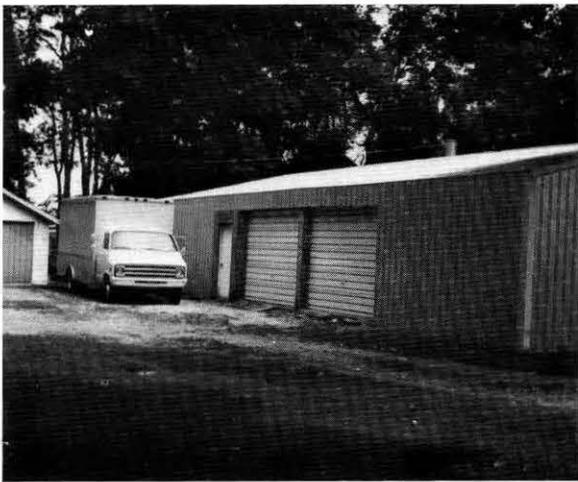
Otis Beamer's Filling Station & Service Room. After Otis death, Jim Graves operated the station. Location: Corner of Church and West Main Street, West of Clem Machine Shop. ★Building is no longer in existence.



Whitfield Simoniz Service, Frank & Mary Whitfield - owners.
Location - at their home, Corner of Lee & Washington.



Roberson Upholstery Shop, Location - North Water Street.
Raymon & Esther Roberson, Raymon - Town Marshall.



J & W Antiques & Collectables, Juanita & Wayne Yates.



Mr. & Mrs. Bob M. Wyatt - Assisted Mrs. Shirley Schock in
collecting pictures for this book. Many of the pictures were
loaned to them for printing by many people in the community.



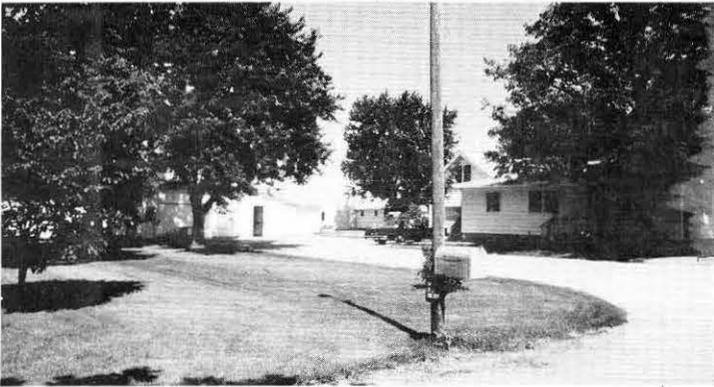
The Center Garage (Presently the Community Building). Picture taken in the late 1920's. Left - Abner Sieber; Right - Knarl Patty.



Henry Miller's Home. Henry Miller & Son - Plumbing, Electrical & Comfort Conditioning.



The Beauty Nook, Location - 316 Cumberland, Anita Hartman - owner.



David & Norma Miller Home. Henry Miller & Son - Plumbing, Electrical & Comfort Conditioning, David Miller - owner.



Kenneth Red Elk, Towns Auctioneer; Location - Washington Street.



Harold McCormick Insurance, Location - Corner of Main & Union.



1976 - John Rogers T.V. Shop originally owned by Floyd Gardner; 1978 - Floyd Gardner bought business back; 1982 - Jerry Caldwell present owner. ★ Business not in existence.



Jack Lenon Repair Shop, Location - Corner of Monroe & West James.



(L) - Jerry Caldwell; (R) - Bill Appleton.



Hedderich Machine Shop - 1955. Taken in 1955 before last addition was built on the Hedderich Machine Shop. The elevator shown is 36'' wide and was designed and built by Fred Hedderich for Lester Yost to load silage from his pit silo to feed cattle.



Hedderich Machine Shop, Fred and Jean Hedderich - owners. Location - Sanderson Street - July 1982. Fred's Grandfather started the shop in 1932, worked until 3 weeks before he died in March 1948. He moved to Camden from Lafayette. Original shop burned in 1945.



Truck Terminal, Richard Wilhite - owner. Location Creamery Hill on State Road 75.



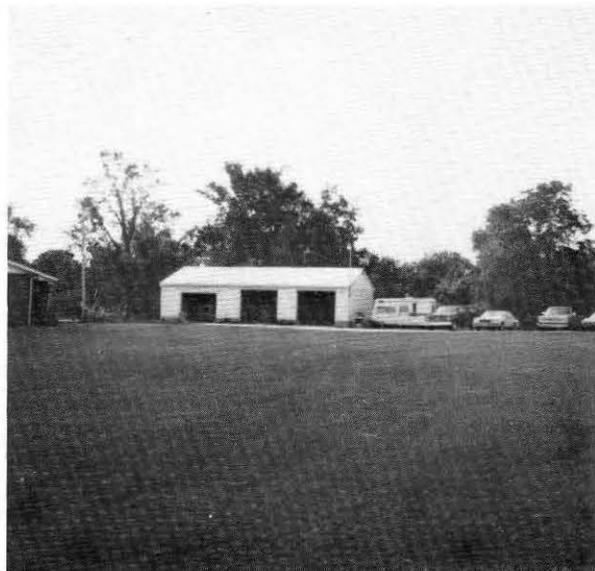
Lee's Coffee Shop, Location - East Main and Lee Street, Owner - Cora Lee.



Denise Beauty Shop, 263 Monroe Street, Darol & Denise Packard - owners.



PAT BAKER CONSTRUCTION CO. - (L to R) Bob Kleckner, Toby Schock, Pat Baker. David Baker also works with them, but is not pictured.



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