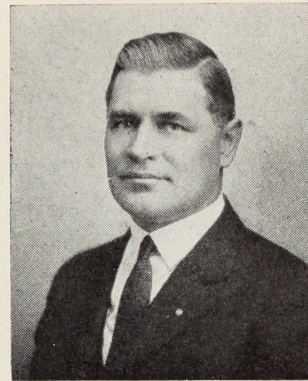


1921—Paul F. Bechtold, Wakarusa, Kansas, salesman; Mae (Hersch) Blough, 1105 Hershey, Muscatine, Iowa; Eugene R. Davis, 420 Wellington St., Waterloo, Iowa; Elsie (Hersch) Davis, 420 Wellington St., Waterloo, Iowa; Russell Dierdorf, Blue Mound, Kansas, pastor; Verda (Herschberger) Gibbel, Gettysburg, Ohio; Galen Lehman, Springfield, Ill., pastor; Lola (Buck) Lizer, Mount Morris, Ill.; Clifford Paul, Lima, Ohio, R. 5, pastor-teacher; O. B. Redenbo, Lyndon, Ill., school supt.; Iva (Wolfe) Riley, Preston, Minn.; Blanche Stauffer, 802 N. Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, Ind., teacher-librarian; Neva (Moust) Summy, Waterloo, Iowa, R. 2; Lutie M. (Sargent) Weaver, Johnstown, Pa., R. 1.

1922—Mabel (Hanning) Anderson, Pres-



WILLIAM E. WEST came to Mount Morris in 1915 to become business manager of Mount Morris College. Mrs. West served as matron for one year. He was the son of Amos E. and Margaret (Brown) West and was born March 28, 1868, at Batavia, Iowa. He attended country schools in Iowa and a teachers' normal school. He taught country schools for 12 years and engaged in farming in Iowa from 1898 to 1915. After his term of six years as business manager of the college he entered the employ of Kable Brothers Company. He was elected to the ministry of the Church of the Brethren in 1898, and while farming in Iowa he served as pastor of the home church at Ankney, Iowa, for 17 years. In recent years he has served as pastor of the churches at Shannon and Cherry Grove. He served on the Village Board of Trustees from 1918 to 1926. Mr. West was married in 1889 to Ida Jane Miller and they had three children: Orville S., Pearl (Mrs. Curtis McCauley) and a daughter that died in infancy.



GEORGE H. WARWICK came to Mount Morris to take charge of the agriculture department of Mount Morris College and after the closing of the college entered the employ of Kable Brothers Company where he has charge of the storeroom. He is the son of Thos. W. Warwick and was born March 18, 1889, at Wolsey, S.Dak. He married Blanche Taylor and they own their home at 201 Emily St.

ton, Minn.; Lela (Revis) Andrist, Crosby, N. Dak.; Fannie (Bucher) Becker, 150 S. Vermont Ave., Glendora, Calif.; Vera (Kessler) Garst, Leaf River, Ill.; Joy G. Lichty, 167 Oak Rd., Stow, Ohio, research chemist; Pearl (West) McCauley, Rocknoke, Ill.; Bessie (Waddelow) Michael, Mount Morris, Ill.; Grace Miller, Lincoln H.S., Manitowoc, Wis., teacher; Galene J. Myers, Cando, N.Dak.; Harry L. Smith, Beaver, Iowa, business; Mabel Stouffer, Mount Morris, Ill., teacher; Bennett T. Stutsman, deceased; Esther (Snaveley) Wickert, 6414 Pollard St., Los Angeles, Calif.; Ira C. Wickert, 6414 Polard St., Los Angeles, Calif., counselor, city schools.

1923—Emery Emmert, Liberty Road, R. 7, Lexington, Ky., Univ. Prof.; Leota (Herschberger) Fahrney, 721 W. 17th St., Cedar Falls, Iowa; Emerson Fike, Rock Falls, Ill., R. 1, farmer; Harold Flory, 702 E. Homer St., Michigan City, Ind.; John S. Flory, Bridgewater, Va.; Paul Gnagey, Orangeville, Ill., school supt.; Ralph Gnagey, Adel, Iowa, business; Vernon Hohnadel, Gratiot, Wis., business; Lloyd F. Hoover, 6409 Sangamon St., Chicago, Ill.; C. G. Kulkarni; Edna (Grove) Lichty, 167 Oak R., Stow, Ohio; Ella (Eikenberry) Lucas, Greene, Iowa; Makanji Patel, 427 Welch Ave., Ames, Iowa; Edna (Wolf) Shively, 2110 W. Jackson, Muncie, Ind.; Mabel (Brubaker) Stover, LaVerne, Calif.; Orpha (Frantz) Stutsman, Foosland, Ill., teacher; Ruth Ulrey, 3435 W. Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill.; Jane Wingard, Mount Morris, Ill., teacher.

1924—Miriam (Stover) Beery, San Dimas, Calif.; LeRoy Emmert, Townsend, Mont., principal; Irene (Creel) Emmert, Townsend, Mont.; Lee Farringer, 1119 N. 10th St., Phoenix, Ariz., teacher; Anna Hamer, 608 Iowa St., Storm Lake, Iowa,



COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM OF 1897: (1) Edward Thomas, (2) Thomas Newcomer, (3) David Newcomer, (4) Howard Rinehart, (5) O. T. Sadler, (6) Chas. Rinehart, (7) John Carrick, (8) Dudley McCosh, (9) Jesse Carpenter, (10) Earl Clevidence, (11) Fred Crosby, (12) Verne Roland, (13) Roy Sweeley, (14) Melvin Householder.



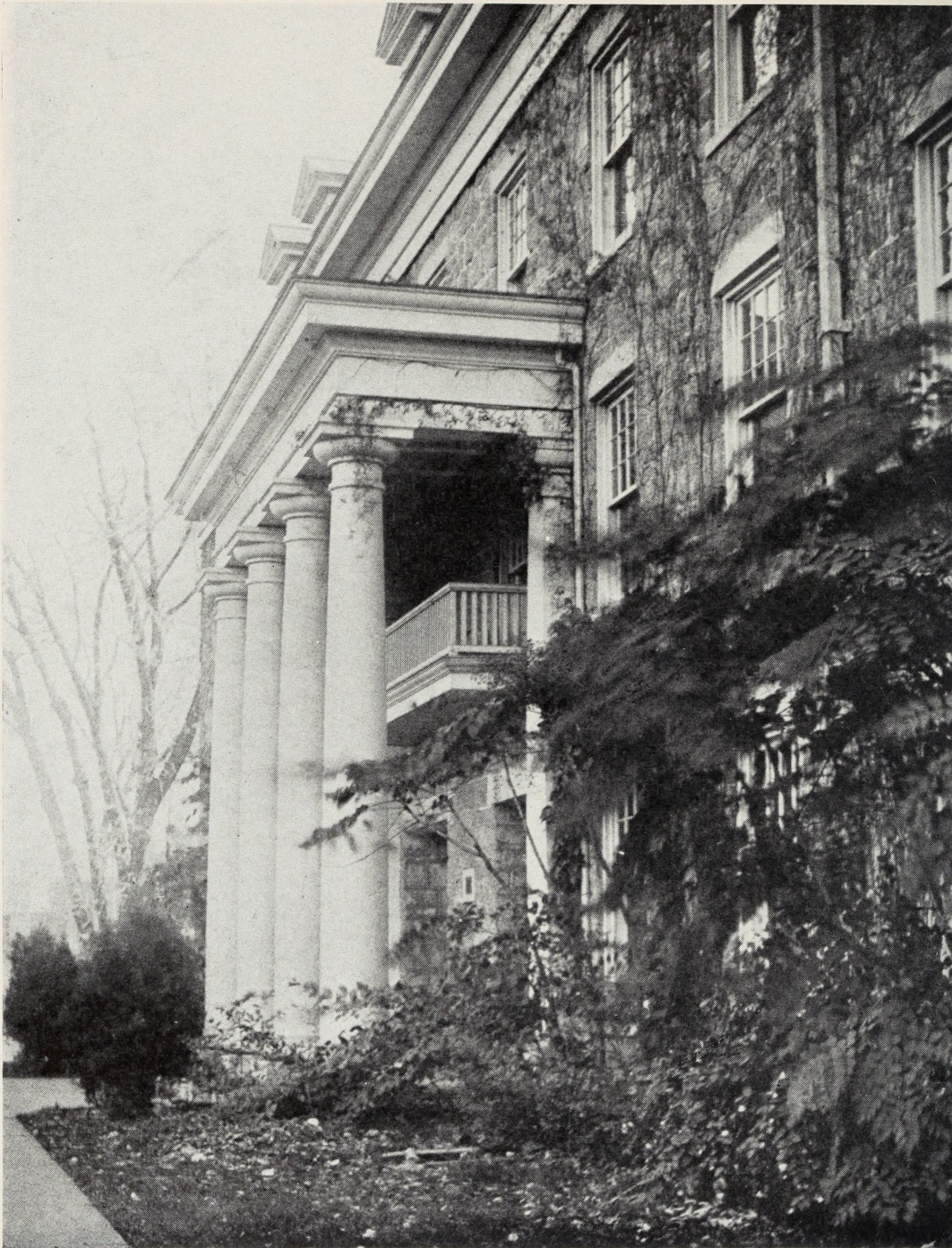
UNDEFEATED MOUNT MORRIS COLLEGE BASEBALL TEAM OF 1910: Top row, left to right, Prof. I. R. Hendrickson (manager), Chas. Holsinger, Roy Baker, Julius Lehman, Dan Miller; middle row, Max Sharer, Mac McCosh, Bert Baker; front row, Wentworth Sharer, Clifford Miller.

college instructor; Esther (Culler) Hazard, Mount Morris, Ill.; Clarence Heckman, Garkida, Nigeria via Jos, West Africa, missionary; Lucille (Gibson) Heckman, Garkida, Nigeria via Jos, West Africa, missionary; Josephine (Waddelow) Heskett, Odessa, Nebr., teacher; Harold A. Hoff, Mount Morris, Ill., high school supt.; Darwin James McCann, Jones, Okla.; Clair E. Miller, 744 Elm St., Webster City, Iowa, school principal; Margaret (Hersch) Miller, 744 Elm St., Webster City, Iowa; Mildred Miller, 1922 1st Ave. E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, librarian; Raymond Pollock, Adel, Iowa, farmer; Galen Russell, Chapqua, New York, minister; George Saylor, 417 S. Lincoln Ave., Eagle Grove, Iowa; Harry Storey, 601 So. Second St., Fairfield, Iowa; Gayle Wickert, deceased.

1925—Edwin Coffman, 413 B. Ave. East, Albia, Iowa, teacher; Elsie Finckh, Gear, W. Virginia, teacher; Ralph Flory, Naperville, Ill.; Burton Forney, 267 Olive St., Claremont, Calif., teacher; Edith (Bentall) Gnagey, Adel, Iowa; George Grove, South English, Iowa, farmer; Melvin Hill, Leland, Ill.; Mabel (Price) Hoff, Mount Morris, Ill.; Ralph Landes, 324 Washington Blvd., Oak Park, Ill.; Fred Miller, Polo, Ill., farmer; Wilbur Ogden, Hillsdale, Ill., school principal; Vera O'Hara,

508 S. 5th St., Effingham, Ill., teacher; D. L. Royer, Adel, Iowa, farmer; Harold Royer, Lassa, via Maiduguri, Nigeria, W. Africa, missionary; Merlin Royer, Dallas Center, Iowa, farmer; Cramer Thomas, Yorkville, Ill., school supt.; Theodore Wiersema, Pontiac, Mich., teacher; Mildred (Zoller) Wiersema, Pontiac, Mich.

1926—Mary Alice (Price) Bechtold, Mount Morris, Ill.; Mary (Swank) Boyd, 28 Magnolia Ave., Sebring, Fla.; Elgin Bucher, Freeport, Ill.; Grace (Pollock) Bucher, deceased; Rankin Creel, 115 N. Roosevelt, Cherokee, Iowa; John B. Fitz, W. Salem, Wis., minister; Robert Fridley, Mount Morris, Ill., farmer; Lelo Gnagey, Chadwick, Ill., school supt.; Horace Hedgecock, Mount Morris, Ill., printer; Russell Hopwood, 328 Bellah Ave., Lindsay, Calif.; Paul Miller, Chehalis, Wash., R. 3; Glen Montz, Emmett, Idaho, pastor; Hugh Moss, Bismarck, Ill., Box 132, teacher; Lester Ogden, Fairdale, Ill., school principal; Earl Saylor, 3626 Richmond Blvd., Oakland, Calif., printer; James Stover, Wenatchee, Wash., business; Paul B. Studebaker, Modesta, Calif., pastor; Stella (Starr) Swank, Brighton, Fla.; Lois (Lichty) Thomas, Yorkville, Ill.; Darrel Toms, Mount Morris, Ill.; Pauline (Fike) Werner, Milledgeville,



CHARMING view of the north entrance of "Old Sandstone." This building was erected in 1853, was remodeled in 1895 and was gutted by fire on Jan. 15, 1912. It was rebuilt immediately and greatly improved from an architectural standpoint. Then again the building was partially destroyed in the disastrous fire of April 12, 1931, but was restored without a great deal of expense.

Ill.; Walter Zimmerman, McCracken, Kansas, care R. E. Nubel.

1927—Otto Baldwin, Edgewood, Ill., teacher; Clarence Denekas, Kings, Ill., minister; Earl M. Edwards, 123 S. Mason Ave., Amboy, Ill., pastor; Helen (Hoak) Eikenberry, 511 5th Ave., Sterling, Ill.; John Glawe, Yorkville, Ill., teacher; Irene (Royer) Glawe, Yorkville, Ill.; Ruth Glessner, Camington, N.Dak., nurse; Eldo R. Henricks, Mount Morris, Ill., teacher; Hazel Messer, Dahanu Rd., Thana Dist., India, missionary; Blanche (Snell) Miller, Polo, Ill.; Wayne Pagles, Rockford, Ill.; Silvia (Miller) Reed, deceased; Gladys (Hawbaker) Royer, Lassa, via Maiduguri, Nigeria, West Africa.

1927—Bertha Sanford, Ashton, Ill.; Ralph Sanford, Ashton, Ill., farmer; Cecil Sell, Parnell, Mo., pastor-teacher; Ethel (Wingard) Taylor, Glasgow, Mont.

1928—Harold Bower, Hartsburg, Ill., teacher; Anna May Gans, Kline, W.Va., missionary-teacher; Merle Hawbecker, Mount Morris, Ill., teacher; Ruth (Butler) Hayes, Kings, Ill.; Clarence R. Hodge, Lake Geneva, Wis., school supt.; Rubye (Mitchell) McCauley, Freeport, Ill., R. 1; Merlyn Miller, No. English Iowa; Milo Mook, 127 S. Mercer St., New Wilmington, Pa., pastor; Faye Racop, Lawrenceville, Ill., farmer; Marie (Royer) Racop, Lawrenceville, Ill.; Percy Paul Ralston, Sheldon, Iowa, farmer; Ray Schechter, 7722 Cornell Ave., Chicago, Ill., business; Maude Sharp, Fredericksburg, Iowa, teacher; Grover Stroh, Davis, Ill.; Edward Thomas, Oregon, Ill., farmer;

Florine (Redenbo) Thomas, Oregon, Ill.; Theodore Thomas, Oregon, Ill., farmer; Eva Trostle, deceased; Theodore Watne, Shabbona, Ill., school supt.; Russell Weller, Keystone, Ind., teacher-paster; Florine Wickert, 1918 S. 5th St., Springfield, Ill., business; Mary Willis, Linden, Wis., writer; Martha (Hamer) Wingerd, Elkhart, Iowa; Paul Wingerd, Elkhart, Iowa, pastor; Lydia Wirt, Lewiston, Minn., teacher; Mabelle Woessner, Shannon, Ill.; Richard Woy, Cordova, Ill., teacher.

1929—Ellsworth Coffman, So. English, Iowa; Lois (Royer) Colwell, Fontanelle, Iowa; Gladys Heckman, Mt. Olive, Ill., teacher; Mildred (Starr) Harner, 3515 Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill.; Clara (Lehman) Long, Mount Morris, Ill.; Helen G. Miller, Waterloo, Iowa, R. 2; Tressie Myers, Kinross, Iowa; Erma (Kerr) Petry, Rock Lake, N.Dak.; Wendell W. Rolston, Hampshire, Ill., farmer; Mary Saylor, Elgin, Ill., nurse; Anna (Ralston) Schechter, 7722 Cornell Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Stacy Shenton, 1548 Lyon St., Des Moines, Iowa, pastor; D. C. Snider, Franklin Grove, Ill., business; Emerson Stitzel, Dakota, Ill., teacher; Ivy (McNutt) Vought, 11 S. Austin Blvd., Chicago, Ill.; Lyle Wheeler, Claremont Hotel, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

1930—Noble A. Bolinger, Rock Island, Ill., pastor; Bertha A. (Snell) Bucher, Bradford, Ill.; Ralph G. Bucher, Bradford, Ill.; D. L. Butler, Eldora Iowa, R. 2, farmer; M. H. Diehl, Mount Morris, Ill., business; Jesse George Fridley, Mount Morris, Ill., farmer; Ralph

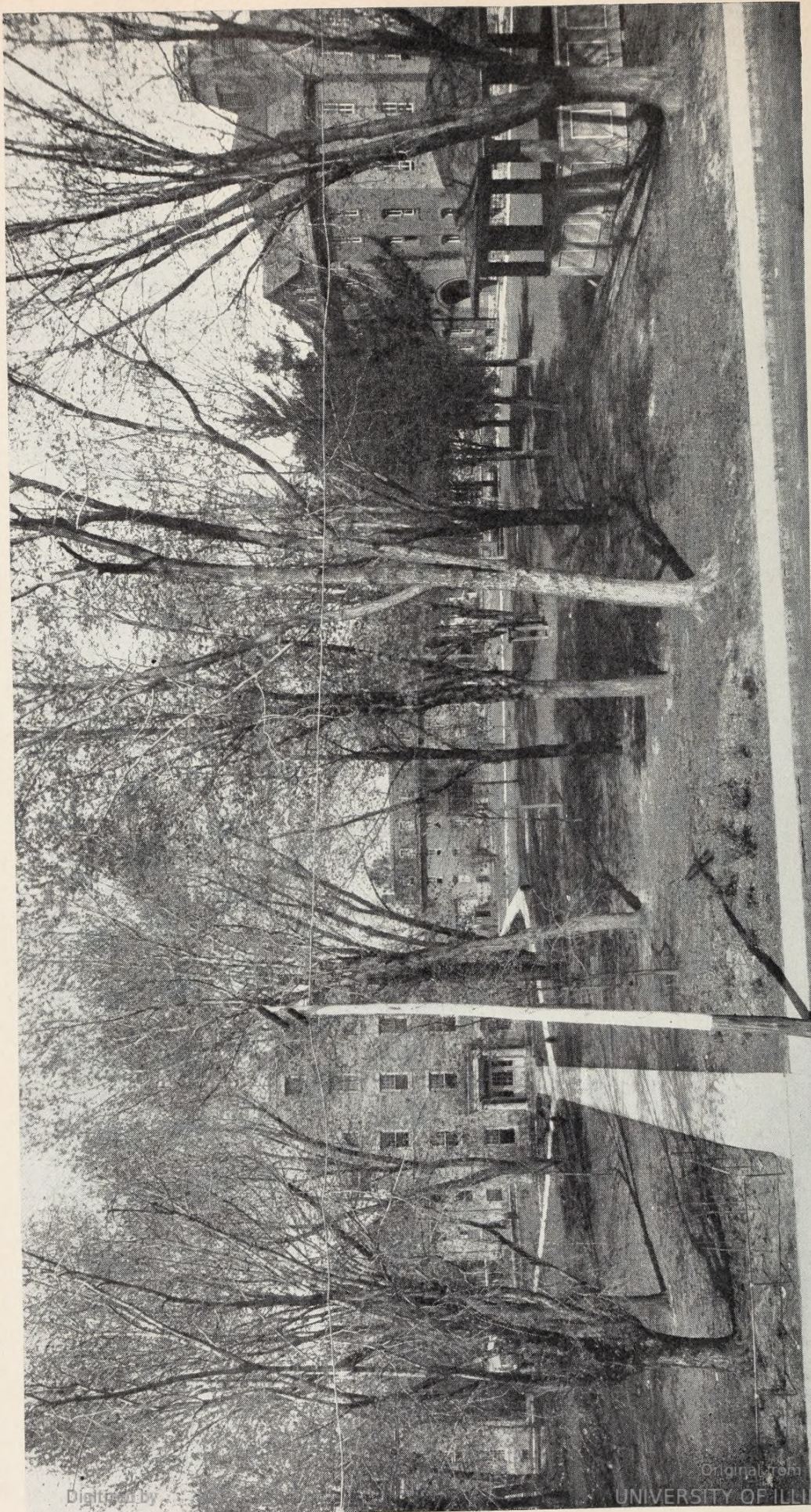


BASKET BALL TEAM of Mount Morris College, season of 1911-12. Left to right, sitting, Emmert Wolf, Raymond Stouffer, Everett Wilson; standing, Robert Mohler (manager), Harvey Swartz, Murray Welty, Ralph Mahoy, Ray Baker (coach).

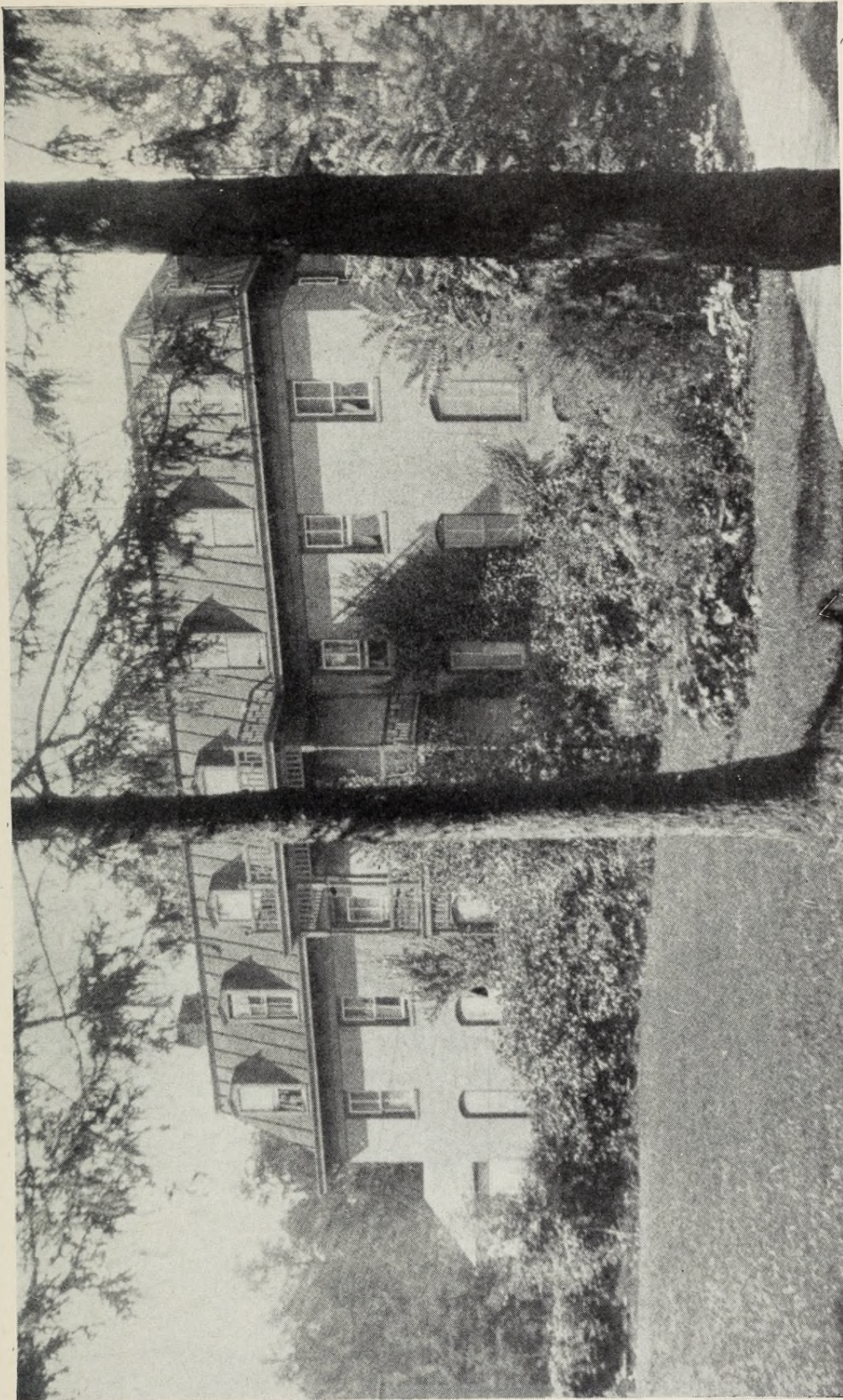
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A GENERAL VIEW of the campus of Mount Morris College a few years before the great fire of 1912. There are five buildings in this picture, but only small portions of the gymnasium and boys' dormitory can be seen at the extreme left.



THIS BUILDING, known as "Ladies' Hall," was erected in 1893 at a cost of about \$10,000.00. It was completely destroyed by fire on April 12, 1931.



FACULTY OF MOUNT MORRIS COLLEGE about the year 1886. Front row, left to right, Galen B. Royer, S. Z. Sharp, J. G. Royer, E. A. Orr and E. S. Young; second row, Prof. J. B. Middleton, F. W. Hanawalt, Prof. J. C. Hanschett and James Neff.

Friesner, Houston, Tex.; J. Peter Graham, 46 School Sqdn., Randolph Field, Texas, U.S. Army Air Corps; Verne Guldin, Orangeville, Ill., farmer; James L. Hay, Oregon, Ill., farmer; Nellie Mae (Avey) Johnson, Wakefield, Mich.; Jefferson Mathis, Norborne, Mo., pastor; Melissa McMulin, Albia, Iowa, R. 4, teacher; Ruth Messer, 6039 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Lester Nunn, Mount Morris, Ill.; Ralph R. Petry, Rock Lake, N.Dak., pastor; Gerald S. Powers, Mount Morris, Ill.; Glorynne (Hill) Root, Mount Morris, Ill.; Francis Shenefelt, Polo, Ill., farmer; Pauline (Stutsman) Stitzel, Dakota, Ill.

1931—A. Lynn Brower, So. English, Iowa; Albert C. Greve, Astoria, Ill.; Ethel (Sanford) Hardesty, Ashton, Ill.; John I. Masterson, Forreston, Ill., school principal; Helen I. Miller, 1216 W. Bethune, Detroit, Mich., business; Mary O'Hara, Iowa City, Iowa, care State University, nurse; Nelson Rittenhouse, Mount Morris, Ill., business; W. C. Sell, 300 Northern Ave., W. Kettning, Pa., evangelist; Harold Wilson, Mount Morris, Ill.; Marie Thompson, 215 Madison Ave., Dixon, Ill., teacher.

1932—Ruth Bowers, 4110 Midway Ave., Dayton, Ohio; Alice (Emmert) Brown, Annapolis, Md.; Mark Burner, Preston, Minn., R. 2, pastor; Ruby (Thompson) Burner, Preston, Minn., R. 2, teacher; Doris Butterbaugh, Lanark, Ill.; Mildred (Bruce) Capps, Forreston, Ill.; Nina (Coffman) Pfouts, Franklin Grove, Ill., teacher; Raymond Cram, 717 W. Pleasant Ave., Freeport, Ill., salesman; Ferne Duffey, Cando, N.Dak., teacher; Samuel Garber, Leon, Iowa, farmer; Glaydon Miller, Mount Morris, Ill.; Margaret (Long) Mitchell, Mount Morris, Ill.; Pauline (Trostle) Montz, 2427 3rd St., LaVerne, Calif.; Willard Powers, Mount Morris, Ill., business; Virginia (Hagaman) Rittenhouse, Mount Morris, Ill.; Merlin Root, Mount Morris, Ill.; Edwin J. Schrock, 805 Hammond Ave., Waterloo, Iowa, business; Roy T. Steinhagen, Leaf River, Ill., farmer; Clell Tarrence, Leon, Iowa, farmer; John O. Thomas, Oregon, Ill.; Paul J. Shenefelt, Polo, Ill.; Josephine (Glavincheff) Nash, Chicago, Ill.; Crawford Mendenhall, Mount Morris, Ill., business; Gertrude (Zuck) Diehl, Mount Morris, Ill.

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PROFESSORS OF MOUNT MORRIS COLLEGE

AN alphabetical list of members of the faculty of Mount Morris College during the last 30 years of the school's existence shows an astonishing number of names of professors who as a general rule stayed only for short periods. Perhaps this is explained by the fact that the College was not financially able to pay fancy salaries and these teachers stayed only until more lucrative positions were available elsewhere.

D. FRANK ADAMS, B.S., Professor of Agriculture, 1920.

NOAH H. ALLAMAN, Arithmetic, 1909.

MARY E. ARMOUR, B.S., Instructor in Voice and Physical Education for Girls, 1928.

ETTA ARNOLD, Preceptress, 1914-1915.

PAUL BECHTOLD, Assistant Instructor in History, 1918.

GENEVIEVE BERGSTRESSER, B.S., A.M., Professor of History, 1917.

W. O. BECKNER, A.M., B.D., Dean of the College and Professor of Bible, 1924-25.

LEON F. BEERY, Voice, Piano and Theory, 1913-15.

BARTON G. D. BISHOPP, B.S., Agricultural Sciences and Chemistry, 1904.

MARION F. BLISS, B.O., Expression and English, 1914-15.

H. WALTER BLOUGH, Physical Director, 1909-10.

NOBLE A. BOLINGER, B.A., Instructor in Printing, 1928-29.

HUGH BONAR, A.B., Bookkeeping, 1918.

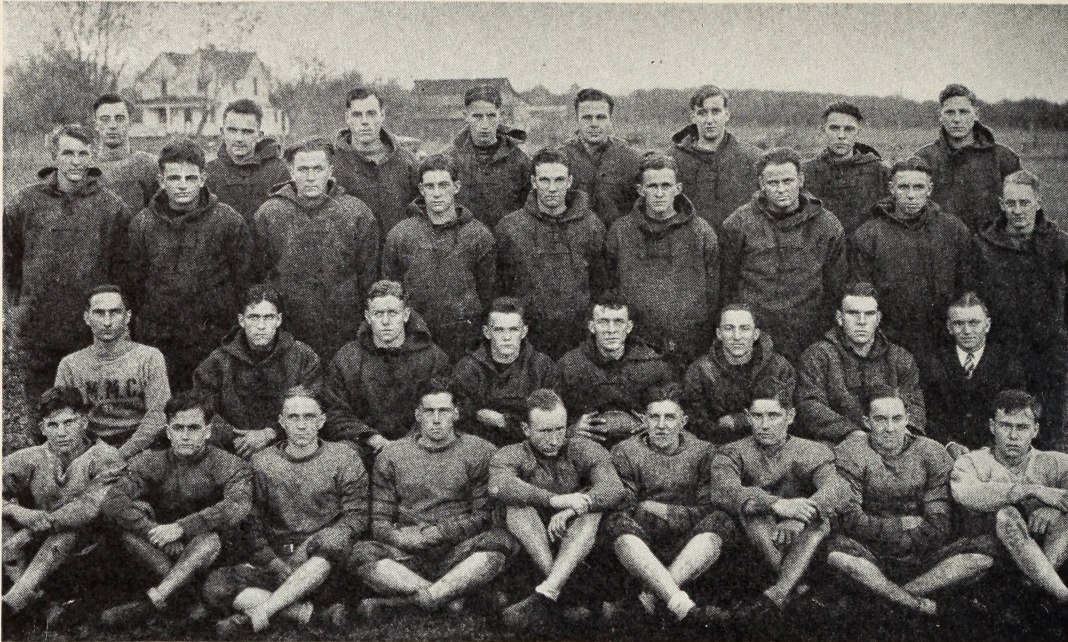
LORRAINE BROWN THOMAS, A.B., B.Mus., Piano, 1922-32.

ORA GEORGE BRUBAKER, Physiology, 1907-1908.

A. J. BRUMBAUGH, A.B., Mount Morris College, 1914; A.M., University of Chicago, 1918; President Mount Morris College, 1921-25.



GREEK CLASS at Mount Morris College in 1889: Back row, E. J. Zern, Reuben Cart, Tobias Diekhoff, I. N. Brubaker, Lydia Hanawalt; Middle row, J. E. Miller, T. T. Myers, Prof. E. J. Shaw, N. R. Baker, O. Perry Hoover; Front row, J. Z. Gilbert, W. B. Stover. Of this group, Zern, Diekhoff, Brubaker, Hanawalt, Myers, Shaw, Hoover and Stover are dead. Myers and Hoover both died while members of the faculty of Juniata College. Baker has just retired from school work after 50 years of service. He was a leader in education in Alabama. Gilbert has been teaching science for years at Los Angeles and has made a great record in discovering and studying prehistoric remains in California. Diekhoff was on the German faculty of Michigan University from 1893 until his recent death. He was slated to become head of the German department at the time of his death.



FOOTBALL SQUAD, 1928: Front row, Charles Hunt, Ralph Bucher, Roger Niman, Everett Johnson, Clyde Coffman, Carl Terpening, Ralph Petry, Harold Jepson, Everett Wright; second row, Clarence Van Antwerp, (coach), Lawrence Ralston, D. N. Crickette, Warren Shook, Wendell Ralston, Albert Greve, Ralph Friesner, Ellsworth Coffman; third row, Henry Brammon, Paul Shenefelt, Milton Guyer, Harry Messenger, Glenn Moore, Gerald Powers, Francis Shenefelt, Jay Daughenbaugh, Orlo Auman; back row, Verne Guldin, Nelson Rittenhouse, James Hay, Walter Frady, Roy Brady, Stacey Anderson, Paul Greene, Glaydon Miller.

L. H. BRUMBAUGH, A.B., Mount Morris College, 1917; A.M., University of Chicago, 1919; B.D., Yale University, 1920. Professor of Bible, 1919.

RUTH S. BRUMBAUGH, A.B., Professor of Expression and English, 1915-17.

ANDREW BUTTERBAUGH, Instructor in Manual Training, 1918.

W. ARTHUR CABLE, A.B., Ph.B., Professor of Public Speaking, 1921-22.

CHARLOTTE CIPRIANI, Docteur de l'Universite de Paris (Lettres), Professor of Modern Languages, 1920-22.

ROBERT C. CLARK, A.B., B.S., Dean of the Department of Agriculture, 1919-22.

A. R. COFFMAN, M.A., M.Th., Professor of Bible, 1926-32.

IRENE CREEL, Instructor in Sub-freshman Ancient History, 1923.

DAVID D. CULLER, Ph.B., DePauw University, 1896; A.M., University of Michigan, 1902; Ph.D., Denver University, 1904. English, 1904-15.

MRS. MINA CULLER, Dean of Women, 1918-1931.

MARY CULLEY, Shorthand and typing, 1914.

C. ERNEST DAVIS, B.S.L., M.A., President of Mount Morris College, 1929-31.

L. M. DeARVIL, Instructor in Band and Orchestral Instruments, 1923-24.

MARGARET ANN DeVOL, B.S., Instructor in Home Economics, 1929-30.

JOHN L. DICKSON, A.M., B.D., Pastor of Mount Morris M.E. Church, and professor of Philosophy, 1924.

ROY DILLING, Professor of Voice, 1920-21.

JOHN L. DONALDSON, Ph.D., Professor of History and Political Science, 1915.

CHARLOTTE EASTON, A.M., Professor of Biology, 1918-1919.

E. C. EDWARDS, instructor in public speaking, 1926.

A. R. EIKENBERRY, A.B., Acting Professor of Agriculture, 1917-18.

FLORENCE R. ELWELL, A.M., Professor of Greek and Latin, 1915.

M. W. EMMERT, A.B., D.D., Professor, 1904-22; Financial Agent, 1922-26.

EFFIE EPTON, Ph.B., Expression and Rhetoric, 1910.

MIRIAM FACKLER, A.M., Professor of English and Public Speaking, 1925-27.

RALPH R. FAHRNEY, A.M., Professor of History and Political Science, 1922-24.

URIAH J. FIKE, A.B., Biology, 1913-14.

J. A. FOLEY, B.S., Athletic Coach and Director of Physical Education, 1925.

VELMA FRANTZ, A.B., Typewriting, 1919.

GEORGE WASHINGTON FURREY, Ph. B., Mathematic, Physics and Philosophy, 1904-08.

PETER GLAVINCHEF, M.S., Registrar and Professor of Chemistry, 1922-32.

MABEL GOSHORN, preceptress, 1909.

FRANCES K. GOULD, A.M., Professor of English, 1920-22.

MARY J. GOURLEY, A.M., Professor of Biology, 1914-16.

ELINOR GRANT, Elocution and Physical Culture, 1907-08.

JEANETTE GREGG, Voice, Theory, Chorus work and Piano, 1905.

STUART HAMER, Geography, 1910.

AGNES HANMER, Voice, Piano, Harmony, History, 1910.

VIVIAN YVONNE HARNLY, B.A., Director of Physical Education for women and instructor in speech, 1929-31.

HERBERT L. HART, A.M., Professor of Biology and Director of Physical Education, 1922-23.

W. L. HARTER, A.B., Professor of Agriculture, 1915-17.

KATHERINE HAWBECKER, Instructor in Domestic Science, 1914-16.

HEBER M. HAYS, Ph.D., Professor of English and French, 1917.

ESTHER HAZZARD, B.A., Professor of Home Economics, 1928.

JOHN H. HEDGCOCK, B.S., Professor of Agriculture, 1923.

E. R. HENRICKS, B.A., Business Manager and Treasurer, and Assistant Professor of Education, 1928-32.

IRA R. HENDRICKSON, Ph. B., History and Latin, 1904-1915.

MRS. IRA R. HENDRICKSON, Art, Drawing and Penmanship, 1910-24.

JENNIE MAY HIATT, M.A., Professor of Modern Language, 1926-28.

ERNEST L. HIGHBARGER, A.B., Professor of Greek and Latin, 1917-18.

MRS. W. E. HILL, Instructor in Music, 1918-19.

MILDRED E. HINDS, A.M., Professor of Biology, 1916-18.

HAROLD HOFF, Instructor in Sub-freshman Physics, 1922-23.

ALMA HOLLINGER, Arithmetic, 1910.

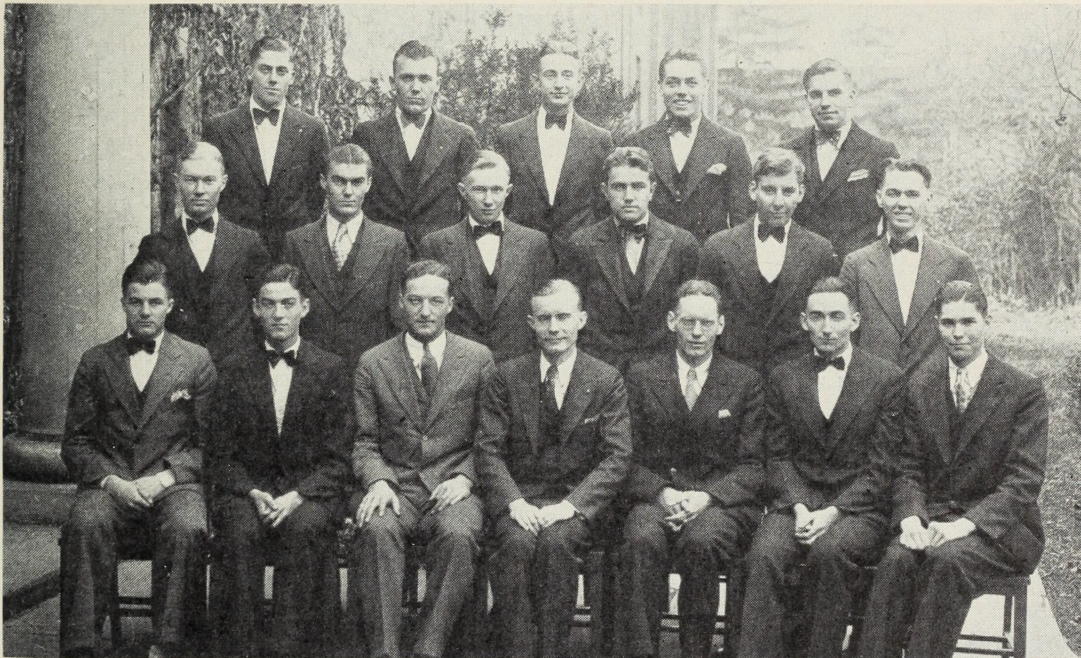
AGNES MARY HOLLISTER, Mus.B., Professor of Piano, 1920.

EVA M. HOLMAN, Voice, Chorus, Piano, Harmony and History of Music, 1907.

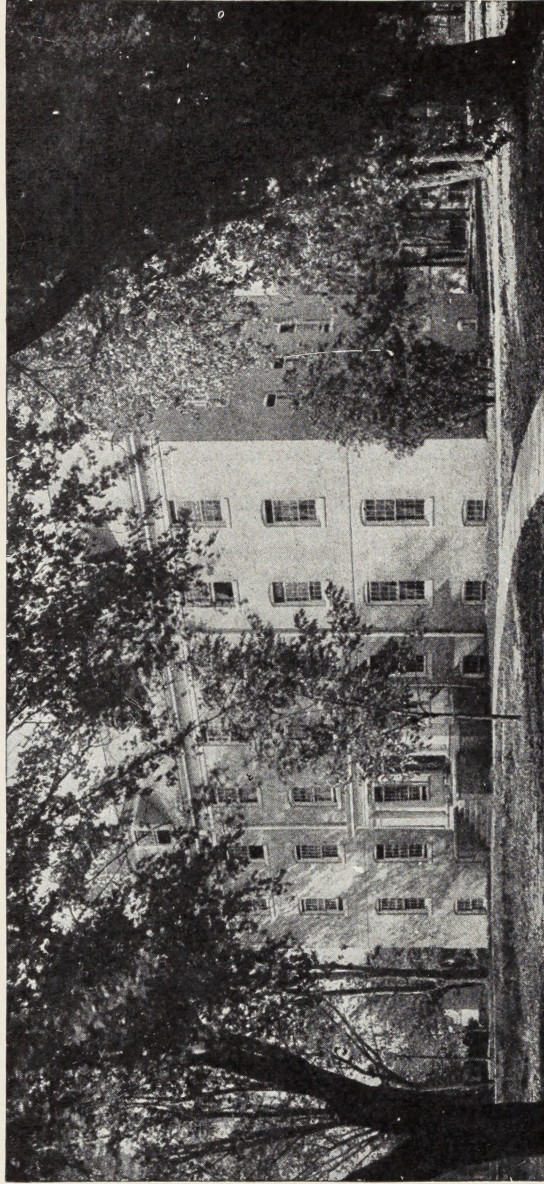
HAROLD S. HULBERT, Science, 1909.

EDWIN D. HULL, B.S., M.S., Professor of Biology, 1919.

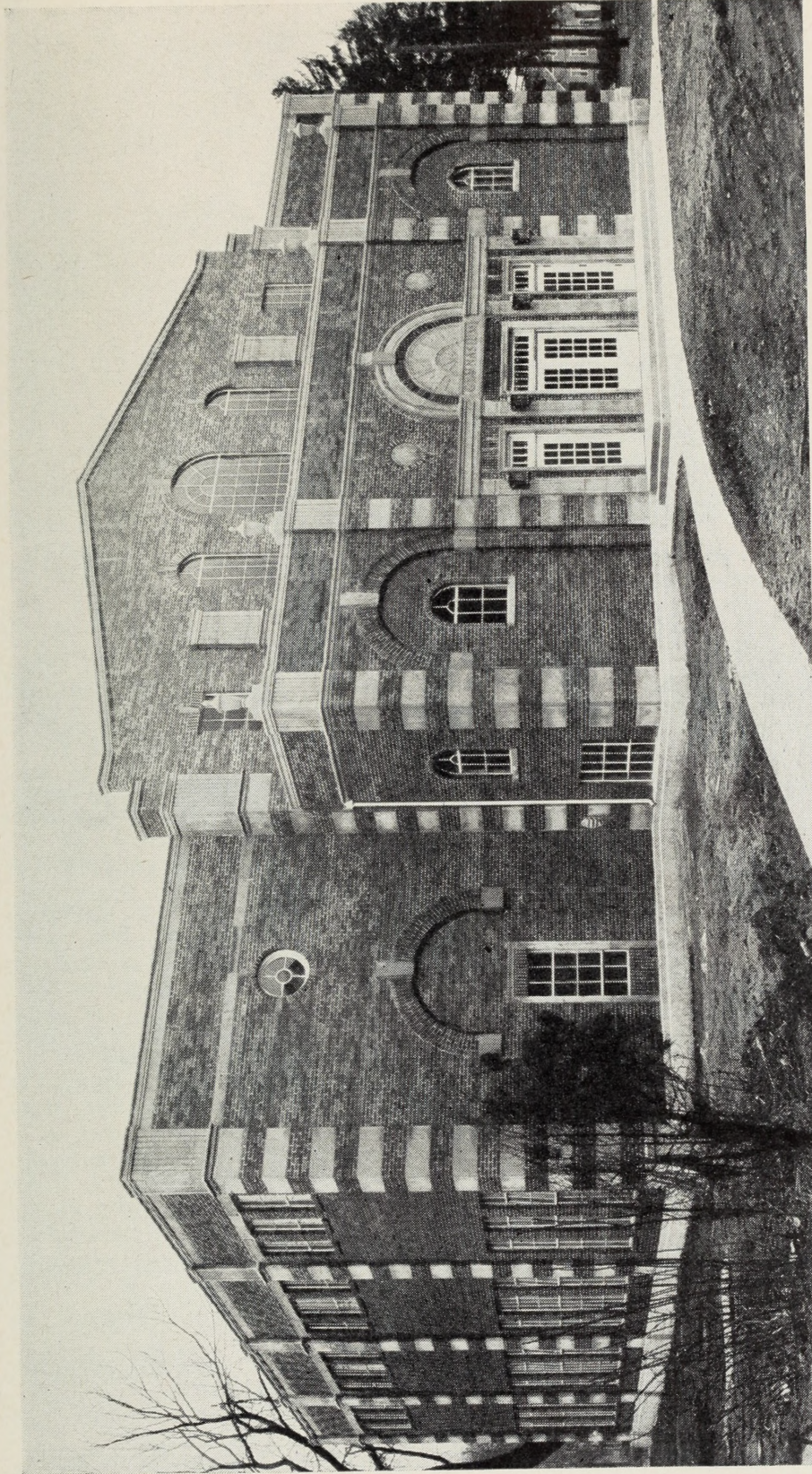
MARGUERITE JENKINS, A.B., A.M., Professor of English and Public Speaking, 1923-25.



MEN'S GLEE CLUB, 1930-1931: Front row, Robert Royer, Glenn Grove, Robert Grey, Prof. J. Leslie Pierce (director), Sylvan Arnold, Clarence Yeager, Elmer Butler; second row, Lynn Brower, Everett Falconer, Harly Mikesell, Nelson Potter, Charles Solyom, Harold Wilson; back row, Clell Tarrence, Sherman Bucher, Wayne Carr, Everett Brubaker, Edwin Schrock.

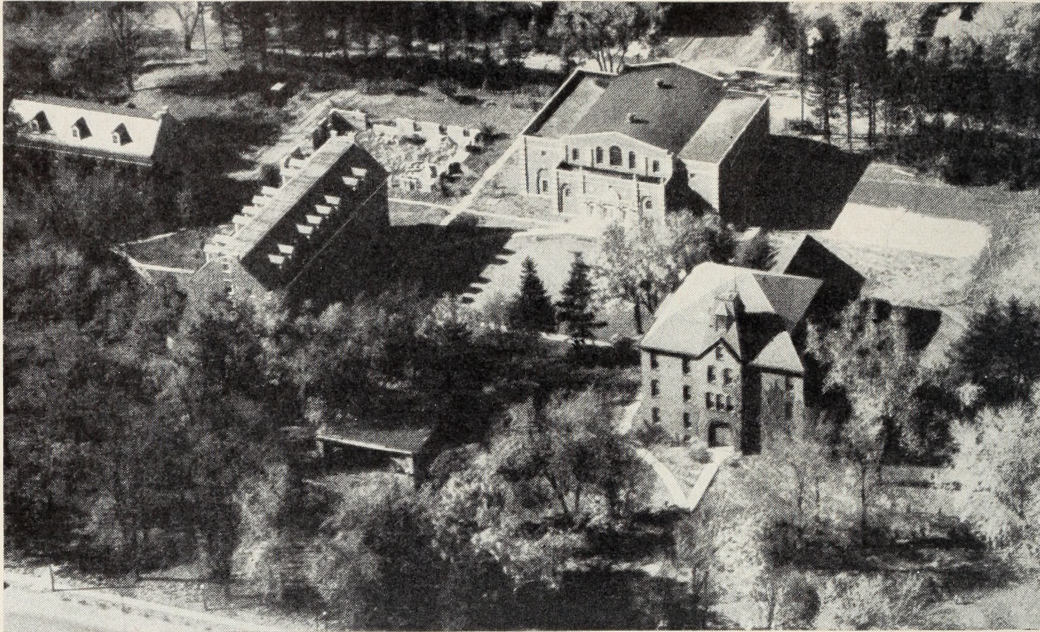


THIS BUILDING was erected in 1912 as a boys' dormitory at a cost of approximately \$20,000.00. It was occupied for the first time in April, 1913. The building had accommodations for about fifty students. After the college closed, the building was purchased by Mrs. Edith Kable and converted into a modern apartment house, with accommodations for fifteen families.



THIS COMMUNITY GYMNASIUM was built in 1932 at a cost of approximately \$50,000. It was erected by Mount Morris College to take the place of the gymnasium which was destroyed by fire in 1931. Kable Brothers Company donated \$25,000.00 toward the building and the citizens of Mount Morris and friends of the college donated the balance. This building has a large gymnasium floor and stage, with a swimming pool and locker room in the basement. After the college closed, the building became the property of Kable Brothers Company but was later donated to the Village of Mount Morris, together with a strip of land running from Seminary Ave. to Wesley Ave.

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AIRPLANE view of Mount Morris College campus, showing the ruins of the old gymnasium and the new gymnasium to the right.

HARLAN B. KAUFFMAN, A.B., Instructor in Latin, 1917.

CHARLES KELTNER, Agriculture and Geology, 1910-15.

GEORGE KIEFFABER, Grammar, 1910.

ESTHER KLOTZSCHE, A.B., Professor of Home Economics, 1922-24.

ELIZABETH KRAFKA, A.M., Professor of Biology, 1920-21.

JOHN A. LANGSTON, A.B., M.S., Professor of Chemistry, 1919.

EUNICE P. LAUER, B.S., Instructor in Home Economics, 1921.

GUSTAV A. LAUTERBACH, M.Acc't, Bookkeeping, Commercial Law, Drawing and Penmanship, 1905-06.

GLADYS LEAVELL, A.B., Chemistry, Physics and Domestic Science, 1914.

H. L. LEWIS, instructor in typewriting, 1921.

EDITH M. LING, Mus.G., Instructor in Piano and Theory, 1913-18.

ROY LITTLE, A.B., English and Geography, 1914.

WILLIAM S. LIVENGOOD, Jr., A.B., Athletic Coach and Director of Physical Education, 1926-27.

LUCILE LONG, M.A., Professor of English, 1928-32.

ROY LONG, B. ACCTS., Head of Commercial Department, 1918.

A. B. LOVE, B.S., Instructor in Agriculture, 1921-22.

WALTER K. MAHAN, A.B., Instructor in Spanish, 1916-19.

MRS. EVA DAVIS-MARTIN, Voice, Theory, Chorus Work and Piano, 1906.

DARWIN J. McCANN, Instructor in Bookkeeping, 1921.

MRS. EDNA McNEEL, Oil, Water Color, Pastel, 1908-09.

CHARLES A. MENDENHALL, Instructor in Band and Orchestra Instruments, 1922.

CAROL MILLER, Instructor of Physics, 1915-16.

CLAIR MILLER, Instructor in Sub-freshman American History, 1923.

E. G. MILLER, Zanerian College, M.M.C., Penmanship and Drawing, 1904-07.

MRS. E. S. MILLER, A.B., A.M., Professor of Modern Languages, 1923.

JOHN EZRA MILLER, A.M., President and professor of Greek and Latin, 1904-15.

KATHERINE MILLER, Instructor in Voice and Theory, 1913-18.

MERLIN G. MILLER, A.B., Professor of History and Political Science, 1924-27.

NORMAN J. MILLER, B.S., Biological Sciences, 1904-05.

EFFA B. MITCHELL, Instructor in Piano, 1916-17.

ROBERT E. MOHLER, A.B., Physical Director, Education, 1909-13.

VERA MOORE, M.A., Professor of Latin and French, 1931-32.

C. S. MORRIS, A.M., Professor of Mathematics and Physics, 1915-16.

LILLIAN H. K. MORRIS, Critic Teacher, 1923-24.

FRANCIS MYERS, Instructor in Music, 1919-21.

GALENE MYERS, History, 1921.

LOIS MYERS, A.B., Professor of Modern Languages, 1924-26.

LURA ELOISE NEFF, Piano, Harmony, Counterpoint, Composition and History of Music, 1904-08.

O. W. NEHER, M.S., Professor of Biological Sciences and Dean of Men. President, 1928-29.

V. GRACE NEHER, B.Acc'ts, Shorthand and Typewriting, 1913.

J. S. NOFFSINGER, A.M., President and Professor of Education, 1915-18.

ULYSSES C. NYE, B.Mus., Piano and Harmony, Director of Music, 1909-13.

W. L. OGDEN, M.S., Professor of Mathematics, 1928-32.

H. FREDERICK PARKER, B.S., Athletic Coach and Director of Physical Education for Men, 1929-1932.

MARGARET M. PEALE, A.B., Professor of Domestic Science, 1920.

W. W. PETERS, A.M., President and Professor of Education, 1925-28.

JOHN LESLIE PIERCE, B.A., Instructor in Voice, 1930-31.

FRANCES PROWANT, Instructor in Algebra, 1918.

ROY H. PUTERBAUGH, Commercial Law, 1908-09.

H. S. RANDOLPH, A.M., Professor of Bible, 1919.

H. HERBERT RATCLIFF, A.B., Science and Agriculture, 1905-07.

LESLIE E. REES, A.B., Greek and Latin, 1904-05.

BESS M. REITZEL, A.B., Professor of Home Economics, 1925-27.

MRS. BONNIE BAIRD REPLOGLE, Voice, Piano and History of Music, 1908-10.

F. G. REPLOGLE, B.Accts. Principal of Commercial Department, 1915-17.

VIVIAN RETZLAFF, M.A., Professor of Modern Languages, 1929-31.

BERTHA ANN REUTER, A.M., Professor of History, 1916-17.

EDNA M. ROBINSON, A.M., Ph.D., Professor of English, 1917-1919.

WILLIAM A. ROBINSON, A.B., M.Acc'ts, Principal of Commercial Department. Bookkeeping, Commercial Law, Shorthand and Typewriting, 1915.

MIRIAM ROSE, Voice, Theory and Chorus Work, 1904.

MIRIAM ROSECRANS, Instructor in Latin, 1918.

ELLA E. RUEBHAUSEN, B.S., Ph.D., Professor and Head of Modern Language Department, 1917-19.

RACHAEL SANDERS, B.S., Instructor in Domestic Science, 1919.

JENNIE SELLERS, Preceptress, 1910.

WENTWORTH SHARER, A.B., Director of Athletics, 1919.

SAMUEL H. SHERFEY, A.B., Biology, 1906-10.

EARL E. SHERFF, A.B., Science, 1907-08.

DOROTHY M. SHERRICK, A.B., Instructor in Voice, 1922.

MARVIN MANAN SHERRICK, A.M., Litt. D., L.H.D., Registrar and Professor of Philosophy, 1906-22.

ARTHUR W. SHIVELY, M.A., Dean and Professor of Education, 1928-32.

GLADYS S. SHIVELY, M.A., Instructor in Education, 1928-32.

LEVI S. SHIVELY, A.M., Ph.D., Dean and Professor of Mathematics and Physics. President, 1918-21.

SARAH S. SHUTT, Instructor in Shorthand and Typewriting, 1918.

FLORENCE M. SHUTTS, Instructor in Music, 1918-19.

ANDREW N. SMITH, B.S., Dean of Men and Professor of Agriculture, 1924.

W. HARLAN SMITH, A.B., Instructor in Algebra, 1919.

ELIZABETH SNIDER, Expression, 1909.

FRED E. SORRENSON, A.B., Expression and English, 1913.

ADALINE STANLEY, A.B., A.M., Professor of English, 1919.

D. A. STOUFFER, Coach, 1914-16.

M. E. STOUFFER, Instructor in Penmanship, 1916-17.

J. EMMERT STOVER, A.B., B.D., Instructor in Voice and Glee Clubs and Librarian, 1926-27.

WILBUR BRENNER STOVER, A.B., D.D., Professor of Missions, 1921.

GROVER T. STROH, Instructor of Voice and Glee Club, 1925.

HARVEY P. SWARTZ, Physical Director, 1914.

LOLA SWIFT, United States History, 1909.

OLIVE SWIFT, Orthography, 1910.

AMMON SWOPE, A.B., Mathematics and Physics, 1912.

CHARLES V. TAYLOR, Penmanship, 1908-09.

FAY TIETSWORTH, Elocution and Physical Culture, 1905-06.

AMY TROUT, A.B., Mathematics, Physics and Latin, 1914-15.

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B. F. WAMPLER, Instructor in Voice, 1919.

DAVID F. WARNER, Arithmetic and Grammar, 1909.

GEORGE H. WARWICK, M.S., M.Di., Dean of the Department of Agriculture, 1925-32.

FORREST L. WELLER, M.A., Professor of History and Sociology, 1928-32.

RUSSELL WELLER, Manual Arts, 1927.

JOHN B. WHITE, A.M., Professor of History, and Principal of Academy, 1918-22.

MISS RUTH WHITEHEAD, M.Accts., Bookkeeping, Shorthand and Typewriting, 1904.

GROVER L. WINE, B.A., B.D., Pastor of Mount Morris Church of the Brethren and Professor of Philosophy and Ethics, 1922-28.

JANE WINGARD, B.A., Critic Teacher, 1925-31.

MRS. IRA WINGERT, Oil, Water Color, Pastel and Pyrography, 1904-07.

J. RUSSEL WINSLOW, B.S., Professor of Chemistry, 1920.

ALMA WISE, Preceptress, 1913.

JOHN WOODARD, B.S., in Agr., M.A., Professor of Agriculture, 1918-19.

M. VELN YEAW, Elocution and Physical Culture, 1904.

PAUL J. YOE, B.S., Instructor in Mechanical Drawing, 1928.

MRS. NETTIE YOUNG, Preceptress, 1907-09.

MILO D. ZIMMERMAN, A.B., Instructor in Mathematics and Latin, 1920.

MILDRED T. ZOLLER, Instructor in Voice; Director of Women's and Men's Glee Clubs; Director of Girls' Athletics, 1923-25.



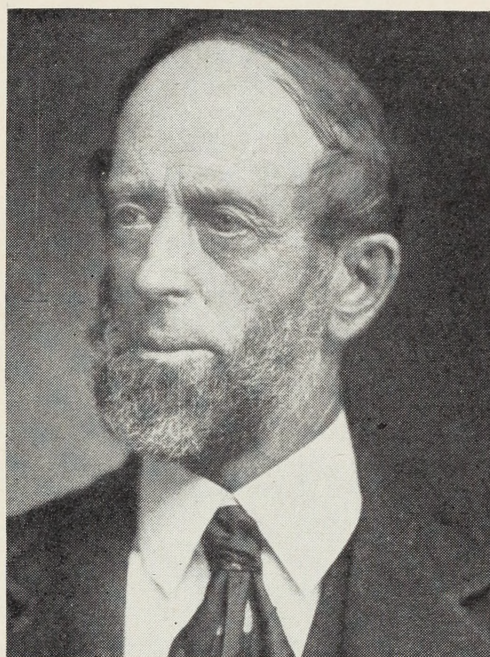
Chapter 7

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AS mentioned already in this volume, the first settlers of Mount Morris Township were deeply interested in the cause of education, and were determined that their children should not want for educational privileges. In conformity with these views, Messrs. Hitt and Swingley engaged A. Quinby Allen to accompany them west, when they returned for their families in 1837. Soon after they established a school, with Mr. Allen as teacher, in an old log-house which they erected in the grove about eighty rods southwest of the former residence of D. J. Pinckney, later known as the Lohafer home. This house was torn down many years ago. It was the first school in this section of the country, and was called the Pine Creek Grammar School, under which rather pretentious title it was the first step toward the founding of Rock River Seminary.

The pupils in this school numbered twenty-six, among whom were Margaret C. Hitt, John W. Hitt, George Hitt, Andrew W. Hitt, Joseph Hitt, John Hitt, Robert S. Hitt, Robert R. Hitt, Martin R. M. Wallace, Elizabeth Reynolds, Caroline M. Reynolds, Ann E. Ankney, Urilla Swingley, John H. Swingley, Upton Swingley, Augustus H. Ankney, Ann M. Ankney, Clinton Helm, James C. T. Phelps, James Reynolds, the Worden boys, Richard McClain's children, Nathaniel A. Ankney and Peter Householder. The school continued under the direction of Mr. Allen for nearly a year, during which time the scheme of locating the Rock River Seminary here was accomplished. As is noted elsewhere, the first term of the seminary opened in November, 1840. In the spring of 1841, the Pine Creek Grammar School was taken under the wing of the seminary,

being conducted under the management of Mrs. Fannie Russell, as the primary department of that institution. For some reason it was discontinued in



A. QUINBY ALLEN, teacher, surveyor and auctioneer, taught the first public school opened in Mount Morris. It was known as the Pine Creek Grammar School and was the nucleus from which Rock River Seminary was established. He was the son of Capt. Isaac and Mary Allen, and was born Oct. 4, 1814, at Little Britain, Pa. He came to Mount Morris in 1838 and taught school until 1841 when he returned to the east and was married to Elizabeth Swingley, daughter of Michael Swingley. They came to Mount Morris in 1845 and became the parents of seven children as follows: Samuel, Mary (Mrs. Menzo Keith), Emma J. (Mrs. Will Cosgrove), Lydia W., Robert Q., Edwin J. and Elizabeth (Mrs. Robert McClure). Mr. Allen became a very prominent citizen of Mount Morris and for 18 years served as County Surveyor of Ogle County. He passed away in 1883 at the age of 69 and Mrs. Allen died March 19, 1900, aged 77 years.

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THIS frame building was the first public school house in Mount Morris. It was built about the year 1845 and used until the present stone building was erected in 1868. It was later used for many years as a residence by Wm. H. Miller, who tore it down in 1900 to make way for a new home.

1843. The sessions were held in the basement, in one part of which was the culinary department of the seminary.

For several years after the discontinuance of the primary department of the seminary, private schools, generally of a short duration, were conducted at different houses in the village. Mrs. Ellen Trine remembered of having attended school at five different places. One was in an old house, then owned by Mrs. Fellows, on Main Street. This was a select school taught by a Miss Bennett. There was another select school taught by Mrs. Stuff, the wife of a Methodist minister, on the lower floor of the old Masonic Hall, on Wesley Street. The other three which Mrs. Trine attended were the ones in Daniel Eversole's house, the Crofts school, and the district school in the old house torn down by W. H. Miller. Further mention is made of these three.

Another school of which some of our older citizens had a slight memory was one taught by a Miss Franklinberry and held in the basement of Blair's Hotel. Henry Sharer remembers a small frame building, standing just west of Blair's Hotel, in which a school was taught at an early day. A. Quinby Allen taught

school in a house during the winter of 1845-'46. Probably a number of other private schools were conducted during the forties and fifties, but little can be learned concerning them.

After the primary department of the seminary had been closed, one of the first schools to start up for the enlightenment of the juvenile portion of Mount Morris was held in the main part of the old residence which stood across the street south of the Village Hall and which was used for many years as a residence by Daniel Eversole, on the corner of McKendrie and Center Streets. In this old house school was held for about two years, during which time the following were among the teachers: L. Bell, Major Woodcock and his sister Miss Sarah Woodcock, and James Ransom. There were probably twelve or fifteen pupils in attendance, among whom were N. A. Ankney and Mrs. Ellen Trine. The old house was also used for a number of years as a wagon-shop, and an upstairs room frequently served the Odd Fellows as a lodge-room.

Probably the first school supported by the regular means of taxation was that held in a house on Main Street. Later

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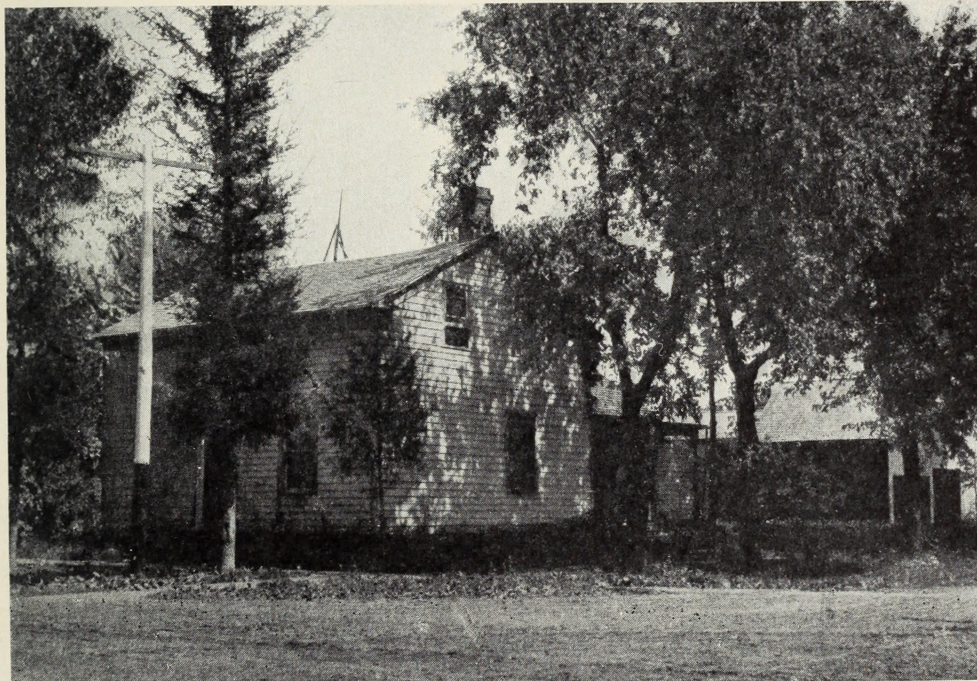
it was occupied as a residence by William H. Miller, who tore it down in the spring of 1900 to make room for a new residence. The information concerning the old house is exceedingly obscure, and the little which could be found was gleaned from a score of sources, and may contain some errors. As nearly as can be ascertained, the house was built especially for school purposes either in 1845 or 1846, only a few years after the building of the McFarland house, mention of which is made elsewhere. The building was quite long and narrow, and was divided by a light board partition into two equal apartments, one for the younger and one for the more advanced pupils. Here it was that many early citizens of Mount Morris gained their education and spent many pleasant hours of their early lives,

*"Some upon their books intent,
But more on furtive mischief bent."*

The latter part of the quotation was true to a great extent if credit can be given to the laughable stories now related by many of the former pupils. The school continued in the rather hampered quarters afforded by the old

house for probably over a score of years. The rooms were very much crowded at the last, so much so that in the summer time visitors would be astonished to find boys sitting on the stove for want of better seats.

Thomas C. Williams was one of the mischievous boys who attended the school; and one day, probably for amusement during some tiresome hour, he copied the names of every pupil attending at that time into his spelling book, one name along the inside margin of each page. With the exception of three or four all of the names are easily legible, and are as follows: Frank Mumma, William McCoy, William H. Miller, William Newcomer, Arthur Newcomer, Harley Hedges, Benj. Hedges, Milton Neff, David McCoy, Lewis Davis, Frank Knodle, Edwin Allen, Samuel Rohrer, Edwin Newcomer, Merritt Pinckney, John Warburton, Edwin Knodle, Frank Baker, Douglas Hedges, Charles Knodle, James Wertz, C. Farwell, Frank Black, Ortho Davis, Clayton Startzman, Ed. Startzman, Calvin Middlekauff, David Warburton, John McCosh, Scott McCosh, Melvir Knodle, Ed. Sharp, "Den" Householder,



THIS old house, which formerly stood on the corner south of the Village Hall, was used for a school house for several years in the early forties before any public school building had been erected. It was used as a residence for many years by Daniel Eversole.

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MRS. FRANCES E. CRAWFORD taught in the public school in Mount Morris for nearly forty years. Her maiden name was Frances Hoverland and she was born July 27, 1842, near Springville, N.Y., and died in Mount Morris, March 13, 1922, aged nearly 80 years. She prepared for teaching and came to Ogle County in 1862, first teaching at Byron and then coming to Mount Morris in 1864. She was principal of the Mount Morris Public School for the next seven years, and it was during this period that the present stone building was erected. She then left Mount Morris for five years, teaching at Egan City and Baileyville, but returned in 1879 and taught continuously in the public school until she retired in 1903. During her many years of continuous teaching, Mrs. Crawford taught many pupils who later had their children pass under her instruction. In 1873, she married Chas. Crawford, and they adopted a daughter, Cornelia, now wife of Adolph Jindra. Mr. Crawford died April 1, 1925.

George Coffman, Thomas Williams, Ella Funk (Mrs. H. J. Griswold), Alice Pond (Mrs. Knodle, of Aurora), Ida Newcomer (Mrs. Knodle), Lottie Rohrer (Mrs. William Newcomer), Ida Pinckney (Mrs. Ed. Butt), Eliza Ohr (Mrs. Forbes, of Iowa), Libbie Allen (Mrs. R. D. McClure), Arbanna Middlekauff (Mrs. N. E. Buser), Follie Brayton (Mrs. W. M. Gilbert, State Center, Iowa), Lillie Brayton (Mrs. W. H. Miller), Sarah Ohr (Mrs. Follet), Josie Hays (Mrs. Wise), Laura Neff (first wife of A. S. McCoy), Josie Cheney, Mary Hedges, Lizzie Guy, Susie Typer.

Besides the foregoing list a number of others might be noted: Mattie Middlekauff, Charles Allen, Mary Allen, Robert Q. Allen, Cashus Crowell, A. W. Brayton, John Davis, Solomon Nikirk, Thomas and James Neff, Waldo and George Cheney, Lillie and Jennie Knodle, the McCoy and the Stewart boys, and others too numerous to mention.

A complete record of the teachers who taught this school is not obtainable. Among them were A. Quinby Allen, Mr. Streeter, Mr. Shultnee, Mr. Cross, John Page, with Hannah Cheney (who later married Mr. Page) as assistant; Holly Allen (father of Charles H. Allen), James Allen (a brother of Holly Allen), Enoch Coffman, Miss Sibyl Sammis (later married to Andrew Hitt), Miss Helen Coffman, Miss Hattie Little (Mrs. Samuel Middour), Miss Christina Coffman, Daniel Rohrer, Morris Gaffin, Maggie Fouke, Miss Miles, and the



MRS. FLORENCE E. STEPHENS taught in the public school in Mount Morris for many years, starting in the old frame building on East Main St., and continuing in the new stone building when it was erected in 1868. Her maiden name was Florence E. Hoverland and she was born Oct. 6, 1849, at Springfield, N.Y. In 1865, she came to Mount Morris with her sister, Frances Hoverland (Mrs. Crawford) and the two sisters took charge of the public school. In the early seventies, she married Dr. Benj. G. Stephens, a well-known physician of Mount Morris. There were four children: Frances E. (deceased), Dollie, George E., and Hugh E. Mrs. Stephens passed away in 1930 at Kansas City, aged 81 years.



THIS IS THE WAY the public school building looked in 1900. Note the small frame addition at the rear and the long rows of cordwood on hand for fuel. This building was erected in 1868 at a cost of \$10,000.

Misses Frances and Florence Hoverland (who later married Charles Crawford and Dr. B. G. Stephens respectively).

Miss Frances Hoverland took charge of the senior room in 1864, and a little later prevailed upon the school board to allow her to write to the east for her sister, Florence, to take the other room, in place of Miss Miles who could not handle the mischievous urchins. These two ladies continued teaching in the old house until the present stone structure was built. Frances, later Mrs. Crawford, had a hand in the teaching of

nearly every boy and girl who went through the school, for the remarkably long period of not less than thirty-five years. Children whose parents were disciplined by her in the old schoolhouse many years later passed under her instruction. Her sister, Florence (Mrs. Stephens) had almost a parallel record.

Many interesting reminiscences can be related concerning the old school days in the Miller house. As is invariably the case, there were numerous mischievous spirits among the boys and girls, and their pranks are still remem-

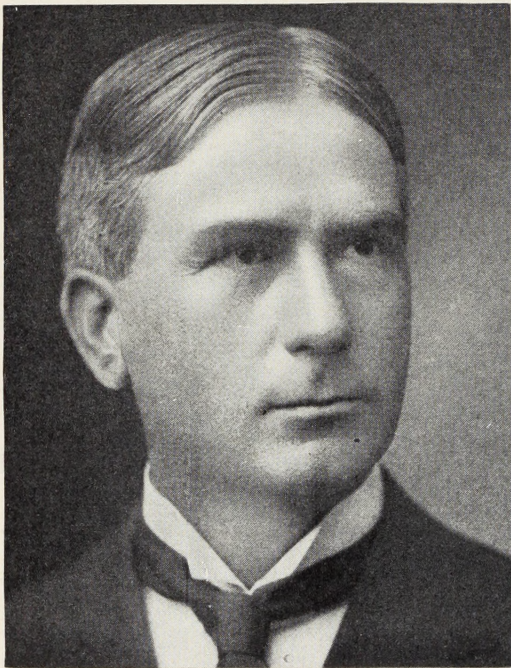
bered by those who were contemporaneous with those "glorious old times." Mrs. Crawford related a story of how two boys determined to have a vacation from study by hiding all day in the loft, which was merely a little cubbyhole, with neither light nor ventilation. When she arrived at the schoolhouse in the morning—a hot summer day—some of the scholars were building a roaring fire in the stove, and, when questioned, significantly put their fingers to their lips and looked toward the loft. She took in the situation at once and helped the joke along by allowing the boys to remain in the loft and keeping up a

good fire to make a healthy heat in the usually hot apartment above. At noon Mrs. Crawford and her sister went through the form of leaving the schoolhouse by walking heavily to the door and opening and closing it, but remaining inside. Imagine the looks on the boys' faces as they slid down from the loft and found them waiting! No further punishment was deemed necessary.

When Holly Allen was teaching, Ed. Allen, later a successful auctioneer of Mount Morris, was an attendant. One day when about to be punished for some misdemeanor, he made a dash for the door and down the road. The teacher, however, proved the better athlete and succeeded in running him down and bringing him back, which caused some entertainment for the school, the nature of which may easily be surmised. C. C. Crowell was a pretty lively scholar, and on more than one occasion had to stand on one leg for punishment. He remembers that one noon the boys knocked off a half dozen yards of plastering and threw the chunks about the room until the white dust obscured the view. Penalty—a licking and three weeks in at recess.

The partition between the two rooms was made of loose boards, which the boys could easily remove on special occasions. At the end of every term the school gave an exhibition, when miscellaneous programs were participated in by the scholars, and on such occasions the partition was removed.

Besides being an old schoolhouse, the Miller building had the honor of once serving as a meetinghouse. Immediately, after it was built, the Rev. N. J. Stroh, who was stationed at Oregon, came up every two weeks and preached in it for the Lutherans. The church records are lost, but there is reason to believe that it was used more or less by the Lutherans for a place of worship until the new brick churchhouse, now belonging to the Christian denomination, was built in 1854. Rev. A. A. Trimper preached in the old house and probably Rev. Nicholas Burkett. Later, in the sixties, long after the brick churchhouse had been built, a number of the Lutherans,—Rev. Rufus Smith, Daniel Sprecher, some of the Hedges,



HORACE G. KAUFFMAN died in January, 1920, at the age of 65 years. He was born July 31, 1855, at Greencastle, Pa., where he attended the public schools. He attended the Pennsylvania State Normal School and the University of Wisconsin at Madison. In 1876, he became principal of the Mount Morris Public School for a period of three years, then resigned to study law, but returned as principal at Mount Morris from 1884 to 1889. He was admitted to the bar in Chicago in 1893, and located at Oregon to practice law. In 1876 Mr. Kauffman was married to Rebecca Harlan Brice of Sunbury, Pa., who died April 8, 1929. They had one son, Harlan B. Kauffman, born in Mount Morris in 1891, who died Sept. 14, 1932. Horace and Rebecca Kauffman edited an Ogle County history of two volumes in 1909.

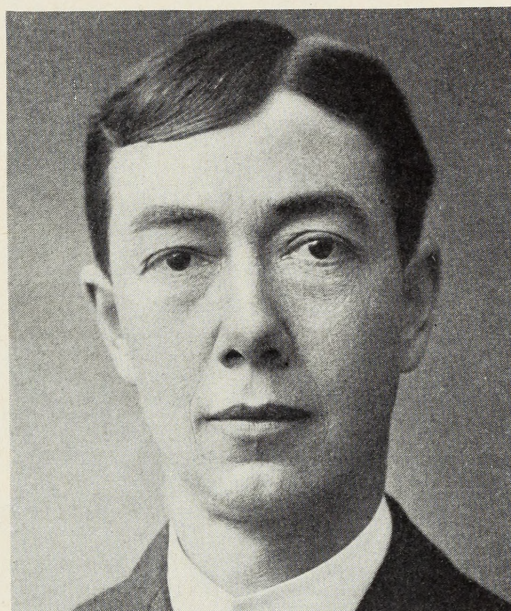
and others,—became dissatisfied with the progress of affairs in the church and a split occurred, and the bolters started to hold meetings of their own in the old schoolhouse. This branch existed for a time but soon died out.

In 1882, William H. Miller purchased the house, and after residing in it for eighteen years, erected in its place a fine modern residence.

Another old school building was the McFarland house, which stood on Mulberry Street, and for many years was occupied as a residence by Mrs. Susan Heminger, until the spring of 1900, when it was purchased by Elder D. L. Miller, and torn down to make room for his residence.

The old house was built in the spring of 1841 by Samuel McFarland, of Boonsboro, Md., and at the time of its erection Mount Morris was yet in its extreme infancy. Mr. McFarland moved into the house after its completion and resided there with his family for a number of years. In the meantime, a number of other houses were built and immigrants began to come in rapidly from the east. Among the arrivals during the summer after the house was completed was a party in which were Jonathan and Emanuel Knodle, of Boonsboro, Md., who brought with them a complete printing outfit. They rented the north wing of the McFarland house, and there began the publication of the *Rock River Register*, the first paper printed in Ogle County, a complete account of which is given in the chapter upon the press. After the removal of the printing-office from the house in 1842, the old house is lost sight of for nearly twenty years, but it is naturally supposed that it was simply used as a residence, and occupied by probably a dozen different families for shorter or longer periods. In 1853 it came into the possession of a school-teacher, an old lady by the name of Crofts—Mrs. Emmeline Crofts, mother of the Rev. George W. Crofts, who later had charge of the Congregational church at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In about the year 1860, or possibly earlier, Mrs. Crofts started a private school in the front room of the old house, using the remainder of it for living rooms. Owing to the crowded condition of the public

school, then being held in the Miller house, she soon gathered in twenty-five or thirty scholars, mostly among the smaller children, and proceeded to “enlighten” them. Many of our old citizens received their first instruction under her. Among them were A. W. Brayton, William Stewart, Mrs. John Walker, and a score of others. Mr. Brayton remembered her rather novel method of distributing reward cards. The room formerly used as the *Register* office was used by her as a bedroom, and there on her bed she would spread out the reward cards, of which there were some very nice ones for the brightest students, and others not quite so pleasing. After



ALFONZO G. NEWCOMER was principal of the Mount Morris Public School from January to June, 1889, because of the illness of Horace G. Kauffman, who was hired for the position. Prof. Newcomer was the son of Henry F. and Elizabeth Ann (Knodle) Newcomer and was born Sept. 13, 1864, at Mount Morris. He attended the Mount Morris Public Schools and Mount Morris College and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1887. He received the degree of Master of Arts from Cornell University in 1888. After graduation he taught two years at Knox College, and in 1891 he became professor of English Literature at Leland Stanford University at Palo Alto, Calif., where he made a fine record. Mr. Newcomer married Carrie M. Jackson of Oregon in 1887, and they had two children, Erval J. and Mabel. The daughter has been an instructor at Vassar College for a number of years. Mr. Newcomer died in 1913.

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Cheney; fourth row, Flora Wolf, Nora Fouke, Ivy Watkins, Elizabeth Griswold, Maud McClure, Maud Knodle, Lulu Koonitz, Pearl Williams; fifth row, Anna Easton, Anita Holsinger, Susie Baker, Mae Anckney, Kittie Sprecher, Floy Buser, Jennie Keplinger, Mary McClure; bottom row, Maud Withers, Lulu Kable, Nellie Myers, Emma Plate, Edith Hanstine, Flora Thomas, Pearl Buser, Cora Amick; Prof. T. E. DeButts at left; Miss Alice J. Boone at right.

OLD-TIME SCHOOL PICTURE TAKEN ABOUT THE YEAR 1890: Back row, left to right: Janitor Robert Crosby, Lee Watkins, Roy Householder, Bert Thomas, John Jimmerson, Frank Baker, Joe Granger, Benton Kinsey; second row, Lester Smith, George Schelling, George Toms, Will Myers, Fred Crosby, Luther Potter, Howard Newcomer, Ben Price, Hugh Stephens; third row, Otho Baker, Bert Sprecher, Charley Eshelman, Alvis McCoy, Louis Brayton, Lester Steck, Jim McCoy, Earl Householder, Carl



Myers, Grace Granger, Anna Bollinger, Mabel Routzhan, Vinnie Winters; third row, Lulu Rubsamen, Myrtle Miller, Vernie Bovey, Goldie McNett, May Driscoll, May Schelling, Kittie Powell, Myrtle Royer, Rhoda Thomas; fourth row, Ray McClure, Harry Baker, Sam French, Went Sprecher, Ed Jimmerson, John Walker, Lester Steck; Standing, Elmer Shank, Floyd Smith, Tom Newcomer, Roy Brayton, Robert McCoy.

THE ABOVE PICTURE taken Nov. 21, 1890, was of two classes of the Mount Morris Public School, taught by Mrs. Florence Stephens, who stands at the right. Principal T. E. DeButts stands above at the right and Robert Crosby, who was janitor of the school for many years, stands at the left. The pupils are, from left to right, bottom row, Harry Kable, Chas. Raney, Harvey Kable, Harry Hill, Robert Buser, Joe Smith, Riner Clark, Wm. Fouke; second row, Aida Neff, Nannie Price, Maude Rowe, Lottie

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they had been arranged, the best scholar was allowed to go into the room and take his choice; after his return, the second best took his turn, and so on until the least deserving carried away the leavings. William Stewart remembered that she was very severe in her methods of punishment, but failed to mention, however, if it was because he was particularly mischievous or not, that his memory was so keen on that point. One of her ways of bringing culprits to justice was to come up behind the victim and getting him by the forelock pull him upon his tip-toes until he expected his scalp to part with his cranium. Another method, for many years a favorite among "schoolmarms," was to get a grip on that convenient handle, the ear, and twist it until the offender was glad to choose between losing his ear or coming to time. The dunce cap also came into frequent use. Nevertheless she was a good teacher and taught many a "young idea how to

shoot." Her school continued in the old house until after the war, and was discontinued probably in 1866 or 1867. Mrs. Crofts left the village about that time with her son, Lee Crofts, and went west.

Before tracing the village schools further, it would be well to make mention of the old schoolhouse built by Jacob Rice, father of Dr. Isaac Rice. It was simply a roughly-constructed log-house, situated north of town, and its history dates back almost to the beginning of the Pine Creek Grammar School. Isaac Rice, then a youth of eighteen years, was one of the first teachers in the school. Reuben Marshall was a pupil at this institution of learning, and remembered the house to have been an exceedingly rough structure. It was built in the hollow north of the Jacob Rice residence and east of the cemetery. One winter there was considerable trouble between the teacher and the pupils, and finally the large boys tore the old



THIS SCHOOL PICTURE, taken in 1894, includes faces of quite a few pupils who are still living in the community; most of them have moved elsewhere and a few have died. Those in the picture are, bottom row, left to right: Martha McClure, Alice Moore, Grace Withers, Carrie Plate, Gladys McCosh, Laura Beard, Bessie McNett; 2nd row, Mildred Strock, Della Baker, Allie Williams, Lulu Lookabaugh, Ruby Buser, Ollie McCoy, Anna Myers, Mabel Holsinger, Elva Lizer, Mignon Whistler; 3d row, Mrs. Florence Stephens (teacher), Grace Price, Maud Zellers, Vernie Wolf, May Watkins, Pearl Hershey, Ada Withers, Elsie Griswold, Lela Blake, Mina Middour, Edith Sprecher; 4th row, Blair McCosh, Harry Eshelman, Guy Smith, Ernest Brayton, Roy Cheney, Guy Blake, Roy Palmer, Carl Stutsman, George Funk; top row, Earl Clevidence, Lee Smith, Charlie Peacock, Ray Allen, Ernest Bruner, Wilbur Mumma.