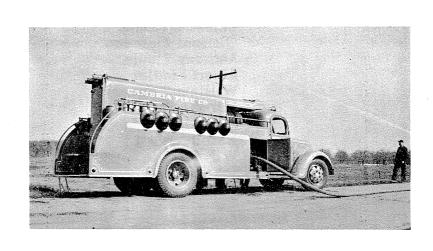
# CAMBRIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY



1999

25th ANNIVERSARY

#### ORIGINAL FIREFIGHTERS

The following is a list of the CHARTER MEMBERS of the Cambria Volunteer Fire Company.

Tony Antoncich Clifford Averell Bert Bisher, Sr. Bert Bisher, Jr. Walter E. Blackman, Sr. Walter E. Blackman, Jr. Glenn Brick Mervin Brick Alvin J. Coulter George W. Davis Elton W. Dersham Ernest W. Duke Clifford Eldredge Anthony Fiedler Albert Fiedler William F eatman Herman Fritton A.B. Gifford Harold Gotts W.J. Hall John Kroening Horace Manning Clarence Meahl David Meahl Ernest I. Miller Michael McNamara Tohn C. Nearly Russell C. Parker Halley L. Pierce John J. Raskopf Clarence H. Reiger Chester Robinson Glenn Scherer Otto T. Scherer Alan A. Sims Curt Thrall Theodore E. Thursam

#### ORIGIN OF CAMBRIA VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.

#### by Mervin Brick

In 1943 a great need was felt for fire protection in the Town of Cambria. Many discussions took place at the local tavern. On Election Night of that year, the tavern owner's wife laid down One Hundred Dollars and said" Match this and we will start a fire company" It was matched. The Cambria Town Board gave their approval on January 3, 1944. On February 7, 1944 the Cambria Volunteer Fire Company adopted a Constitution and By-Laws and elected their first officers, who were:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Fire Chief
Assistant Chief
Lieutenant
Sergeant at Arms
Stewart
Director (1 yr)
Director(2 yss)
Director (3 yrs)

Horace Manning
Clarence Reiger
Walter Blackman Jr.
Clifford Averell
Glenn Brick
Harold Gotts
John Raskopf
Chester Robinson
Glenn Scherer
David Meahl
Walter Blackman Sr.
Curt Thrall

We received a Certificate of Incoporation in Niagara County on January 20th and as such it was filed with the Department of Syate of the State of New York on February 10, 1944 with the above listed officers.

Our first major project was to build a fire hall. in the spring of 1944 ground was broken and construction of a cement block building to house two fire trucks was started. It was located on Lower Mountain Road next to our Town Hall at the foot of Cambria Road.

Our first major fire was on March 8th at Jefford's barn on Cambria Wilson Road. Our next one was on the day after our field day in July when the tents packed on a truck at Dave Meahl's farm caught on fire.

In this short time we learned the purpose of our organization, to prevent and extinguish fires.

#### CAMBRIA VOL. FIRE CO. FIRE CHIEFS



GLENN BRICK 1944-1948



WALTER BLACKMAN JR. 1949-1951



JOHN KROENING 1952-1957



LAWRENCE McCOLLUM 1958-1962



GEORGE GOMBERT 1963-1967



JOSEPH STEBLEIN 1968-1969

## FIRE COMPANY HISTORICAL EVENTS

#### by Donald Mains

The Cambria Volunteer Fire Company and the Ladies, Auxiliary has maintained a steady groth and progress in protection of life and property and community services

The annual field days was the main source of revenue for many years. In order to have a permanent site, thirty-seven acres of land were purchased on the Cambria Wilson Road in 1946. Successfuf field days and good management, enabled the fire company to overcome it's first set back. The original truck was damaged beyond repair in 1949 and two trucks were purchased in the same year. These two trucks, commonly called, the Dodge and the International, are still in service. However the Dodge has been converted into an equipment truck and is used mostly for fighting grass fires.

On July 14, 1957, which was clean-up day after the field day, a long standing dream started to materialize ground was broken for the Cambria Community Hall on that day.

Most of the work om the new building was done on a volunteer basis by the members of the fire company and the Ladies: Auxiliary. The main hall, which seats 460 people is one of the largest halls in Niagara County. Included in the building are meeting rooms, storerooms, lavatories and a completely equipped kitchen.

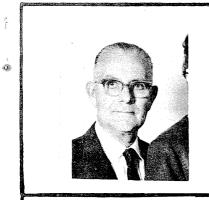
April 1962 remodelimg began on the former Cambria District School #3 building, located on Upper Mountain Road near Thrall Road. Its purpose is to provide a greater fire protection for the town, especially because it is located above the hill.

This same year the fire company purchased a Ford Fire Engine with a 750 gallon pumper to add to their equipment

On February 10, 1964 we marked the 20th Anniversary of the fire company. At that time we had a mortgage burning ceremony to celebrate our debt free position.

The public observance was held on Sunday, Feb. 9th which featured an open house for inspection of the hall and equipment. There were exhibits of the past history and a Memorial Service to honor the deceased members. Pins were presented to the Past Fire Chiefs and to Past Presidents of the company also to Past Presidents of the Ladies: Auxiliary.

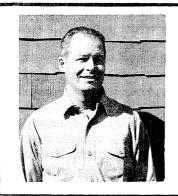
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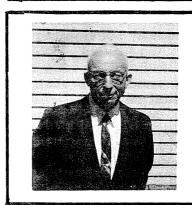
HORACE MANNING 1944-45



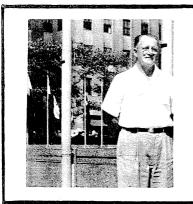
CHARLES BRANDT 1946



CHESTER ROBINSON 1947



WRIGHT ELLIS 1948-50



GEORGE GOELZ 1951



WALTER BLACKMAN JR. 1952-1955 1961

#### HISTORICAL EVENTS CONTINUED.

Late in 1965 construction was completed on an addition to the Community Hall. The addition consisted of a three bay, double depth, truck hall, a firemens recreation room, rest rooms, workshop, storage rooms, a serving area for the main hall and a complete new heating system for the entire building complex.

The new addition eliminated the need for the original truck hall on Lower Mountain Road and it was sold to the Town of Cambria for a very nominal price.

In 1968 we took delivery of our newest fire truck, the Ward LaFrance, a 1000 gallon per minute pumper fully equipped with most of the latest firefighting equipment.

At the same time we purchased a Emergency Vehicle to provide a much needed service to the residents of the Town of Cambria. Twenty one members have taken a New York State sponsored course through the American Red Crsp

Red Cross to qualify for Emergency Vehicle operation. (see elsewhere in this book - the story of the Emergency 'Vehicle and its value to the Town of Cambria.)

More than forty members of the Cambria Volunteer Fire Company have taken one or more courses in training for first aid and the art of firematics.

The past twenty-five years of progress of the Cambria Volunteer Fire Company has been made possible by the dedication of its members, the support of the townsmen, the encouragement of the Town Board and the support of our activities by the whole of Niagara County residents.

This year - 1969 - we may look back and observe the events of the past, and look with justifiable pride at our accomplishments. But this we say - God willing - we will continue to strive for an even greater progress, to provide more modern and competent fire protection for the Town of Cambria Residents.

#### CAMBRIA VOL. FIRE CO. PRESIDENTS



RICHARD BEYERS 1956



WALTER FREIERT 1957



RONALD ALLEN 1958



HARRY FAERY 1959-60

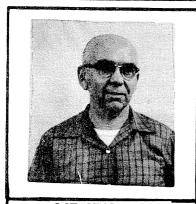


ROBERT McCOLLUM 1962-63



DONALD MAINS 1964-65

# CAMBRIA VOL. FIRE CO. PRESIDENTS



MERVIN BRICK 1966



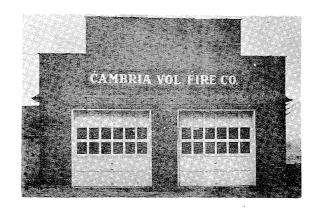
KENNETH WOLLABER 1967-68



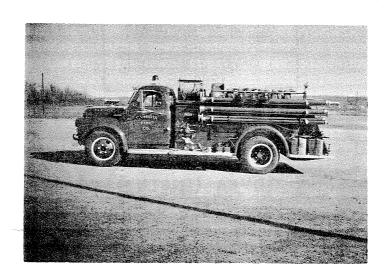
DAVID SCHENDEL 1969

SEE BACK COVER (INSIDE) FOR LIST
OF ACTIVE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR
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#### CAMBRIA VOLUNTEER FIRE CO EQUIPMENT

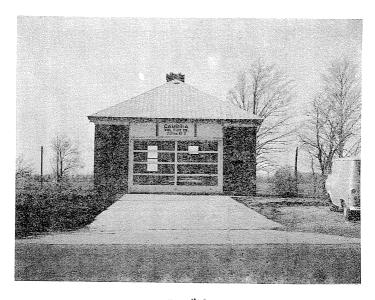


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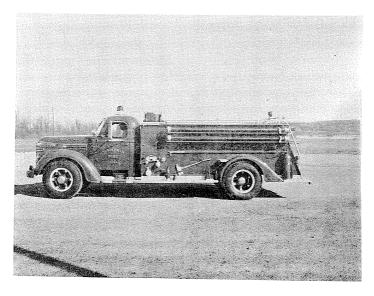


FIRE TRUCK No. 1

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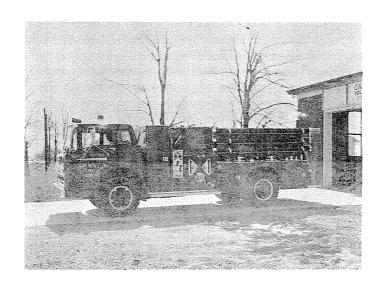


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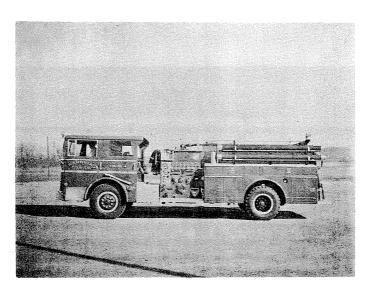


TRUCK No.2

# CAMBRIA VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. EQUIPMENT



FIRE TRUCK No.3



FIRE TRUCK No.4

#### EMERGENCY VEHICLE SERVICE



This unit is available to all residents of the town of Cambria and to all people while within the town limits who may have meed for its services. Also for Niagara County Mutual Aid Requests for other local communities. The prime purpose of this unit is to provide emergency transportation for those in need of hospital teatment. When you call 433-3669 or 731-4444 you have contacted. the Niagara County Fire Control Attendant. You must then CLEARLY STATE - your name - WHY you need the service of the Emergency Vehicle and EXACT LOCATION of that . When you do this, the Attendant will by radio contact up to 20 members of the Cambria Volunteer Fire Company at their homes. The FIRST TWO members to then arrive at the Fire Hall will bring the Emergency Vehicle to the place of need. They will provide assistance to the person (s) in need and if necessary will promptly take them to the nearest hospital for medical attention. WE ARE NOT DOCTORS NOR INTERNS and do not offer any medical service beyond first aid until such necessary

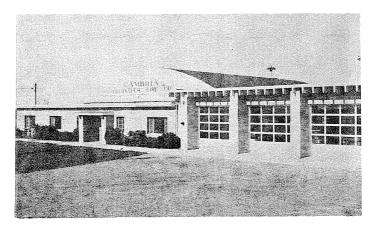
medical attention can be provided. WE WILL transport Invalid residents to local hospitals

for treatment, under medical instruction and supervision. WE WILL transport residents of the Town of Cambria who are immobile, FROM local hispitals to their place of residence in the town, under medical supervision. NO CHARGES are made for this service offered by the

Cambria Volunteer Fire Company. The support for this unit is from free will donations only.

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE, the vehicle is equipped with items necessary to attend any emergency, including broken bones, severe cuts, poisons, and burns. Also with Oxygen Tanks and other medical supplies.

#### CAMBRIA COMMUNITY HALL



The Cambria Community Hall has been a major asset to the community since its inception. Since its dedication in 1958, tens of thousands of people have entered its doors for a multitude of reasons.

Its facilities has been used for, Dances, Banquets, Wedding Receptions, Political Meetings, Recreational Programs, Picnics, Training Programs, Dog Shows, Card Parties, Anniversary Parties, Boy Scouts, Cub Scout, Girl Scout Programs, Conventions, Art and Fashion Shows, Town Meetings, Weekly and Monthly Organizational meetings and Bingo Occasions every Friday.

With the decline in Firemen's Field Days Events the Bingo Occasion held every Friday Night has been the main source of income for its financial operation.

Since the addition of the fire truck halls and the room for the firemen, the lights burn brightly until late/or early in the morning. Every Thursday Night at 8 p.m. is Siren Test for all fire companies in Niagara County. At this time, many members following the test will take the opportunity to practice driving and operating the equipment.

The Cambria Community Hall is one of the largest assembly halls in Niagara County, it will seat 460 and has ample parking areas surrounding the building. The hall is centered on a plot of 37 acres of open land. that includes three baseball diamonds and recreational areas. It is the ambitions of the fire men to provide a complete, fully equipped, recreational park for the youth of the community, in the coming years.

#### LANDMARKS OF PROGRESS IN 25 YEARS

The following is a list of the major steps of progress of The Cambria Volunteer Fire Company in the past 25 years.

Feb. July Mar.	10,1944 22,1944 1945	Charter recorded in New York State First Field Day on Lower Mountain First Fire Truck put in service
Mar.	8,1945	First major fire alarm - Jefford s
Feb.	18, 1946	Land purchased for Community Hall
July	1948	Dodge Fire Truck purchased
July	1949	International Fire Truck purchased
July	1957	Started Community Hall construction
May	1958	Community Hall completed
April	1962	Property accquired for Fire Hall #2
Sept.	1962	Ford Fire Truck purchased
Feb.	1964	Mortgage Burning Ceremony.
April	1964	Began Home Monitor Radio Alarms
Aug.	1965	Began addition to Community Hall
Oct.	1968	Ward LaFrance Fire Truck purchased
Oct.	1968	Began Emergency Vehicle Service
Feb.	10, 1969	25th Anniversary
May	17,1969	25th Ann. Celebration at Hall

#### 25th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Chairmen, Emmett Raskopf and Joan Greig. Co-chairmen, Joseph Steblein and Janelle Raskopf. Members

Mervin Brick	Jesse Brick
Charles Brandt	Nancy Gombert
William Lewis	Sharon Zastrow
John Parker	Karen Martin
Donald Mains	Theresa Freiert
Elmer Schuler	Mary Vogt
Douglas Taylor	

Ex-Officio Officers, David Schendel and Ruth Schuler.

#### A TRIBUTE TO OUR LADIES AUXILIARY

Ever mindful of our wants, in our hour of labor -

Always ready with a financial hand -

Assisting in all of our endeavors -

OUR LADIES AUXILIARY -

Until death doth us part. amen

The following list of names are the CHARTER MEMBERS of the Ladies: Auxiliary of the Cambria Volunteer Fire Company.

Mrs. Vernly Antoncich

Mrs. Evelyn Averell

Mrs. Kathleen Baker

Mrs. Janice Blackman

Mrs. Mae Blackman

Mrs. Evelyn Brick

Mrs. Jessie Brick

Mrs. Mabel Davis

Mrs. Elva Eldredge

Mrs. Clara Fiedler

Mrs. Laura Freatman

Mrs. Alice Hall

Mrs. Pearl Raskopf Krueger

Mrs. Winona Manning

Mrs. Eretta Mayer

Mrs. Eileen McCabe

Mrs. Catherine Meahl

Mrs. Irene Neary

Mrs. Sadie Parker

Mrs. Gertrude Peterson

Mrs. Donna Robinson

Mrs. Manice Rogers

Mrs. Rose Scherer Werth

Mrs. Edna Thrall

#### BIRTH OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY

#### by Jessie Brick

On March 27, 1944 Eighteen women met in the Cambria Town Hall and formed the Ladies: Auxiliary of the new Cambria Volunteer Fire Company. The purpose of this organization was to help, aid and assist the men of the fire department, to mutually further the intellectual social, and moral improvements of its members and to labor zealously for the harmounious development of the community spirit.

The first officers of the auxiliary that were elected to office were:

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Trustees

Sadie Parker Jessie Brick Catherine Meahl Edna Thrall

Rose Scherer

Pearl Raskopf Elva Eldredge Evelyn Brick

Guard

Our first money making projects were fish fries, card parties, auctions, and bingo parties. Mrs. Camann of Bergholtz showed us the secret of making the famous chicken chowder for our first field day on July 22, 1944 Our profit for that event was \$436.91. Our money went for such items as chairs, window shades and the siren for the new fire hall the men had built. We also had assisted the men in purchasing their new marching uniforms. When ever the men needed financial assistance, we were always ready with a generous donation.

During our first year, we organized a canteen committee to serve coffee and food to the men when they had a lengthy fire alarm.

Everyone enjoyed working at our first field day, the rough ground, darkness caused by a power failure and the rains did not dampen our spirits. The ladies even decorated a float for the occasion.

In October the ladies chose a Auxiliary Pin which they proudly wore for all occasions.

#### LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS



ROSE SCHERER 1944-1945



CLARA FIEDLER 1946



MYRTLE NIVER 1947



MANICE ROGERS 1948-49-50



JESSIE BRICK 1951-52-53



HELEN FRENCH 1954

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY

#### by Jessie Brick

As our Auxiliary grew, it became even more active. Formany years we assumed the complete financial obligation of the Cambria Golden Eagle Drum and Bugle Corps, paying for instruments, uniforms, and instructor fees. We were very proud of our achievements.

For several years many of our members constituted a marching unit. At first we were garbed in our white uniforms, later we added a cape and hat. Still later we had brown whip-cord skirts and gold blouses made. On serveral occasions we walked away with the first prize for best appearing.

Way back in 1947 we sold bottles of air fresh and vanilla, which earned us the two coffee urns which we are still using today.

Our donations helped the firemen to purchase the plot of ground on Townline Road. While men constructed the Community Hall on this property, we served them many meals. When the building was completed in 1958, we completely furnished our kitchen, a dream come true.

After many years of borrowing chowder kettles, we finally had four kettles of our own cast at Dussault Foundry. In 1956 we graduated to gas burners, in place of wood and charcoal which we used to cook chowder for many years.

Our days have been busy ones. We have catered many Weddings, Anniversary Parties, Auxiliary Police Dinners, Slow-Poke Banquets, Hunt Club Picnics, Easter, Halloween and Christmas Parties for the children in our community, New Years Eve Parties Firemens Ball, Card Parties, Fashion Shows and Chowder Sales. Last but not least, we serve refreshments every Friday night at our Bingo Games.

We as Auxiliary members, feel greatly rewarded for our efforts through the years, by the harmonious community spirit which has developed.

#### LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS



MARION FREER 1955-1956



JANELLE RASKOPF 1957-1958



MAY (SPENCER) WERTH 1959



VERNETTE GENTER 1960-1961

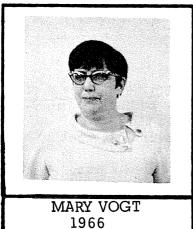


TWEETY SMITH 1962-1963



NANCY GOMBERT 1964-65-67-68

#### LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS





1969

1966

# ANNUAL EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

The Cambria Volunteer Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary sponsor three annual events for the youngsters of our community. Record attendances at these events prove that the children look forward to these occasions.

On Saturday, before Easter they sponsor a EASTER EGG H UNT. Hundreds of eggs are hidden in and about the hall for the Tots to find. Prizes are awarded for certain colors of eggs. Prizes are by age groups and the very young are given the edge on winning.

Halloween Night hundreds of children gather at the community hall for a party of cider and doughnuts and dancing. The early part of the evening is for the smaller children, when prizes are given for many different costumes. The later session is a record hop for the teenagers.

Just before Christmas, a gala party is held with the arrival of Santa on a Fire Engine with gifts of candy and goodies for all. There is cake and ice cream, soda pop and milk consumed in untold quanities. It is the one unforgetable day in the hearts of the youngsters. (and adults too)

#### LADIES: AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP LIST

The following is a list of the Active members of the Cambria Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary. The regular monthly meeting is held on the Third Monday of the month at the Cambria Community Hall meeting room.

Donna Antoncich Marie Austin Tanice Blackman Tesse Brick Patricia Coleman Roberta Coleman Helen Freatman Theresa Freiert Ruby Furnace Vernette Genter Mary Golanka Maureen Gombert Nancy Gombert Toan Greig Genevieve Gross Doris Jowdy Julia Mains Karen Martin

Ethel Pless Collen Quast Tanelle Rsskopf Lena Reibert Manice Rogers Ruth Schuler Tweety Smith Sally Stamp Fran Stauff Donna Taylor Dorothy Urtel Rosemary Urtel Mary Vogt May Werth Luella Willis Constance Wollaber Peggy Wollaber Sharon Zastrow

The Social members of the Ladies Auxiliary are:

Mae Blackman
Edna Boone
Mary Burcyk
Beatrice Ehrensberger
Helen Fitzsimmons
Laura Freatman
Marion Freer
Mary Ellis

Ruth Fuller
Ruby Greig
Adelia Hendricks
Katherine Meahl
Marion Roberts
Marion Staine
Shirley Zastrow



The following pages are reports of some of the activities of the groups meeting at the Cambria Community Hall. Artwork on this frontpiece -by Douglas Brick.

#### COMMUNITY SUPPORTING PROGRAM

The Cambria Volunteer Fire Company offers the use of its hall to local organizations for meeting purposes without charge and a very nominal fees for fund raising. Throughout the years the following groups and organizations have availed themselves to this offer.

Boy Scouts of America Cub Scouts of America Girl Scouts of America 4H North Ridge Rockets 4H Cambria Satellites St. Peter Evang. Lutheran Church Immaculate Conception Church Republicam Committee Democratic Committee Niagara County Home Extension Niagara County Milk Producers Niagara County Grape Growers Coop Niagara County Fire Chief's Association Niagara County Volunteer Firemen's Association Niagara County Firemen's Bingo Association Niagara County Civil Defense Niagara County (local) ASC Cambria Town Board Cambria Town Tax Collector New York State Fire Training Program Various local Farm Organizations

On the following pages we have endeavered to show only a few of the activities that these variuos organizations use these facilities for in the course of a year.

There is rarely a day that goes by that, some group, large of small, that does not meet at the hall.

#### CAMBRIA BOWLING TEAM

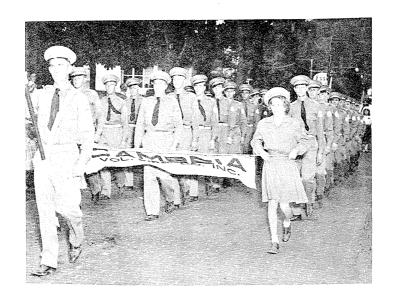
Cambria's first bowling team was organized in 1945. Harold Gotts was appointed Captain and the other members were: Glenn Brick, Tony Antoncich, Cliff Eldredge Charlie Brandt, Mervin Gifford, Arthur Gifford, and Arthur Meahl.



The above photo is our team after 24 years of active league bowling - front - Chuck Drews, Cliff Eldredge Charlie Brandt, Tom Hendricks rear - Al Fiedler, Robert Zastrow, A. Smiley. Joe Steblein also a member was not available at photo time.

Each year for the past 10 years, Cambria has entered a team in the New York State Volunteer Firemen's League. Twice in those years Our team brought home trophies which are on display in the Cambria Community Hall showcases.

#### GOLDEN EAGLES MEMORIES

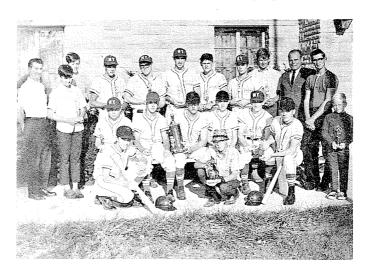


In the fall of 1947 the Boy Scouts Troop, sponsored by The Cambria Volunteer Fire Company, formed a drum and bugle corps. The following year the corps was transfered to the fire company and became known as Cambria "Golden Eagles" Drum and Bugle Corps. Many of the Boy Scouts remained in the unit and supplied the neuculus from which the drum corps was built. The corps grew in size and in fame, affording an activity open to both boys and girls in the area.

The corps developed over the first five years and from 1952 until 1961 it was one of the best Junior Corps in the county. It participated in field days and parades along with the fire company marching unit. They won many Awards, Prizes and Trophies, some of which are still on display at the Cambria Community Hall.

The gradual reduction in the number of field days and parades then caused the unit to disband, an unfortunate loss to the community.

# TOWN OF CAMBRIA RECREATION PROGRAM



The Cambria Volunteer Fire Company rents its entire public areas of the Cambria Community Hall to the Town of Cambria Recreational Program for a very nominal fee of Two Hundred Dollars. The fire company furnishes all permanent fixtures such as ball diamonds and backstops care of the grounds, utilities and hall equipment.

The Town Recreation program begins in July and runs to mid-August. There is daily programs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Three Playground Leaders assist Mr. Hockaday in conducting the program. The program is supported by the New York State Youth Commission and the Cambria Recreation Committee, with Mr. Phil Healy as chairman.

The program includes large and small group games and active games such as softball, baseball, archery horseshoes, jarts, volleyball and badminton. Art classes are held daily in the Community Hall and are taught by professional instructors.

Twice a week the children are taken to a local bathing beach for swimming and instruction. Last year the average attendance in this program was 55 children.

The daily average attendance for the program was 52 with a total season attendance of 1560.

The baseball program is a Junior League of boys 13 to 15 years old. The Cambria Team won the Championship for two straight years, 1967 & 1968, Their trophy is on display at the Cambria Community Hall and we proudly present the 1968 team in the above photo.

Troop 8, Boy Scouts of America, was formed in Cambria in 1948, but was disbanded in 1954. In 1969 under the leadership of Tex Buck and sponsored by the Cambria Volunteer Fire Companythe troop was reformed with about twenty-five boys.

To-day Troop 8 has 41 boys and 9 adults registered The boys meet every Tuesday night from 7 to 9 p/m. at the Cambria Community Hall, John Fisher, Scoutmaster.

At weekly meetings the boys learn scout skills such as map and compass, knots, first aid, signaling and stars When weather permits the meetings are held outdoors, where the boys learn fire building, cooking, tracking, trees and schrubs, edible plants, and knife and axe. They also play games inside and out. These weekly activities prepare the boys for monthly highlight events, which could be a Court of Honor or Family Night, a hike or one day event or a camping experience.

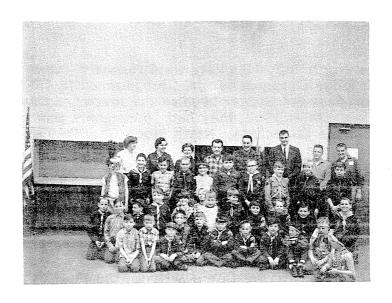
Family Nights are held at least twice a year at the Community Hall. On these nights the boys are recognized for Rank Achievement and Merit Badges.

Hikes and one day events are held by Patrols or the entire Troop. Favored by all are the camping experiences. The Troop has 8 Four Boy tents, a Leaders tent and two-dining flies. In servere weather the troops camp in cabins.

Besides providing the scouts with a meeting place the Fire Company has furnished the troop with necker chiefs. The troop also enjoys a camping area in the woods at the rear of the Community Hall.

Troop 8 is self-supporting. The boys pay dues each week and have projects for fund raising. Community ser vices are preformed upon request and approval of our Executive Committee. Good turn projects for Cambria Volunteer Fire Company are done annually, such as the cleanup of the grounds and the staking of fire hydrants for visual location in the winter snows.

#### PACK 8 CAMBRIA CUB SCOUTS



Cub Pack 8 was originally organized in June of 1948. Cubmaster Harold N. Gregory and his Executive Committee ran the Pack until June 1950. The Pack was discontinued until 1964 when it was reorganized by John Parker and his Executive Committee. The Pack was led by Mr. Parker until March of 1968. Mr. David Bisher became the Cubmaster that year and still holds that position now.

Some of the people that have been active as members of the Executive Committee, Den Mothers and assistants from the begining of the pack are: William Lewis, Bea Lewis, Raymond Smith, George Gombert, Edwin Lute, Gerald Eldredge, Mary Eldredge, Peggy Wollaber, Marie Ackroyd, Grace Scott, Charles Scott, Phyliss Lute Mervin Brick, Robert Hunt, Theresa Freiert, Phyliss Hengel, Pat Coleman, Maryln Kane, and Dorothy Urtel. Last but not least are all the parents who have helped to make this a outstanding organization.

During the past years the Pack has Averaged 30 boys per year. In 1967 a new den, The Weblo's was started In the Weblo's the boys are prepared for Boy Scouting in Troop 8.

All of the dens are active and meet once a week with their Den Mothers and once a month for a Pack Meeting held a the Cambria Community Hall.

#### 4H NORTH RIDGE ROCKETS

#### by Vernette Genter

The North Ridge Rockets were formerly known as the North Ridge Outdoorsmen Jr. Club, formed in 1956.

Mrs. Raynond Genter became the leader of this group in November of 1957, they had 18 members that would meet at the three, local North Ridge Churches or at the homes of the members.

This unit was among the first to use the new Cambria Community Hall. On October 16, 1958 they held a jointly sponsored Achievement Night with the Cambria Go Getters, Cambria Busy Bees and Cambria Ridge Runners.

On April 9, 1959 The North Ridge Rockets Held Their first monthly meeting in the new hall and have met there every month since then.

In appreciation for this privilege, the then 28 members of the Rockets, wanted to do something "Special" for the fire company. By raising funds from the sale of magazines, candy and collecting old newspapers, the sum of \$150.00 was amassed. The Rockets President, Ronny George and Treasurer, Justin Genter presented that sum to the then fire company President, Harry Faery. The funds was used to assist in the pruchase of a heavy duty floor waxer for use in the new Community Hall.

The Rockets did not rest on their "Laurels" but Continued to assist the fire company and auxiliary by helping to serve dinners at Wedding Receptions, prepare the hall for Bingo and the Auxiliary Saturday Night Dances.

In the summer of 1962 the Fire Company presented a Fire Prevention Demonstration before the Rockets that was filmed by Al Fox of Radio Station WBEN. This film was then shown on the WBEN-TV Farm Program.

The North Ridge Rockets is now under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Herby Munch, assisted by Mrs. Robert Freatman, Mrs. Raymond Genter, Mrs. Robert Platt, Mrs. Allan Schultz, Mrs. Joseph Steblein, & Mrs. Russell Urtel.

Many former members of the Rockets have used the Cambria Community Hall for their Wedding Receptions, feeling they "belong here". At this writing, two more of the past members are planning Receptions at the hall.

#### CAMBRIA SATELLITES 4H CLUB

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This group began in 1956 under the name "Cambria Busy-Bees" and in 1962 the name was changed to Cambria Satellites The club meets every fourth Wednesday of the month at the Cambria Community Hall.

The 1969 Officers are: President, Jacquelyn Roberts; Vice President, Gail Galtieri; Secretary, Judith Mains; Treasurer, Carl Meyer; Newsreporter, Frank Galtieri; and Song and Cheer Leader, Pamela Meyer and Debora Yousett.

Each month at the regular business meeting there is project demostration. Except in May there is a Potluck Supper in honor of the Mothers. In the early fall there is a Family Picnic at which time the various awards are made to the members. In December of each year there is a Gala Christmas Party.

The projects are taught in private homes, at the United Church of Christ and at the Cambria Community Hall. Members enter their projects in statewide competitions at the State Fair, Niagara County Fair, Dress Revue and . 4H Club Council.

Sewing projects are taught by, Mrs. Julia Mains, Mrs Louise Roberts, Mrs. Delores Meyer and Miss Jacquelyn Roberts; Pie Time by Miss Kathy Kappelt; Yeast Breads by Mrs. Barbara Hartwig; Crafts by Mrs. Phyliss McCollum, Miss Judith Mains; Woodworking by Mr. Donald Meyer, Mr. Lawrence MCollum; Electricity by Mr. Fenton Roberts; Indoor Gardening by Mrs. Edith McCaa, Miss Pamela Meyer; Ethtomology by Miss Brenda Roberts.

The membership of the group includes 22 families of which 35 are 4H members with 24 being Juniors, under 15 and 11 Seniors up to 20 years old.

#### CAMBRIA HOME DEMONSTRATION UNIT

The Cambria Home Demonstration Unit was founded in 1920. It is armducational organization of homemakers. Through sharing their skills, knowledge and information with their neighbors, they add an asset to the individual, community and nation.

They meet at the Cambria Community Hall on the Third Wednesday of each month and at the homes of many of the members. The unit elects annual officers and leaders

to plan and carry out a homemaking program.

At the present time there is 38 active members in the group with the current officers of;

Chairman Mrs. Edward Burcyk
Vice Chairman Mrs. Donald Meyer
Secretary Mrs. Robert McCollum
Treasurer Mrs. Lawrence McCollum
Program Chairman Mrs. Fenton Roberts

The leaders are selected for special instruction in the arts of Clothing Construction, Management, Nutrition, Home Furnishings, Family Life and Civic Activities.

The Crafts and Arts are a large part of the program, in the past years they have participated in;

Chair Caning Knitting
Basic Sewing Cooking
Advanced Sewing Baking
Lamp Shades Yeast Breads

Copper Tooling Furniture Arrangement
Furniture Refinishing Christmas Decorations

Furniture Refinishing Christmas Decoration
Aluminum Trays Flower Arrangement

And subjects of-

Citizenship, Child Development & Family Relationship.

One of the highlights of the organization was in 1959, when the members compiled their favorite receipes for cooking and baking and published a very successful cookbook.

Members, as a group, plan and take field trips to the various places of local interest.

#### CAMBRIA DAY UNIT OF HOME EXTENSION



The Cambria Day Unit of the Niagara County Cooperative Extension Service was organized in May 1962 Several of the ladies of the community decided that it would be more convenient to meet during the day while their familes were in school or at work and more time could be devoted to projects.

The purpose of this unit is an educational program in home economics for women in this area. The Leaders receive traning and in turn teach the members in projects of Clothing Construction, Drapery, Knitting, Furniture Refinishing, Food Buying and Preparation and various crafts.

The Officers for the term 1968 - 1969 are: Chairman Ruth Platt; Vice Chairman, Nancy Jacobs; Secretary, Donna Faulkner; Treasurer, Grace Scott. At the present time this group has 21 active members.

The Cambria Day Unit meets at noon on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Cambria Community Hall. Any women in the area who are interested are invited to join this lively and active group.

The activities persued are the result of the decision of the members to participate. Extra work groups meet in private homes or at the Cambria Community Hall at their convenience. As a group, several times a year, a Field Trip is taken to local places of interest.

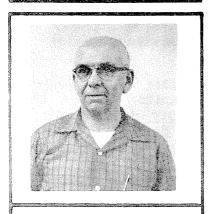
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#### WE MORN OUR LOSS

O Lord, You have called forth from this world the souls of our fellow Fire Fighters. May Your justice and mercy be extended to them in judgment so they may enjoy rest and peace and happiness with You forever.

#### MEN VOLUNTEERS

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Walter Blackman Sr.
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Elton Dersham
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W.J. Hall
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Otto Scherer
Claude Spencer
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Curt Thrall

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Belva Draper
Anna Ertl
Alice Hall
Ella Hardison
Elida Hoover

Winona Manning
Agnes Martinson
Euretta Mayer
Amelia Streeter
Edna Thrall
Rose Scherer Werth
Jennie Gould