DID YOU KNOW that in 1937 there were many clubs organized for students of the Frackville High School? The Athletic Club was supervised by Charles Dunkleberger; the Gym Club was supervised by James Purcell; the band was managed by Chester Timmins; the Civic Club was sponsored by Jane Dingle; the Ethics Club was sponsored by Elvira James; the Etiquette Club was sponsored by Marion Witter; the Hi-Y was supervised by Charles Wagner; the Laboratory Club was directed by Thomas Hale; the Leader’s Club by Robert Hall; a Study Club by Marion Eisenhower; a Traffic Safety Club by Ron Wertz; the Tri-Hi-Y Club was sponsored by Verna Hampton; the Typing Club by Constance Picklinge. Do you remember which club you were a member of when you were in high school?

DID YOU KNOW that Frackville Lodge No. 737, Free and Accepted Order of Masons was organized May 21, 1925 with a total of thirty-five members? Charter officers were: A. Hower Glick, Worshipful Master; Judge Roy P. Hicks, Senior Warden; Raymond H. Hock, Junior Warden; Robert G. Garrett, Treasurer; and Roy J. Morgan, Secretary.

DID YOU KNOW that the tract of land purchased by Daniel Frack in 1852 was once called Girard Place?

DID YOU KNOW that the Broad Mountain Building and Loan Association was organized on August 20, 1887. The officers at this time were George Spencer, president; Henry Snyder, secretary; A. S. Seaman, treasurer; and Charles E. Breckons, attorney. The association received its charter on October 27, 1887.

DID YOU KNOW that the first power company in town was the Electric Light Company? This was chartered on August 25, 1890 and the directors were: D. F. Haupt, president; J. E. McKeon, secretary; Charles C. Wagner, treasurer; and L. C. Anstock, superintendent. The company assumed the title of “The Frackville and Gilberton Light, Heat and Power Company.” On July 14, 1891, the lots on the corner of Railroad Avenue and Arch street were purchased from Daniel Frack, Sr. and a one story frame building 45 feet by 85 feet was erected at a cost of $1,500.

DID YOU KNOW that the Mountain Water Company was incorporated in April 1883? Stockholders were Francis S., Henry, William, John and Samuel R. Haupt.

DID YOU KNOW that the Frackville High School Athletic Stadium was dedicated on September 18, 1936?

DID YOU KNOW that the Reading Company passenger station of Frackville was taken over by the Frackville Knights of Columbus on December 12, 1937 to be used as their headquarters?

DID YOU KNOW that the Junior Councillors was an organization sponsored by the Frackville Women’s Club? This was an organization of Frackville High School girls.

DID YOU KNOW that the Horse Shoe Houses were located at the far end of South Balliet Street? Each house had a horse shoe above the doorway.

DID YOU KNOW that Dr. Donaghue of Mahanoy Plane built Donaghue’s Row at 239 to 249 North Railroad Avenue?

DID YOU KNOW that the Hartman Building at 8 South Balliet street was once Houghton’s Hall?

DID YOU KNOW that the Stephen Girard Railroad was built in 1830, connecting Pottsville with the Mahanoy Valley by way of Frackville, where the rails descended the mountain via the first Mahanoy Plane? The road was considered an engineering masterpiece, overcoming the steepness of Broad Mountain by means of several inclined planes. The road was abandoned in 1838, but portions of the bed are still evident at spots along the southbound lanes of Route 61.

DID YOU KNOW that Frackville had several newspapers? The Item was published from 1888 to 1894 by R. C. Hunt. The Star was started in 1892 by Uriah G. Mengel. The Ledger published from 1898 to 1955; The News from 1955 to 1996; and the Schuylkill Plain Speaker from 1910 to 1914; and the Citizen published in 1958 for a short time.