

BLOSSOMING BROOKVILLE

Good day everyone...it's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania.

I was sitting here at the typewriter a few moments ago wondering where in Pennsylvania I'd enjoy being at the moment--and the town of Brookville immediately came to mind. Why, I don't know--perhaps because I've gone through or around it so often in my travels in Pennsylvania, that it just happens to be a favorite place of mine with no apparent reason. I've been there so often--up Route 322--or more recently along the Keystone Shortway--and I know that it's the gateway to a lot of pleasure in Pennsylvania. Brookville! Good descriptive name, Brookville! It implies a town along a body of water--brook or stream--and that brings to mind, the good fishing in that area of Pennsylvania. And there is none better, my friends! Brookville is the sort of town you'd enjoy on a Saturday night--a center of its area where the farm and woods folk would come in for a hoe-down. It's a good-feeling town like that, this little city in Jefferson County. And when you ride close to it, you sense the excitement of being in fishing and hunting country, and having a town nearby for good supplies and good food. It boasts the best fishing in Pennsylvania, and I can add that with the state parks close-by, especially famed Cocks Forest, it has some of the best scenery in the world. Full rivers, full streame, full woods--it is the hunters and fisherman's paradise. Brookville is a good industrial town too, and the center of a great growing area. It's people

are rugged, hardworking, honest--it has more than 20 organizations within its borders, more than a dozen churches. There are fine schools; and nearby, up and down the roads is higher education. This town of five-thousand good people presents a Laurel Festival in the spring and a Flaming Foliage Festival in the fall that cannot be eclipsed in beauty by any man-made spectacle. You cannot imagine the blossoming of the hills in those seasons or the serenity of the tree-lined streams in summer; the coolness in the hot days, or the thrill of the autumn hunt or the exhilaration of the winter-sports that Brookville provides. It is a little town with so much to offer! A ride on that portion of the Keystone Shortway, with the wooded hills north; coal and industry south; the ribbon of road passing a fine high-school brings a hint of the beauty beyond every curve in this section of Pennsylvania. There is still a whale of a lot of opportunity left in Pennsylvania's small towns--recreation, industry, agrarian pursuits and joy to be had and the area surrounding the town of Brookville, Pennsylvania beckons you for whatever purpose you have in mind.

This is Pete Wambach. It's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania.