

HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA OF 1928: Front row, left to right, Cleo Stimax, Alice Emmert, Harriet Rees, Helma Horst, Helen Pearce, Robert Gloss; back row, Roderick Kelsey, Cecil Armbruster, Floyd Barbee, Forrest Young, Miss Marjorie Babbitt (director), Chas. Finch, Lloyd Pearce, Leslie Watt, Robert Middlekauff, Merrill Meeker.

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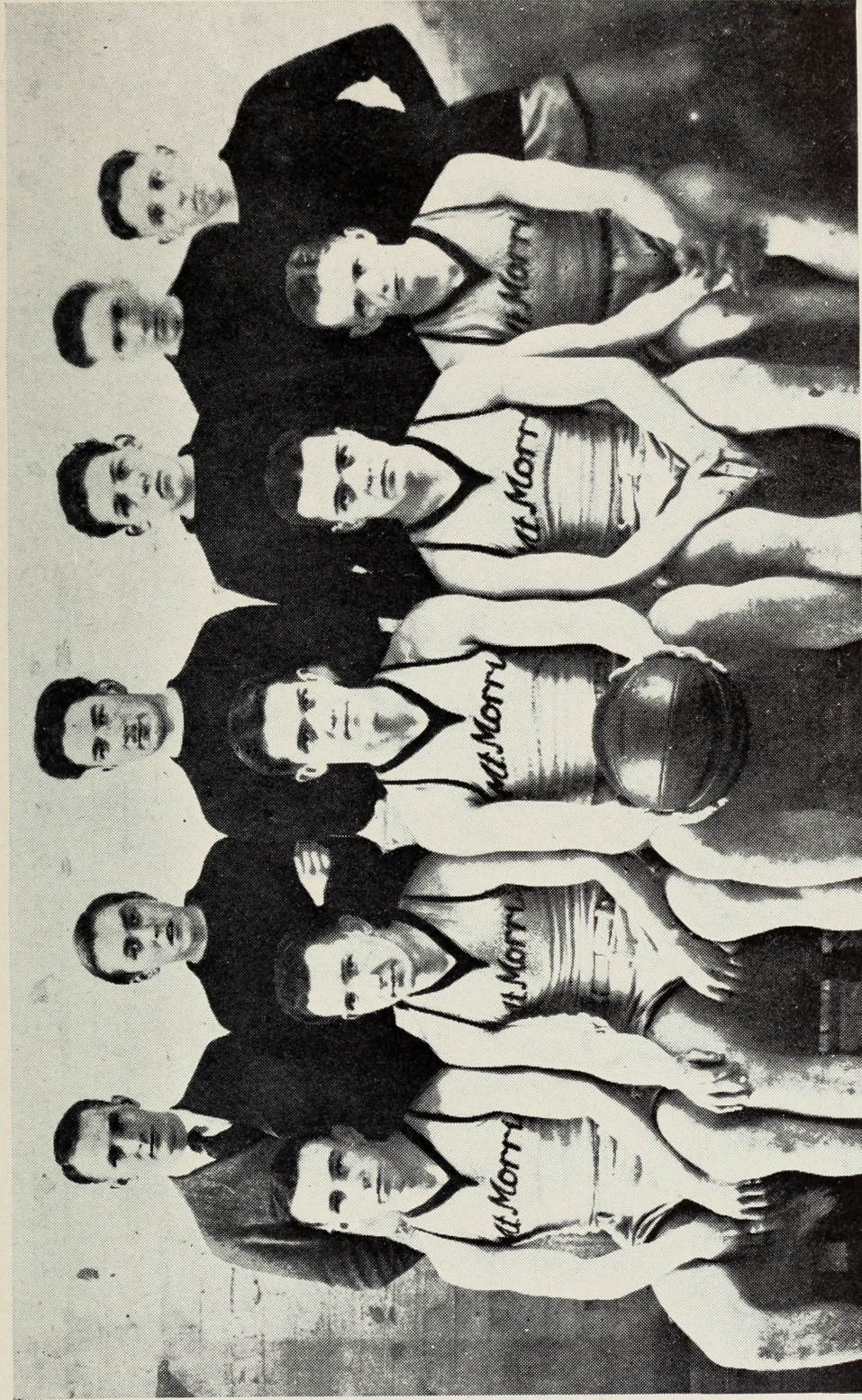
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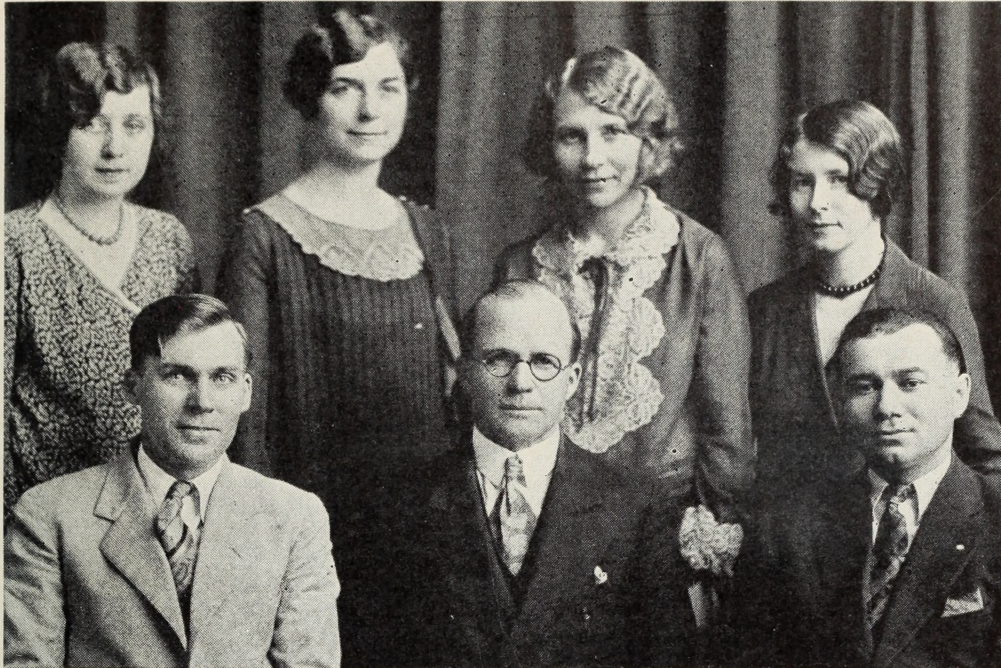
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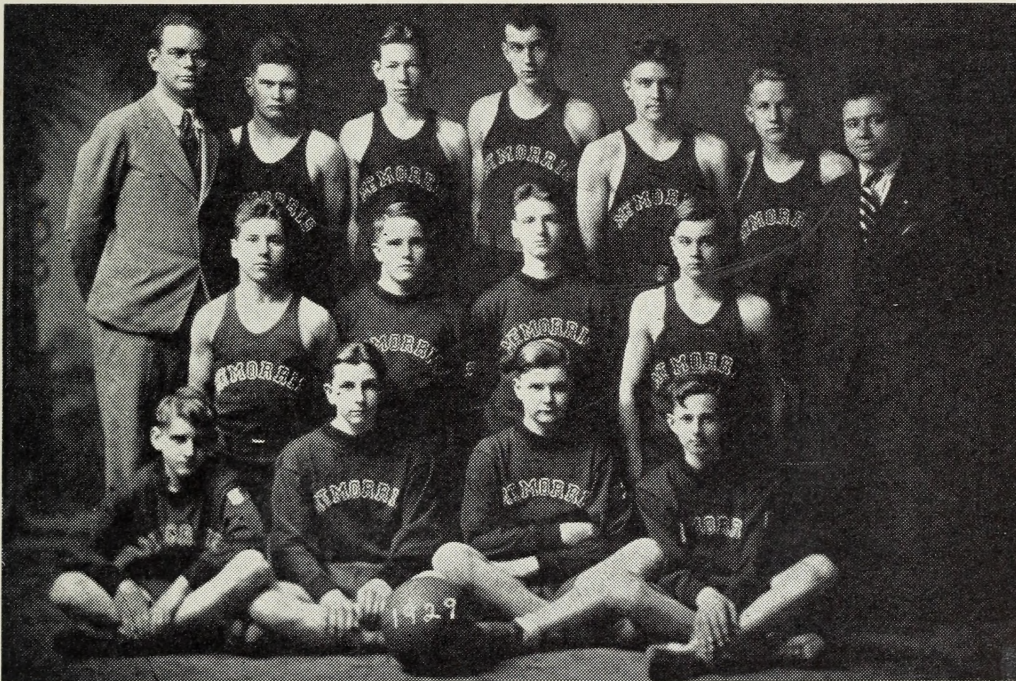
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM of 1925, which won district championship over 16 competing teams. Front row, left to right, Royal Johnson, Melvin Giotfelty, Harold Alter, Forrest Kable, Warren Shook; back row, Coach Mearns, Robert McNett, Harold Tracy, Elmer Paul, Robert Dean, Allen Yoder.



MOUNT MORRIS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 1928. First row, left to right, Carolyn Bachman, Robert Lingel, Ditha Oxley, Willard Shively, Dora Davis, Curtis Long, Dorothy Samsel, Merrill Meeker; second row, Evelyn Avey, Ralph Snodgrass, Robert Middlekauff, Raymond Young, David Miller, Helen Green; third row, John Thomas, Helen Pearce, Maurice McNett, Alice Emmert, Leland Potter, Clara Bucher.



HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY, 1928-1929: Upper row, left to right, Freda Schmidt, Marjorie Babbitt, Esther Carlson, Vivian Ellis; lower row, Wilbur Ogden, Ira R. Hendrickson (superintendent), Paul Yoe.



BASKETBALL SQUAD of 1928-29 of Mount Morris High School. Front row, left to right, Harold Longman, Kenneth Zellers, Harold Ridenour, Roy Allen; second row, William Selby, Leland Rittenhouse, Chas. Finch, Robert Allen; standing, William Price (manager), George Carr, Lloyd Pearce, Chas. Muller, Nelson Potter, Marlin Carr, Coach Paul Yoe.



JUNIOR CLASS OF 1930, most of whom graduated in 1930. Front row, left to right, Lucille Jacobs, Harriet Van Arsdale, Rosalie Crocker, Velma Butterbaugh, Ada Pieper, Beatrice Horton, Dorothy Anderson, Pearl Keedy, Cleo Stimax; second row, Helma Horst, Florence Newcomer, Ruth Wine, Harriet Rees, Louise Taylor, Erma Stengel, Bernice Hightower, Miriam Culler,

Ruth Niman; third row, John Selby, Nelson Potter, Lloyd Pearce, Charles Muller, Howard Corbett, William Price, Harold Ridenour, Merville Horst; top row, Ira Davis, William Selby, Kenneth Pittenger, Leonard Eykamp, Cecil Armbruster, Paul Oxley, Leland Rittenhouse.



GRADUATING CLASS OF 1929, Mount Morris High School.
First row, left to right, Keller Hightower, Justin Kable, Myrtle Allen, Joyce Longman, Velda Stengel, Edward Balluff, Forrest Young, Marlin Carr; second row, Leslie Watt, Harry Conrad, Pauline Schnulle, Martha Bush, Anna Watts, Eugene Carr, Clark

Smith; third row, Frank Carr, Irma Armbruster, Joe Vetrovec, Harry Keller, Robert Allen, Eva Miller, Harold Rodeffer; back row, Cleo Windle, Frances Schaar, Gladys Rodeffer, Ruth Beard, Mary Thomas.

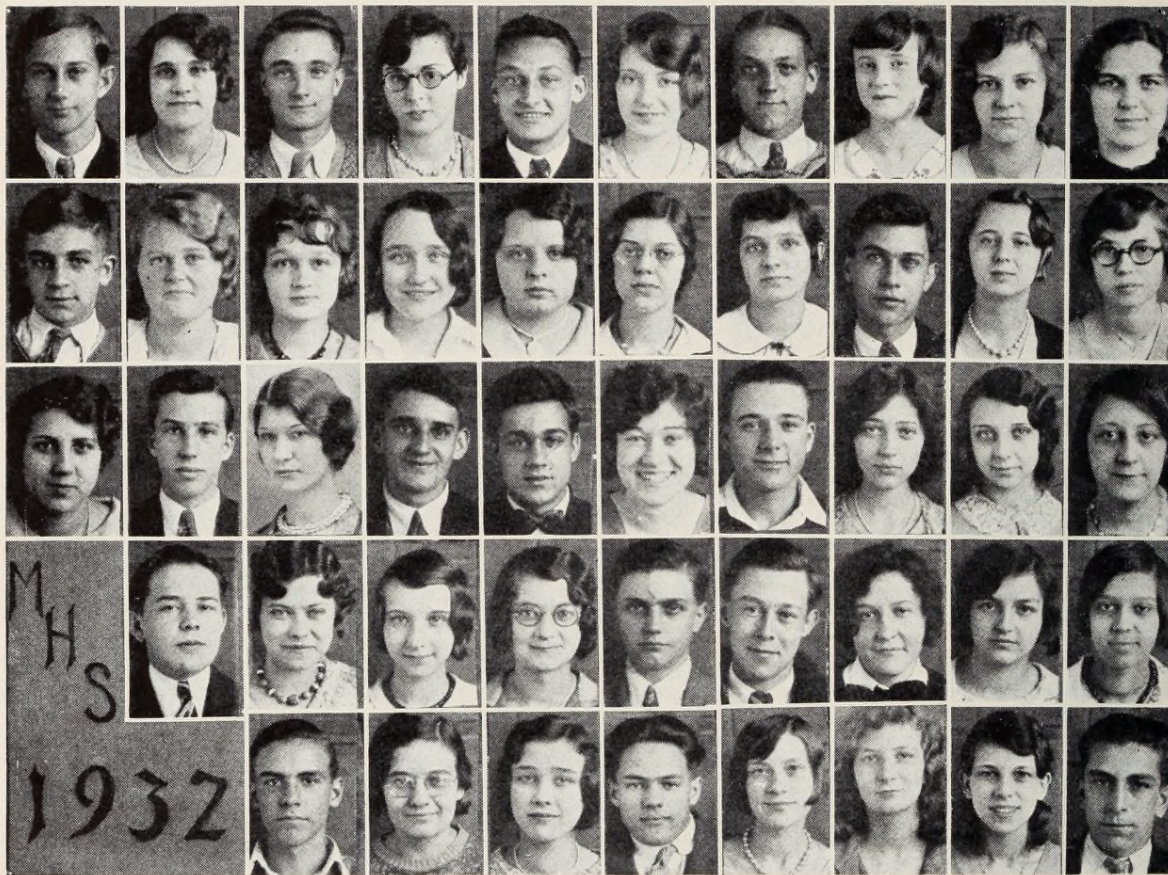
Eldon Smith, Merle Snodgrass, LaVerne Sprecher, Pauline Sprecher, Louise Stiger, Lois Stonebraker, Ruth Taylor, Ferne Thomas, Edward Webster, Wilbur Whetzel, Velma Zellers.

Since the opening of the school year in 1926 the upper three grades of the grade school have been operating under a departmental organization whereby each of the teachers, in grades six, seven and eight, teach special subjects to all pupils in these grades. During the present school year (1937-1938) the local grade school became the first city elementary school in Ogle County to receive a "Superior" rating from the State Department of Public Instruction. The

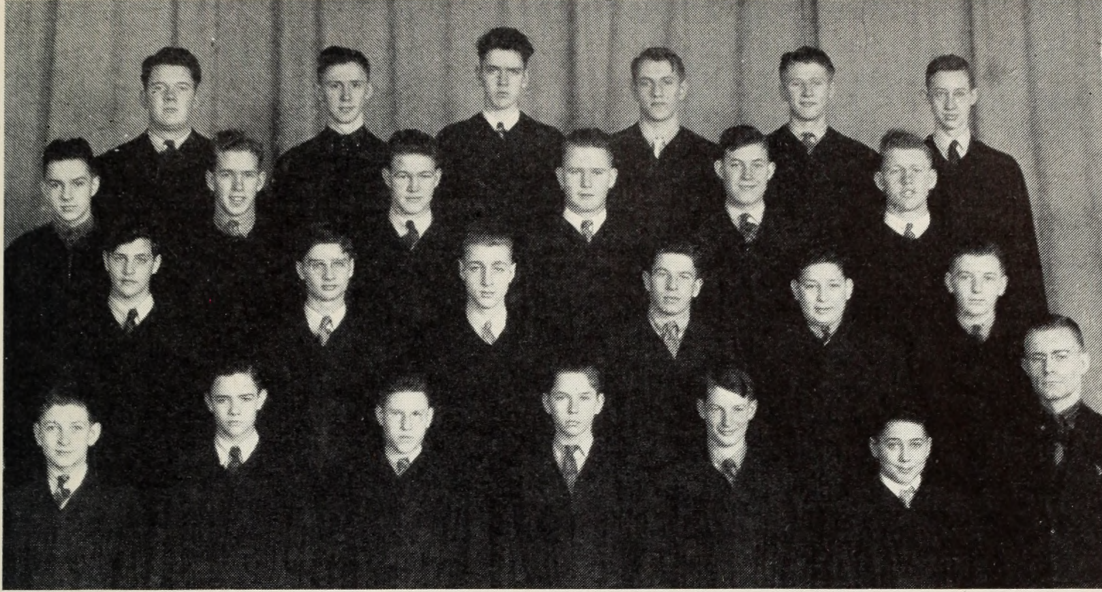
achievement of this rating is the result of a carefully-planned program of improvement, carried on by the Board of Education over a period of years. Brief sketches of the grade school teachers follow:

Miss Alice Lambert, DeKalb, Ill. Graduate normal training course at Northern Illinois State Teachers College with additional work at Colorado University and the University of Washington. Teaches first grade and conducts the summer kindergarten. Came here in 1935 from the DeKalb County schools.

Miss Kathleen Peugh, Coleta, Ill. Graduate of the normal training course



JUNIOR CLASS OF 1931, all of whom graduated in 1932: Top row, left to right, Roy Allen, Lavonne Armbruster, Walter Blake, Doris Buser, Russell Colburn, Mildred Davis, Harold Eykamp, Marie Fossler, Margaret Fridley, Bernice Fry; second row, Paul Fry, Virginia Gloss, Belva Hammer, Helen Hanes, Opal Herzfeldt, Dorothy Horton, Ina James, Robert Kable, Kathryn Keller, Elsie Klepfer; third row, Vivian Koontz, Glenn Kretsinger, Roberta Long, Harold Longman, Lyle Meeker, Georgia Messer, Lloyd Nalley, Clarine Pearce, Ruth Pieper, Elaine Rothermel; fourth row, Merlin Shook, Edna Sizemore, Anna Stengel, Grace Stengel, Myron Stengel, Forrest Stevens, Marian Stonebraker, Frances Stull, Helen Tice; bottom row, Robert Thomas, Lois Unger, Margaret Weller, Howard Wells, Lillie Womack, Martha Wright, Irene Zellers, Kenneth Zellers.



BOYS' GLEE CLUB, 1937: Front row, Bryant Zimmerman, Gene Nunn, Conroy Baker, Wilbur Whetzel, Martin Deets, John Yoe, J. Leslie Pierce (director); second row, Eugene Stull, Richard Park, Dale Henricks, Eldon Smith, Robert Robinson, Richard Steffen; third row, Eugene Marshall, Mark Asp, Fay Forman, Lee Loomis, Robert Newcomer, Matthias Huthansel; back row, Clarence Tracy, Delbert Schell, Wallace Smith, Robert Kump, James Bruner, Harold Ross.



GIRLS' GLEE CLUB, 1937: Front row, left to right, Doris Zimmerman, Lorene Davis, Betty Martin, Dorothy Silvius, Ethel Balluff, Doris Marsh, J. Leslie Pierce (director); second row, Maryalice Olsen, Evelyn Graf, Charlotte Avey, Pauline Stengel, Harriet Kreider, Francine Hilger; third row, Jennette Hammann, Rebecca McNett, Darlene Duckworth, Adelaide Noble, Evone Cain, Phyllis Hoover, Doris Hoover; back row, Helen Barnhizer, Jane Devine, Isabel Kelsey, Mildred Dierdorff, Ruth Meeker, Velma Paul.

at Northern Illinois State Teachers College with additional work at Colorado University. Teaches second grade and came here in 1934 from the Genoa, Ill., public schools.

Miss Ruth Berry, Lee Center, Ill. Graduate of the normal training course at the Illinois State Normal University with additional work at National College of Education at Evanston, Ill., and the State Teachers College at White-water, Wis. Teaches the third grade and came here in 1926 from the public schools of Portland, Ore.

Miss Jane Wingard, Mount Morris, Ill. A.B. degree from Mount Morris College with additional work at the University of Chicago and Montana University. Teaches the fourth grade and came here in 1925 from South Dakota to take charge of the practice teaching of Mount Morris College.

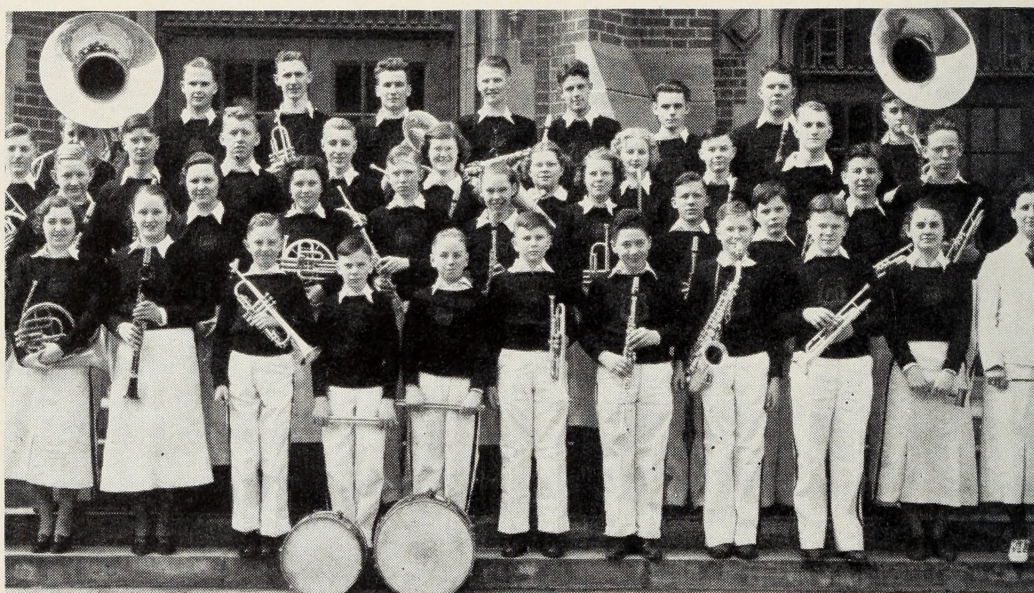
Miss Jane Locke, Rockford, Ill. Graduate of the normal training course at the Northern Illinois State Teachers College with additional work at the Uni-

versity of Wisconsin and the University of Washington. Came here in 1934 from the Teachers College.

Miss Thelma Mott, Pontiac, Ill. A.B. degree from Eureka College with additional work at the Illinois State Normal University and the University of Colorado. Teaches English, reading and spelling in the junior high school and is the home room advisor for the sixth grade. Came here in 1934 from the Winnebago County schools.

Miss Virgil Turner, Ridott, Ill. Graduate from the normal training course at the Northern Illinois State Teachers College with additional work at the University of Wisconsin and the University of Washington. Teaches physical education, home economics and general science in the junior high school and acts as home room advisor for the seventh grade. Came here in 1934 from the public schools of Ridott, Ill.

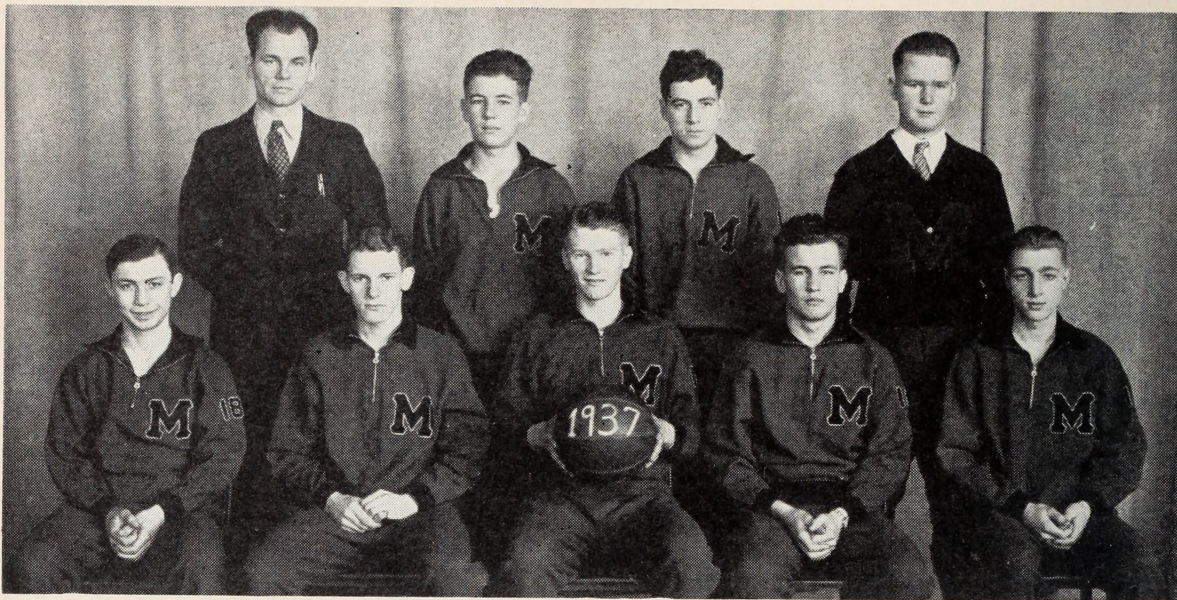
Mr. Merle Hawbecker, Lanark, Ill. Graduate with A.B. degree from Mount Morris College with advanced work at



A COMBINATION grade and high school band has been in existence for several years. Miss Beth Hower is the present instructor and director, and the organization has made a very creditable showing. The above picture was taken in 1937 and the members are as follows: Top row, J. Q. Davis, Lee Loomis, Delbert Schell, Ronald Miller, James Bruner, Burton Davis, Edward Webster, Clarence Tracy, Richard McNett; third row, Richard Steffen, Richard Park, Matthias Huthansel, Dale Henricks, Evone Cain, Dorothy Silvius, Velma Paul, Robert Knodle, Robert Kump, Marshal Woodworth; second row, Donald Marsh, Harriet Kreider, Jeanette Hammann, Kenneth Muller, Mary Edson, Tena Suter, Claremont Michael, Thomas Ivins, Edward Miller; front row, Lorene Davis, Maryalice Olsen, Robert Johnson, Richard Fry, Arnold Blecker, Andrew Bolinger, John Yoe, Ronald Lizer, William Chaffee, Doris Zimmerman, Beth Hower.



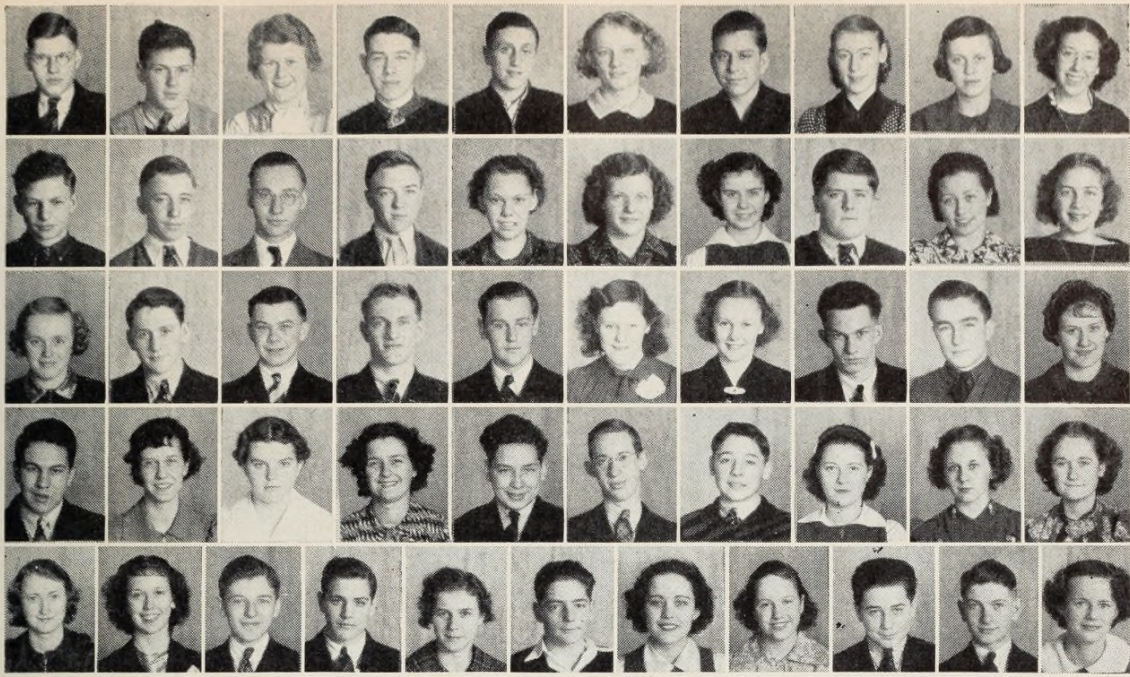
MOUNT MORRIS GRADE SCHOOL TEACHERS, 1938: Back row, left to right: Harold Patter-
 son (Superintendent), Jane Wingard (Fourth Grade), Betty McDanel (Music and Art), Jane
 Locke (Fifth Grade), Ruth Berry (Third Grade), Merle Hawbecker (Eighth Grade); Front row,
 Kathleen Peugh (Second Grade), Alice Lambert (First Grade), Virgil Turner (Seventh Grade),
 Thelma Mott (Sixth Grade).



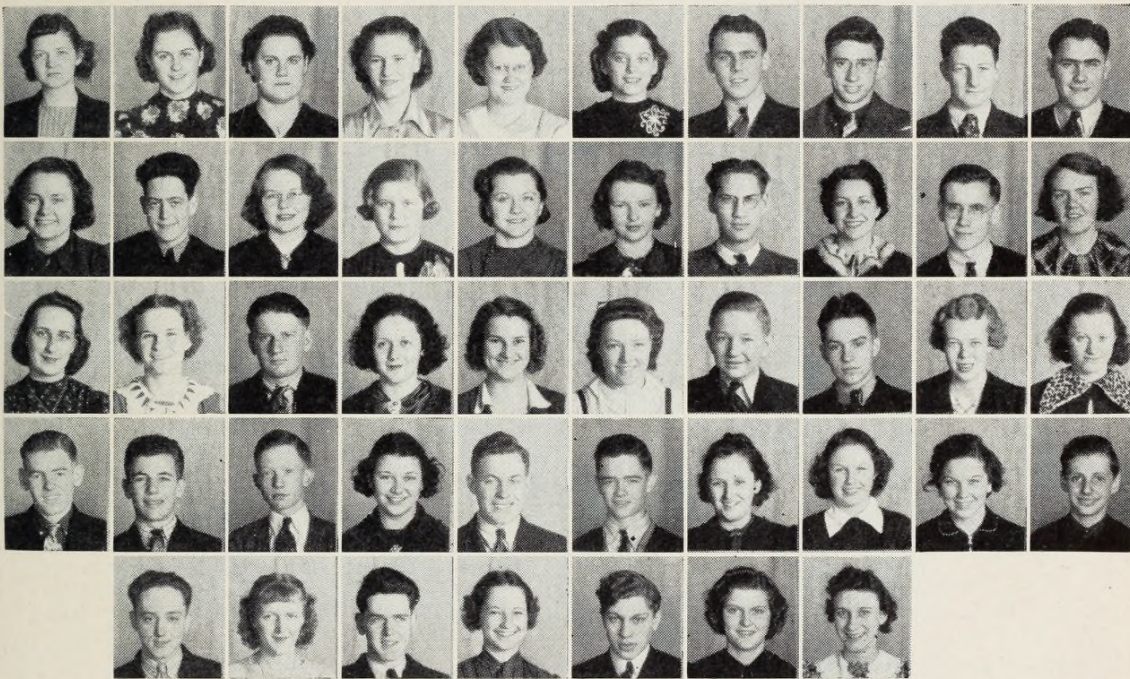
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SQUAD of 1937: Front row, left to right, Melvin Priller, Archie Zellers, James Bruner, Ronald Miller, Dale Henricks; back row, Coach Shrader, Edward Miller, Murray DeArvil, Lee Loomis (manager).



FRESHMAN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS, 1938: Top row, Mary Libby Allen, Eugene Baker, Helen Baker, Robert Burke, Duane Claussen, Jim Coffman, Dorothy Corbett, Lois Corbett, Warren Eatinger, Galen Fry; second row, Marjorie Horst, Darrell Hurdle, Pearl Jiracek, Raymond Kinzie, Marjorie Kirtz, Tom Leonard, Clara Manny, Russell Merri- man, Claremont Michael; third row, Mary Miller, Robert Miller, Charles Noffsinger, Flossie Norris, Leona Palmer, Doris Pieper, Betty Rausch, Mary Rose, William Ross, Merlin Rothermel; fourth row, Alma Rouse, Leroy Saunders, Peggy Sawyer, Jeanne Smith, Lois Sprecher, Mary Louise Stiger, Dale Strohecher, Dan Stoub, Tena Mae Suter, Charles Spiker; bottom row, Ferne Waddelow, Betty Williams, Winfred Wragg, Audrey Wynne, Lawrence Zumdahl.



SOPHOMORE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS, 1938: Top row, Conroy Baker, Harlan Baker, Opal Ballard, Charles Beard, Leroy Bearman, Lorraine Brautigan, Gerald Brinker, Marian Brinker, Myrtle Burke, Jean Davison; second row, Max Diehl, Robert Diehl, Roderick Drexler, Lawrence EATINGER, Mary Bea Edson, Pauline Estes, Shirley Frey, John Graf, Helen Grove, Jeanette Hilger; third row, Darlene Horst, Leo Horst, Robert Knodle, Robert Kump, Richard Leekly, Ruth Leekly, Pauline McHenry, Howard McKim, Richard McNett, Dorothy Meader; fourth row, Donald Miller, Odelia Mongan, Charlotte Palmer, Carol Pittenger, Robert Robinson, Harold Ross, Charles Schmucker, Bernice Schrieber, Jean Smith, Margaret Snodgrass; bottom row, Ruth Snodgrass, Dorothy Spiker, Richard Steffen, Eugene Stuff, Lillian Summers, Charles Towns, Harriet Weller, Emma Wittge, John Yoe, Bryant Zimmerman, Phyllis Zumdahl.

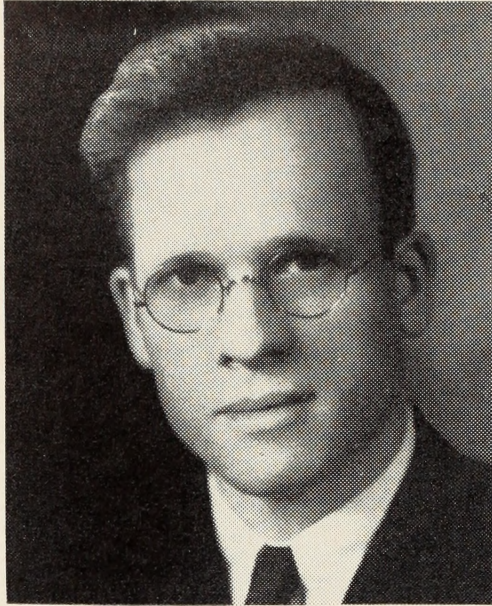


JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS, 1938: Top row, Betty Abramson, Margaret Allen, Harriet Avey, Marian Binkley, Evone Cain, Berniece Chambers, Manley Claussen, Wilford Coblentz, Russell Corbett, Robert Dickson; second row, Lois Diehl, Russell Diehl, Darlene Duckworth, Lois Fossler, Kathryn Graf, Doris Guiles, Homer Harshbarger, Blanche Heathrington, Robert Hudson, Virginia Hyland; third row, Isabel Kelsey, Pauline Leonard, Donald Link, Clesta McCoy, Leona McKee, Clara McKee, Donald Marsh, Eugene Marshall, Jeanne Merriman, Edna Mae Messer, fourth row, Russell Messer, Edward Miller, Kenneth Muller, Dorothy Nalley, Robert Newcomer, Eugene Nunn, Maryalice Olsen, Norma Palmer, Joyce Parkinson, Leo Ridenour; bottom row, Frank Rose, Helen Shoemaker, Wallace Smith, Annette Towns, Donald Waddelow, Helen Wallace, Dorothy Watt.

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PROF. HAROLD A. HOFF was engaged as superintendent of the Mount Morris High School for the year 1938-1939, succeeding the long term of Prof. I. R. Hendrickson. He is a graduate of Mount Morris College, class of 1924, and of the University of Wisconsin, class of 1932. For 14 years previous to coming to Mount Morris he was superintendent of the Milledgeville High School where he made an enviable record. He is the son of Ephriam J. and Elizabeth (Boyd) Hoff and was born June 14, 1899, at McPherson, Kans. Prof. Hoff married Mabel Price in 1926 and they have one daughter, Janice Mae.

Northwestern University. Teaches social science and arithmetic in the junior high school and acts as home room advisor for the eighth grade. Came here in 1934.

In the High School, Prof. Hendrickson is retiring after serving the school since 1915. His place as superintendent is being filled by Prof. Harold A. Hoff. The other members of the faculty for 1938-1939 will be as follows: Paul J. Yoe, Mary M. McColl, Sarah Gnagey, Edna Coulson, Wendall Schrader, E. R. Henricks, Nellie Bishop, Beth Hower, M. R. Dunk, Arnold Thomas, Mrs. Wendell Schrader.

The development and growth of the schools in Mount Morris have been truly remarkable. As late as 1913, the entire teaching staff of both the grades and high school consisted of only six teachers including the principal. In 1938, the faculty of the grade school consists of

eleven members and the high school faculty consists of a like number. The number of graduates has increased from nine that graduated in 1913 to a class of fifty-five in 1938.

Brief sketches of the high school teachers of the school year 1937-1938 follow:

Paul J. Yoe, Cleveland, Ohio. University of Dubuque, (A.B.), Dubuque, Iowa. Graduate work at University of Wisconsin and University of Illinois. Came to Mount Morris in 1925. Teacher of Science and coach from 1925-1933.

Eldo R. Henricks, LaPlace, Ill. Mount Morris College (A.B.), Graduate work at University of Illinois. (Will receive A.M. in August, 1938). Came to Mount Morris high school in 1935. Teacher of Mathematics.

Leigh N. Patton, Mt. Carroll, Ill. University of Illinois. Graduate work at Colorado State College, Boulder, Colo. Came to Mount Morris in 1936. Teacher of Vocational Agriculture.

Wendell H. Schrader, DesPlaines, Ill. Coe College (A.B.), Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Graduate work at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. Came to Mount Morris in 1931. Teacher of Social Sciences and Coach of Athletics.

Mary Marlowe McColl, Beatrice, Nebr. University of Nebraska (A.B.). Graduate work at University of Nebraska, University of Mexico. Came to Mount Morris in 1929. Teaches Latin, Spanish, English.

Irene Freeman Sweet (Mrs. Donald Sweet), Polo, Ill. Wheaton College, Drake University Conservatory, Sherwood Music School, University of Wisconsin. Came to Mount Morris in 1937. Taught music and English.

Beth Hower, Lanark, Ill. Frances Shimer Jr. College, McPhail School of Music, National Music Camp. Came to Mount Morris in 1936. Teacher of band and orchestra.

Edna Coulson, LaHarpe, Ill. Western Illinois State Teachers College (B.Ed.), Brown's Business College. Graduate work at University of Iowa. Came to Mount Morris in 1931. Teaches commercial department.

Nellie Bishop, Fort Madison, Iowa. University of Iowa (B.A.) Graduate work, University of Washington. Will receive A.M. in August, 1938. Came to Mount Morris in 1935. Teaches speech, journalism, English.



THE Mount Morris Public School Building as it now appears after the large rear section was added to the original building.



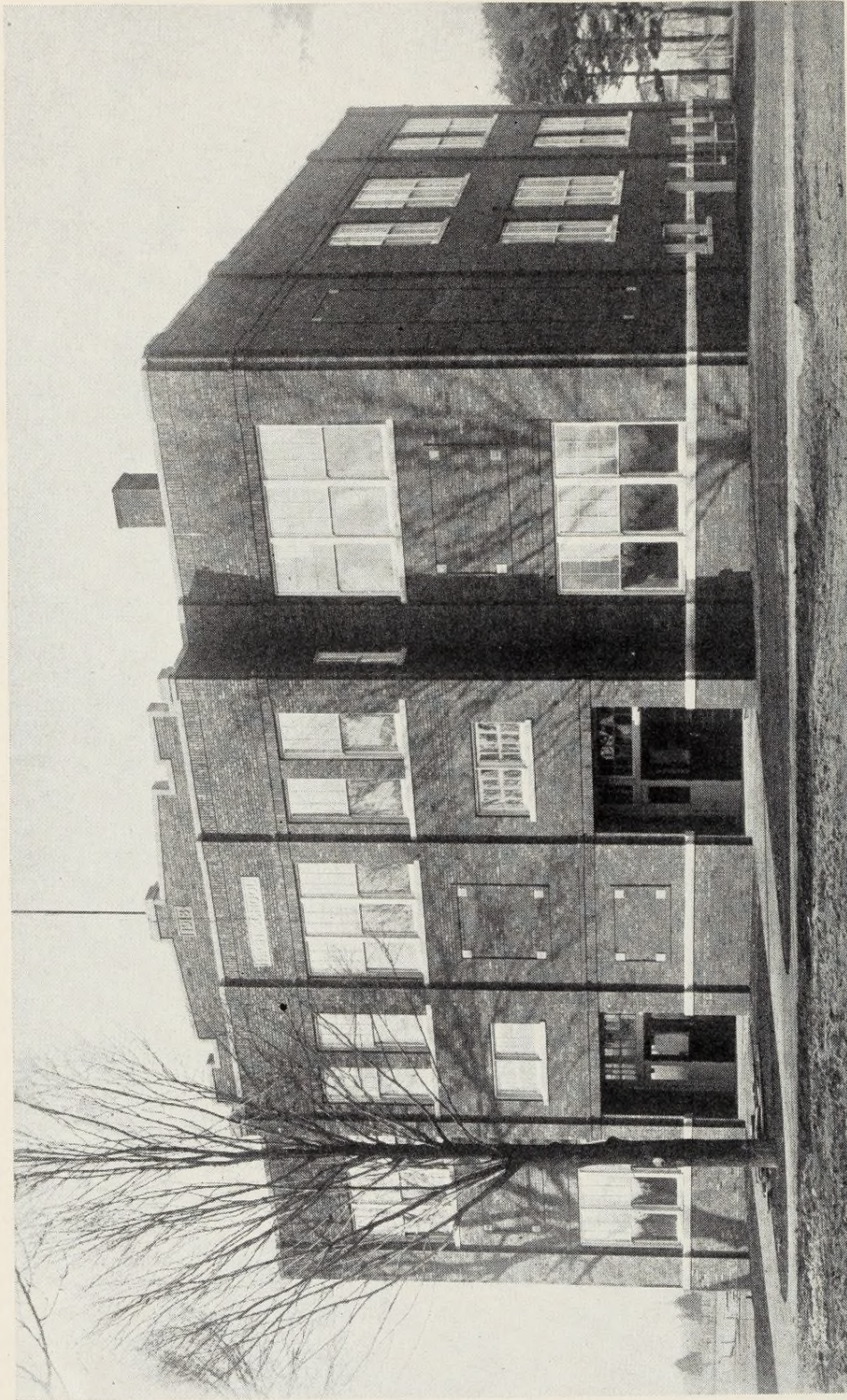
MOUNT MORRIS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 1938:

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Verna Sprecher, (33) Evelyn Graf, (34) Ruth Meeker, (35) June Rowe, (36) Helen Barnhizer, (37) Christine Freedlund, (38) Louise Stiger, (39) Frances Sawyer, (40) Lois Stonebraker, (41) Marian Giles, (42) Jeannette Hammann, (43) Norma Hammer, (44) Arlene Binkley, (45) Velma Paul, (46) Mildred Dierdorff, (47) Ethel Balluff, (48) Charlotte Avey, (49) Marian Hilger, (50) Pauline Stengel, (51) "Prof" Hendrickson, (52) Ferne Thomas, (53) Bonnie Croft, (54) Ruth Taylor, (55) Mildred Estes, (56) Rebecca McNett, (57) Velma Zellers.



HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY, 1937-1938: Front row, left to right: Paul J. Yoe, Edna Coulson, Ira Hendrickson, Marian Sympson, Mary M. McColl, Wendell Schrader, Nellie Bishop, Leigh U. Patton, Irene F. Sweet, Eldo R. Henricks.



MOUNT MORRIS HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING was erected in 1918 and was first used in January, 1919. The building is 80 feet square and faces the east. N. E. Buser was the architect and the construction was done by the Hug Construction Company of Highland, Ill. The building was enlarged in 1937 by the addition of a two-story section on the west end of the building.

Chapter 8

VILLAGE NEWSPAPERS

IT IS generally conceded that the printing press is one of the most potent factors in molding the destiny of a newly-settled territory, but it is also a fact, however, that it is among those the least appreciated by the people when called upon to sustain it. The first settlers of Mount Morris Township had no access to daily papers, and even weeklies very rarely found their way into their hands; for mails were irregular and infrequent, the mode of transporting them being by horseback, and very often that means failed. The only papers taken by the people during the early days were possibly a few eastern journals and some religious papers.

The great esteem in which all educational interests were held by the first settlers of Ogle County is evidenced by the fact that when the country was yet almost a wilderness the cornerstone of "Old Sandstone," or Rock River Seminary, was laid, on the fourth day of July, 1839. Consequently it was thought generally in the east that among a people so thoroughly imbued with the importance of educational advantages, a newspaper would find a ready support, but this estimate, as the sequel will show, proved a serious mistake to the projectors of the first newspaper venture in Mount Morris. The principals in this enterprise were Jonathan and Emanuel Knodle, of Washington County, Md., the former as publisher and the latter as editor of the proposed paper. These gentlemen purchased the press and materials with which a small paper entitled *The Casket* was printed at Boonsboro, Md., and on the sixteenth day of July, 1841, the former, accompanied by his family and with their household goods, including the said printing outfit, set out in wagons for Mount Morris. When they arrived

at Wheeling, W. Va., finding their loads too heavy to be drawn by the teams, the press and printing materials were shipped from there by boat around to Savanna, Illinois.

In a letter dated Peoria, Ill., October 27, 1841, Emanuel Knodle wrote to his brother, Samuel, in the east: "We found it necessary to go to St. Louis for some type, rules, composing sticks, etc. When I left Mount Morris, on the twenty-fifth, we had not yet heard of our press and type, but think that by this time they should have come around to Savanna." A later letter shows that the equipment was received from Peru, instead of Savanna. The water being low in the Mississippi, the boats could not ascend as far as Savanna. December 8, the outfit was moved into a house built west of the Seminary property by Samuel McFarland during the spring previous. This house, of which a half-tone appears on page 208, stood until the year 1900, when it was partly torn down, and the remainder moved to the south part of town where it was used as a barn by William Domer. More is said concerning this house in the previous chapter upon the public schools. The shed-like addition on the right hand is the part in which the printing-office was located.

During the remainder of the month of December, Messrs. Emanuel and Jonathan Knodle, and also Peter, Jacob and Joseph Knodle, and Joseph Hooper, were hard at work to "bring order out of chaos," which was the condition in which the material was found after its long and perilous journey by land and water. Composition rollers had to be made and a hundred and one other articles supplied, which in so new a country presented almost insurmountable difficulties, the crowning trouble



THIS OLD HOUSE was an interesting landmark in Mount Morris for the reason that the first newspaper in Mount Morris or Ogle County, the *Rock River Register*, was established here Jan. 1, 1842, by Jonathan and Emanuel Knodle, who brought the printing outfit from Boonsboro, Md. This house was built in 1841 by Samuel McFarland and was last occupied by Mrs. Susan Heminger. It was torn down in March, 1900, to make way for Elder D. L. Miller's new residence. About the year 1860, Mrs. Caroline Crofts started a private school in the front room of this old house, and continued until after the Civil War. After the close of the Crofts school, the old house sunk into obscurity. It was used as a residence and saw many changes of ownership.

of all being that the bed of the press was broken when the attempt was made to put it in place. This press was known as a "Ramage" and was nearly the exact style of that used by Benj. Franklin, which now stands in the National Gallery at Washington. In a diary kept by Peter Knodle, son of the publisher, he gave the following details concerning the setting up of this pioneer printing plant:

"Arrived—From St. Louis, Emanuel Knodle, Nov. 18. He brought our press as far as Peru. He purchased type and other materials.

"Received—Our press on November 29.

"Distributing—Commenced distributing type Dec. 16, and also made a table for the forms, a galley, and other sundry articles for the office.

"Trip to Chicago—On Friday, Dec. 17, father and Jacob Knodle started to Chicago to procure a stove for the printing office, printing paper and many other articles.

"Removed—Our press on Wednesday,

Dec. 18, to Mr. McFarland's in a room that he rented to us.

"Composition Roller—I made a composition roller on Saturday evening, Dec. 18. I got through with it about nine o'clock. I had a little difficulty in moulding it the first trial, it being too stiff, and we had to boil it a little more until it got a little thinner.

"Accident—On Monday, Dec. 20, I was leveling the composing stone in the press, and by pressing on it, it cracked clean across the width of the stone.

"Setting Type—Commenced setting type on Monday, Dec. 23.

"Arrived—Father arrived from Chicago, Dec. 26 with printing paper and stove for the office."

All obstacles in the way of this pioneer newspaper enterprise were at last overcome, however, and on the first of January, 1842, the first number of the *Rock River Register* was issued from the old house and distributed to its patrons, thus going on record as the first newspaper published in Ogle County. It was a small five-column sheet, printed one

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THE MINISTERS DINNER.

BY LYDIA JANE PIERSON.

The Reverend Mr. N—— was a man of excellent temper; generous feelings, and well cultivated mind, but he was eccentric even to oddity. He was a powerful preacher, and his ministrations were blessed to the reformation of many in his parish. At the age of thirty four he became enamored of a beautiful light hearted girl of seventeen, daughter to one of his richest parishoners, and who imagined that to refuse the hand of a minister would be a sin bordering hard upon the unpardonable. Well, the marriage was consummated, the bride's fat portion paid; and the husband as husbands in their first love are apt to do, gave in to the humor of his wife, and accompanied her to several festive parties given by his wealthy neighbors, in honor of his marriage. The happy couple were sitting together in their comfortable parlor, one evening towards spring, the reverend gentleman studying the venerable Hebe, and his wife equally intent upon a plate of the latest fashions, when she suddenly looked up between hope and fear, and thus addressed her companion,
"My dear husband, I have a request to make."
"Well Nancy, any thing consistent?"
"You do not imagine that I would

ed like Judith of old gloriously, to allure the eyes of all who should look upon us; and that of sweet smiles and gracious, notwithstanding the uncomfortable pinching of her shoes and corsets. Her husband met her in the hall.
"Our guests have all arrived," he said and opened the door of the reviewing room. Wonderful! wonderful! What a strange assembly. There were congregated the cripple, the maimed, and the blind; the palsied, the extreme aged, and a group of children from the almshouse, who regarded the line lady, some with wide open mouths, others with both hands in their hair, while some peeped from behind furniture to the covert of which they had retreated from her dazzling presence. She was petrified with astonishment, then a dash of displeasure crossed her face, till having ran her eye over the grotesque assembly she met the comically grave expression of her husband's countenance, when she burst into a violent fit of laughter, during the paroxysms of which the bursting of her corset laces could be distinctly heard by the company.
"Nancy!" at length said her husband, sternly. She suppressed her mirth, stammered an excuse and added;
"You will forgive me, and believe yourselves quite welcome."

and each recounted some wonderful or thrilling adventure of the revolutionary war, and the old ladies told their tales of privation and suffering; and interwove with them the histories of fathers, brothers or lovers who died for liberty.
Mrs. N—— was sobbing convulsively when her husband came around, and touching her shoulder, whispered,
"My love, shall we have dancing?"
That word with its ludicrous associations fairly threw her into hysterics, and she laughed and wept at once.
When she became quiescent, Mr. N then addressed the company.
"I fear my friends that you will think my wife a frivolous inconsistent creature and I must therefore apologise for her. We were married only last fall, and have attended several gay parties, which our rich neighbors gave in honor of our nuptials, and my wife thought it would be genteel to give a dinner in return. I consented on conditions; one of which was that I should invite the guests. So being a professed minister of Him who was meek and lowly in heart, I followed to the letter his command, 'But when thou makest a feast call the poor the maimed the blind, &c. you all recollect the passage. Mrs. N not knowing who her guests were to be, is highly delighted with the ruse I have played, and I do

plighted vows they pined. He went back to his business, and she remained here in school. She wrote to him constantly, and her letters breathed the pure outpourings of a true, loving, and constant heart. The time for their union approached, and he made preparation to visit Albany and accomplish the wish of his soul. The epistol came on in answer to his, and not a thought or a line caused him a doubt or a fear. At length he commenced his journey, and with his heart bounding with joy, and with all that can make life comfortable and the domestic fireside happy, he arrived at his destination and immediately went to throw all at the feet of her whom he adored. But alas for human hopes and anticipation! he found the recipient of innumerable benefits and the cherished idol of his soul—the bright one who had been the burden of his thoughts and who was his sworn and affianced bride—just about to be joined in the bonds of wedlock to a foreigner to whom she owed nothing, and whom she had known but a short time.

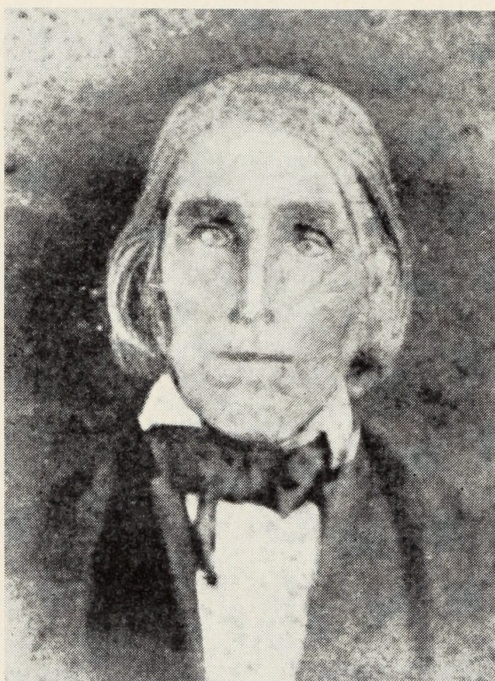
Amazed at her duplicity, which he could hardly believe and broken hearted and dispirited at a loss which he had never accounted on or expected, the un-

THE ROCK RIVER REGISTER, Mount Morris's first newspaper, as well as the first in Ogle County, was established in January, 1842, but because of limited patronage was compelled to discontinue in September of the same year, and was moved to Grand Detour.

page at a time, on a very inferior quality of paper. Its motto, suggested by Rev. T. S. Hitt, was, "We hope to be recognized as fellow-laborers in the noble work of enlightening the human mind." The terms were "\$2.50 in advance; or \$3, if not paid in advance." A number of articles from the *Register*, which give an idea of the condition of the country when the paper was being published, are reprinted in a preceding chapter upon the early history of Mount Morris.

Mr. Emanuel Knodle, the first editor of the *Register*, was a very spicy and fluent writer. In the second number issued, he invited the patrons of the paper to furnish occasional "original communications," saying:

"We have among our patrons here, as we have already been informed, in the brief space of our residence in Ogle county, writers who are capable of *Hitting off* 'matter and things in general,' in



JONATHAN KNODLE and his brother, Emanuel Knodle, established the first newspaper in Mount Morris in January, 1842. It was also the first paper in Ogle County. Mr. Knodle was a native of Boonsboro, Md., and in July, 1841, with his family and a small printing outfit, started to drive to Mount Morris. After considerable difficulty, the paper got started in the following January but continued less than a year.

such an interesting manner as to please all manner of readers: that we may expect evidence of some very *Sharp* pens, and that the necessary *Artz* will not fail us in our efforts to treat our readers handsomely. Upon the whole, we *Judge* that we can *af-Ford* our readers complete satisfaction."

The names in italics were those of prominent early settlers. Vol. 1, No. 4, contained the notice of the marriage of Michael Cheshire to Margaret McAllister, by Rev. L. S. Walker, noted by the editor to have been "the first case of matrimony which ever occurred in Mount Morris." In the same number appear the business cards of H. A. Mix and Henry Roberts, attorneys-at-law at Oregon; James J. Beatty, physician and surgeon, Mount Morris; and an administrator's notice in the matter of the estate of William Driscoll. The paper dated Feb. 26, 1842, mentioned the severe illness of the editor, Emanuel Knodle, and No. 12, issued in April, announced his death. He is said to have been a young man of extraordinary ability and had he lived would have had a brilliant future without doubt. He was the oldest brother of Samuel Knodle, for many years a resident of Mount Morris. The paper which announced Mr. Knodle's death bore the names of Knodle and Stephens, publishers, D. C. Duncan being engaged as editor. In September the paper was removed to Grand Detour, on account of the poor mail service at Mount Morris. It eventually ceased publication after a career of less than two years and was entirely lost sight of.

MOUNT MORRIS GAZETTE

Seven years passed after the failure of the *Register* before any parties found sufficient courage to try another newspaper enterprise, but in February, 1850, J. Frederick Grosh and Tomlinson Ankeney purchased the material with which the *Rockford Free Press* had been printed, removed it to Mount Morris, and in March the first number of the *Mount Morris Gazette* was issued, published by J. F. Grosh and edited by Prof. D. J. Pinckney. Concerning this paper Kett's History of Ogle County says: "It was a seven-column folio sheet, tolerably well printed and ably edited. It

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VOL. I.....NO 36.

MOUNT MORRIS, ILL., THURSDAY, JAN. 9, 1851.

BY J. F. GROSH.

RATES OF ADVERTISING. One square one insertion, . . . \$ 75

THE MOUNT MORRIS GAZETTE was established in 1850 and was Mount Morris's second newspaper but it lasted only about a year. J. F. Grosh was the first publisher.

MOUNT MORRIS GAZETTE.

BY BRAYTON, BAKER & CO.]

[TWO DOLLARS A YEAR.

VOLUME 2.

MOUNT MORRIS, OGLE COUNTY, THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1851.

NO. 3.

"It is the memory of my wrongs—of your | sed, and the expression of his face, though | nessed, and something whispered. You were a | wretched
villains, rather—for myself I do not care.— | sad, was none of it."

BRAYTON, BAKER & CO. succeeded J. F. Grosh as publisher of the *Mount Morris Gazette* in 1851. The above heading was evidently whittled out by hand.

was professedly neutral in politics, but the editor was very independent in the expression of his opinions, and sometimes the paper inclined somewhat strongly to the party with which he affiliated. The printing of the first number of the *Gazette* was a notable event in the history of both town and county, and occasioned as much excitement as did the completion of the railroad twenty years later. The *Gazette*, however, was not a success financially and the publishers, after a year's experience, discovered that its publication was a losing business, and in the spring of 1851 disposed of the material to R. C. Burchell, of Oregon, who removed it to that place and established the *Ogle County Gazette*, afterward the *Reporter*, which still exists. The sale of the material, however, does not appear to have stopped the *Mount Morris Gazette*. No. 3 of the second volume, dated May 29, 1851, bears the name of Brayton, Baker & Co., publishers, and Prof. Pinckney, editor. It says that there were no press, type or printers in Mount Morris at that time, and although the paper was published there, it was printed elsewhere, probably by Mr. Burchell at Oregon. But this manner of publishing a newspaper did not suit the enterprising citizens of Mount Morris who organized a joint stock company, purchased a new outfit, and No. 3, dated June 26, was beautifully printed in new type, and was one of the handsomest papers ever printed in the county. It was under the editorial charge of Professors D. J. Pinckney and S. M. Fellows, and it is needless to add was conducted with signal ability.

The *Mount Morris Gazette* of July 3, 1851, Vol. 2, No. 5, published by Brayton, Baker & Co., contained the following editorial: "Some of our readers may conclude that as we are situated a little off from the great thoroughfares, our facilities for supplying them with such a paper as they need would be inferior to those possessed by many other places. It is true, our mail arrangements do not equal those of many points, but we are sufficiently well supplied for all the purposes of the paper we publish. We have a daily mail from Chicago, and a tri-weekly from the northwest and from

the south, and can place before our readers the state of the market or any other news interesting to them, as early as our neighbors. And, in other respects our facilities are vastly superior to almost any paper in this section of the country. We are situated so that we can at any time procure essays upon a variety of subjects, from competent persons, and we can always present as large an amount of choice, original articles as we choose. When we recollect that it is the original matter which gives a local paper its chief value, this consideration will be acknowledged of no little importance. Our office is fitted up with a new press, new types, new everything, and we have a printer who knows how to use them to the best advantage. And on our part we purpose to use every exertion to make the *Mount Morris Gazette* just such a paper as every parent will wish to introduce into his family."

The paper was not self-sustaining, however, and after a year's experience, the company rented the offices to Messrs. Chas. C. Allen and Smith D. Atkins, then attending school at Rock River Seminary. These gentlemen, by devoting a part of their time to the office and the remainder to their studies, were enabled to prolong its existence until the spring of 1853, when the plant was sold to them and removed to Savanna, Ill.

Many years later when Mr. Allen died in his home in California, Mr. Smith who had become a well-known publisher in Freeport, wrote of his former partner in the *Freeport Journal* as follows: "Chas. Allen is dead. He died in Los Angeles, Calif., at 79 years of age. He learned his trade, a printer, here in Freeport, in the *Prairie Democrat* office, about 1849. He went from here to Mount Morris, Ill., and for several years published the *Mount Morris Gazette*, on contract for the owners. We worked in that printing office for Mr. Allen, two hours in the forenoon and two hours in the afternoon, for our board, and there attended Mount Morris Seminary. Attending that school then were Shelby M. Cullom, John L. Beverage, Chas. B. Farwell, Robert R. Hitt, John A. Rawlins, and many others who became dis-

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VOL. I. MT. MORRIS, ILL., SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1857. NO. 36.

Business Cards. CHAPTECIL. Then let's go! said Ben. Ruth had not been idle. Quiet and un- 'Nonsense! What is the matter with you how he is? exclaimed Caroline assuming as he appeared to be. he was you, Kate? You are so pale as a sick

THE NORTHWESTERN REPUBLICAN was established in 1856 by Atwood and Metcalf and managed by Samuel Knodle. It was sold after a year to Col. M. S. Barnes who changed the name to the *Independent Watchman*.

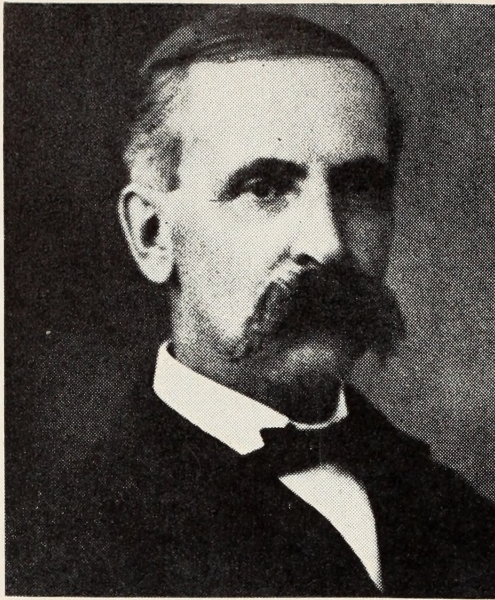
The Independent Watchman.

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VOL. V. MT. MORRIS, ILL., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1858. NO. 6.

Masonio. Commission Merchants. Protecting Ourselves from Bats. By RANDOM SELECTIONS. has no estate, shall be let out and sold to SELECT POETRY. given to the work of taking care of my self. I happen to be at the bottom of the holder, and if I were...

COL. M. S. BARNES published the *Independent Watchman* for a year beginning in 1857 and then sold it to J. D. Dopf who continued until 1861 when he moved it to Polo.



JOHN J. SHARER, son of Henry and Cornelia Motter Sharer, was born Nov. 28, 1847, at the Sharer homestead, one mile east of Mount Morris, now owned by Jacob Bonar. He died Aug. 2, 1922, aged 75 years. He went to school in Mount Morris and at the age of 12 years, in 1859, he started to learn the printing trade in the office of the *Independent Watchman*, owned by Myron S. Barnes. In 1860, the paper was moved to Polo, where he followed and worked for a short time. From 1861 to 1863, he worked on the *Ogle County Guard* at Oregon, published by Samuel Wilson. From 1864 to 1870, Mr. Sharer was a resident of Chicago, working as mail clerk. In 1877, he purchased the defunct *Independent* of Mount Morris, and changed the name to *Ogle County Democrat*, which he edited until 1886. He was in Missouri and Oklahoma until 1902, when he returned to Mount Morris, and for the next 17 years was local editor of the *Mount Morris Index*, retiring in 1920. In 1882, Mr. Sharer married Susie L. Burker, and they had three children, Mrs. Marietta C. McGarigle, Mrs. Sarah L. Johns and Henry Sharer.

tinguished in public life. In the printing office there were Horace Hounson, who published a paper in Minnesota, the last time we heard from him; George W. Crofts, who became a distinguished divine and author; Daniel A. Sheets, who was killed; and Col. R. J. Oglesby, a lieutenant in the 8th Illinois Infantry, whose dead body we saw on the battlefield at the battle of Ft. Donelson. Chas. Allen, about 1853, bought the *Mount Morris Gazette* and moved it to Savanna, in Carroll County. We bought

from Mr. Allen a half interest, and for one year we published with Mr. Allen, the *Savanna Register*, selling out to Mr. Allen . . .”

NORTHWESTERN REPUBLICAN

Three years later, in 1856, Messrs. Atwood and Metcalf started a paper called the *Northwestern Republican*. Samuel Knodle managed its publication for over a year when it was sold to Col. M. S. Barnes, who had been running a daily in Chicago. He changed the name of the paper to *Independent Watchman*. After a year under his management it was purchased by a company of town merchants and put under the editorial management of Prof. W. S. Pope, Dr. F. A. McNeill and J. D. Dopf, with Mr. Dopf publisher. Its publication continued until the winter of 1860-'61, when Mr. Dopf removed the material to Polo where it developed into the *Ogle County Press*, still being published.

After this Mount Morris was without a newspaper for fifteen years, the utter failure of all the early enterprises having evidently frightened every one from again making the attempt. Ten years later, however, a job printing-office was established by Samuel Knodle with a small handpress and an assortment of job type. Mr. Knodle's job office became famous all over the county and the amount of printing which he did was remarkable.

MOUNT MORRIS INDEPENDENT

In 1876, Mr. Knodle was instrumental in forming an incorporated stock company, he himself owning half the stock, and the *Mount Morris Independent* was started, with Prof. D. J. Pinckney, as editor. Mismanagement by the board of directors again made this enterprise a failure, and it was sold in May, 1877, to John Sharer and changed to the *Ogle County Democrat*, with Mr. Sharer as editor and Dr. B. G. Stephens, associate editor. It was successfully conducted under this caption for nearly nine years, when it was moved to Oregon and changed to the *Independent-Democrat*, which in the fall of 1900 was incorporated with the *Ogle County Constitution* of that place.

Ogle County Democrat.

JOHN SHARER, Publisher.

\$2.00 per Annum

VOLUME V.

MT. MORRIS, OGLE COUNTY ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1881.

WHOLE NO. 231.

nation, on the morning of his inauguration, by illegal prisoners, in spite of the Speaker's ruling, turning over to the detectives a lunatic who Parrott was "named" for offensive language. had carefully laid his plans for the murder. ... Giddens moved his suspension for, pg 491, Natl. Orib. ... a President. ... Forty-three Postm...

LATER NEWS ITEMS.
Natl. Orib. ... who work ...

Another Reformer.
Mr. Windom has himself advertised in his possession, the New York Sun stalwarts by the promulgation of facts in this respect he ...

JOHN SHARER established the *Ogle County Democrat* in 1877 and continued it for nearly nine years. It was the first newspaper in Mount Morris to contain much local news.

THE MT. MORRIS INDEX.

FAITH-IN THE PEOPLE. HOPE-FOR SUCCESS. CHARITY-TOWARD THE EDITOR.

VOL. II.—NO. 46.—\$1 Per Annum in Advance.

MT. MORRIS, ILLINOIS FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1892.

CHAS. T. COGGINS, Editor and Proprietor.

Epitome of the Week. In 1887 there were 411 competitors entered in the Harvard athletic sports. In 1891 the number ... ceased to ...

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION. The following congressional nominations were made: Indiana, Ninth district, ... Illinois, Ninth district, ... Wisconsin, Ninth district, ...

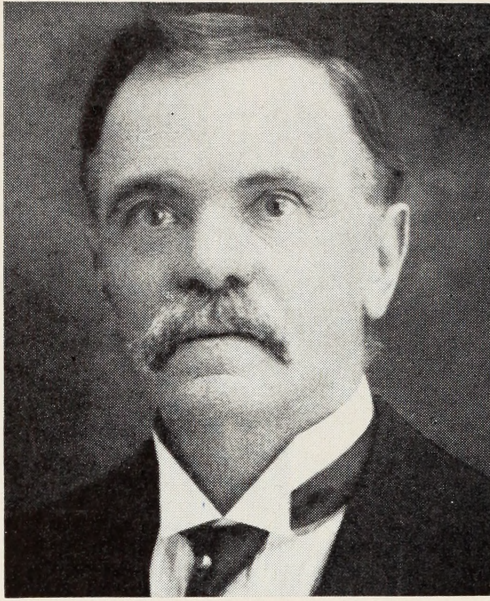
HUNDREDS PERISH. On Thakka ... a ...

PENNSYLVANIA'S WOE. Further details of the Aerial Disaster at ...

PASSED THE HOUSE. A Bill Day in the Lower Branch of the ... The Hatch Anti-Option Bill and ...

A VACANT CHAIR. President ... State, Mr. Black ...

CHAS. T. COGGINS established the *Mount Morris Index* in July, 1890, and continued for seven years when he left town, and his wife continued the paper for several months in partnership with H. C. Walrath.



CHAS. T. COGGINS established the *Mount Morris Index* in July, 1890, and continued as editor and publisher until 1897 when he mysteriously disappeared and was not heard from for a long time. He was the son of Thomas J. and Sarah J. Coggins and was born in Mount Morris, Dec. 14, 1849. He died in St. Louis in November, 1927, at the age of 78 years. He learned the printer's trade at Rockport, Mo., and is said to have worked in nearly every state in the union. He married Carrie Clifford and she continued to publish the *Index* for awhile after her husband left town. Geo. Stephens worked for Coggins for three years after the *Index* was established, followed by Fred Crosby, who worked about three years, and Hugh Stephens, a brother of George, followed Crosby.

MOUNT MORRIS INDEX

However, the presses, type and entire printing outfit were brought back to Mount Morris by Mr. Sharer, and in July, 1890, were sold to Charles T. Coggins, who established the *Mount Morris Index*. For six or seven years Mr. Coggins conducted the paper with considerable success but finally began to neglect the business, and in 1897 unceremoniously left town. His wife, Mrs. Carrie H. Coggins, edited the paper for a time and later took Harry C. Walrath as a partner.

In September, 1898, the *Index* was sold by Mrs. Coggins to Harvey J. and Harry G. Kable, and the first issue printed by the new publishers was dated Sept. 7, 1898. The first paragraph of the

"Salutatory" reads as follows: "We this week come before the public for the first time and meekly make our bow. To many, especially those of our immediate vicinity, it is unnecessary to state that the *Mount Morris Index* has passed into new hands. To those who have not been advised to that effect we would say that we have taken charge of the paper and that we intend to devote our time, energy and talent (if any) to the same. We shall endeavor to make the paper what it should be,—a newspaper in fact as well as in name."

The Kable brothers had finished the local public school in 1896, and while H. J. attended Mount Morris College, H. G. was learning to set type in the office of the *Mount Morris News*. After one year, he secured a job across the street with the Brethren Publishing House and in September, 1898, with very little experience and no capital, the Kable twins started on a career which developed into Mount Morris's chief industry. This is covered in the next



CHAS. H. CANODE, who was born and raised in Mount Morris, established the *Mount Morris News* in May, 1896, with his sister, M. Eliza Canode, as associate editor. He was the son of Arnold E. and Amelia (Worley) Canode and was one of a family of nine children. He married Miss Eva Lutz and they reside in Oak Park. Mr. Canode is the head of the Bronson-Canode Printing Co. in Chicago.

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Mount Morris News.

VOLUME I. NUMBER 1.

MOUNT MORRIS, ILLINOIS, TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1896.

TO OUR PEOPLE.

BASE-BALL NEWS.

♦ Morris has had a season of

Mrs. Wheeler moved her household goods to Oregon Friday

The Best... The World Producer

R. E. ARNOLD

THE MOUNT MORRIS NEWS was established in May, 1896, by Chas. H. Canode and continued until February, 1901, when it was consolidated with the *Mount Morris Index*.

MOUNT MORRIS INDEX.

NUMBER 8.

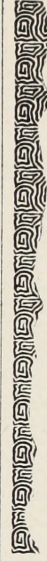
MOUNT MORRIS, ILLINOIS, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1898.

VOLUME IX.

C. B. & Q. R. R. AT MT. MORRIS. for the independent exercise of thought and the free use of the pen. GOING EAST.

Benj. Seibert left Thursday for a few days stay in Chicago.

Harry Gayer of Polo was in town Saturday.



THE ABOVE issue of the *Mount Morris Index*, dated Sept. 7, 1898, was the first one printed by Kable Brothers, and marked the beginning of the large printing establishment which is now the principal industry in Mount Morris.