

# Cambridge City 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Centennial Section

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Last summer (2016), Mary Alice (Doll) Cummings sent a package of material to me for inclusion on the website. I have scanned this Centennial Section from the Cambridge City Tribune. As I was going through this document, I found the following very interesting (*the blue text was added from comments*):

- On the first page is this. *Verne Clingenpeel stated "Peoples State Bank was majority owned by the Swallow family. Perhaps of further interest . . . Raymond E. Swallow, Sr. founded the 'Economy Bank' in Economy IN in 1903. Later in the 1937-8-9 time period he bought the Washington Township Bank in Milton, combined the Economy and Milton banks into one establishing the bank's main office in Cambridge City and renaming it Peoples State Bank of Cambridge City with branch office in Economy, and later (1953) a branch office in Fountain City, while closing the Milton office. As of 1971, Mr. Swallow and his children owned approximately 70% of the outstanding stock. C. V. Pitman, and later his son Delbert, managed the operational side of the Cambridge City office until 1973. Note: Peoples State Bank was purchased by First National Bank of Richmond effective January 1, 1983."*
- The birdseye view of Cambridge City appears to be looking from the northeast and over the future Lincoln High School location.
- On the 4<sup>th</sup> page is the Old Boden Monument Shop and the Dearing's Grocery. I wonder if they became Maloney's Grocery and Jones' Pontiac in later years at the corner of Jones and Main (US-40)?
- Did the bank building on page 5 become the Peoples State Bank? *Arlene (Burner) Pieri says, "From looking at the picture of the bank building it is what I remember being Peoples State Bank. My dad banked with them when he lived in the area. He later moved to Lynn, IN and banked with Peoples State Bank in Fountain City, IN until the time of his death in 1981. Peoples State Bank was owned by C. V. Pitman and his son Delbert." This statement was in error (a little) in that C. V. Pitman and his son Delbert were managers of the bank.*
- I believe the interurban view on page 5 is Main St. looking west and that is Center St. (old SR-1) going south.
- Notice the "new" Central School building and Library on page 8. There is also a picture of the old Lincoln High School. *Arlene (Burner) Pieri said, ". . . born and lived around Cambridge City area all my life and graduating from high school in the old Lincoln High School in 1949 before the fire."*
- The two pictures on page 9 are nearly unchanged from the way they are today at 80 years later (the automobiles are a little different). *Dennis Wissler notified me that what is currently the Wissler TV business, was the Frank H. Repp Monument Shop.*
- It is interesting to how many of the names of the various business men and women that you remember.
- In the middle of page 12 is a picture of Paul Seffrin.
- Cambridge City Motors on page 16 is the old Dick Green Ford.
- The Phillip's Petroleum on page 17 was the Golf Oil station on the N/W corner of Main St. and Walnut St. To the right of the guys was a pit that you drove over to get an oil change.

- *Lillian Beckman says, "My grandfather managed it for Mr. Thompson in the late 50's - 60's era. Cambridge City holds a warm place in my heart." Lillian is talking about the Central Hotel.*
- It is strange to see the City Building with no paved streets on page 19.
- I never knew why Single G was so revered until I read the caption on his picture on page 21.
- There are four casket companies pictured on page 22 and my grandfather worked at Heim Casket that is not pictured. I didn't know that Cambridge City had so many casket companies.
- The original Central School is pictured on page 23.

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