

## Interesting Camas Facts

The first light bulb in Camas was one in the paper mill in 1906, twenty-seven years after Edison built the first incandescent lamp in 1879. Electricity came to Camas in 1910.

DMSO (dimethyl sulfoxide), once called a “wonder-drug” and used for a variety of ailments is a byproduct of wood pulp manufacturing and was developed in Camas at the mill.

The Doc Harris Stadium near JDZ school was named after Dr. Arthur Harris in 1970 as a dedication to him for his long standing service to Camas athletics. He gave all athletic physicals free of charge and attended virtually all of the football home games and a large share of the road games for 30 years, tending to injured players on the field. A new stadium in his name was dedicated in September of 2010.

In early Camas, the motels and paper mill would put on three to four dances a year. The evening would start with a local band providing the entertainment. A large supper was usually served at midnight and the dancing would continue until breakfast was served the next day!