



HOWARD C. BRONSON, director of the Kable Brothers Company Band since 1929, was the son of Fred M. and Elsie (Dodgson) Bronson, and was born at Algona, Iowa, Nov. 4, 1889. He attended the Watertown (S. Dak.) Grade and High Schools, the Sioux Falls Business College and the Long Island School of Music. He became a professional musician and was a member of the famous Sousa Band for seven years. He was connected with the 4th Regiment Band of the South Dakota National Guard, and assistant bandmaster in the U. S. Navy. In the World War he was a commissioned bandmaster. Since coming to Mount Morris, he has commanded the 129th Infantry Band with the present rank of captain. Since 1935 he has been president of the U. S. Army & Navy Bandsmen's Association. He is employed by Kable Brothers Company as purchasing agent and personnel director. Mr. Bronson was married in 1927 to Frances Tidrick and they have a daughter, Barbara Jean. He is a member of the Masons, Consistory, Shrine, Elks, Moose and the local Lutheran Church.

Camp Grant near Rockford for two weeks' military training. During the first three or four years band contests were held among all of the regimental bands in camp and in every instance the Kable band won first prize, represented by a large silver cup.

Mr. DeArvil resigned his position at the end of the concert season in 1927 and Murdoch J. Macdonald became the bandmaster during the year 1928. He brought several professional musicians

with him, together with his talented wife, who was a professional vocal soloist, and the concert season of 1928 was a very popular one.

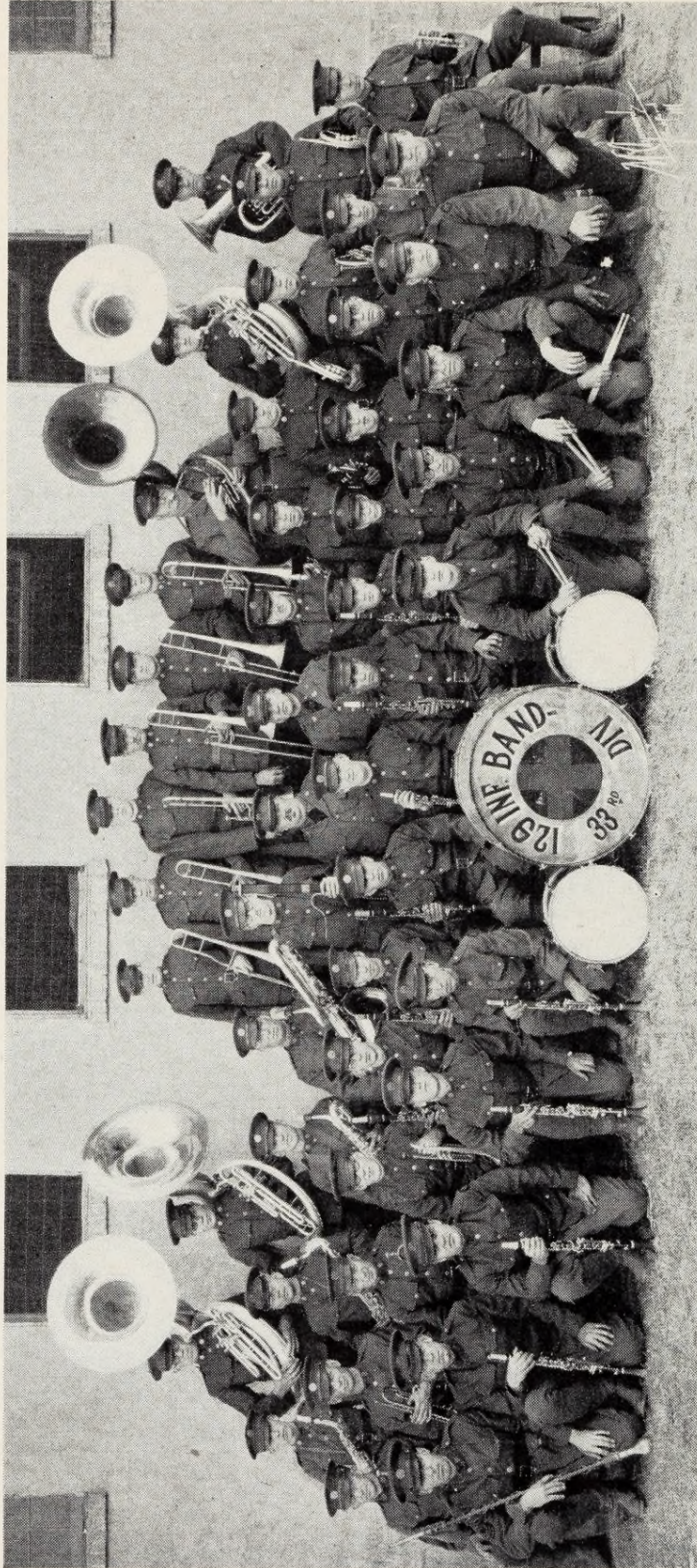
Mr. Macdonald stayed but one season and Dudley H. McCosh, son of the former bandmaster, David S. McCosh, was engaged in October, 1928, but his health failed and he died in January, 1929.

Howard C. Bronson, a former army and navy bandmaster and for seven years clarinetist with the Sousa Band, was engaged in February, 1929, and has been director of the band until the present time. He has kept up the high standards of the band maintained by his predecessors and has gained a national reputation as a bandmaster. During this period he has taken the band to Camp Grant each summer and was promoted from Warrant Officer to Lieutenant, and now has the rank of Captain on the staff of the commanding officer of the regiment.

On a number of occasions the band has broadcast concerts from various radio stations and at a concert on December 11, 1924, from Station WOC, Davenport, Iowa, L. M. DeArvil conducting, over 1,800 telegrams and letters were received from every state in the Union, except four western states, and from nearly every province in Canada.

During the 40 years intervening since the organization of the band in 1897, weekly concerts have been given during the summer months from the band stand on the college campus. Except for several seasons these concerts have always been given on Saturday night and increasingly large crowds have gathered to listen to these concerts.

The first bandstand was erected on the corner of the campus across from the hotel. This was later moved to the center of the campus and was later torn down to be replaced by a larger stand to accommodate the increased size of the band. In 1922, the present band shell was constructed and has a capacity for a band of 60 members.



KABLE BROTHERS COMPANY BAND at Camp Grant as regimental band of the 129th Infantry, I. N. G., in 1926. Front row, left to right: Sgt. Bowen, F. V. Pearce, Forrest Kable, Russell Brown, John Jacobs, Arthur Colvin, Elmer Gumbel, Francis Asp, Albert Dorn, C. G. Gloss. Second row: Geo. Chaffee, Chas. Towns, Fred Colvin, Harold Tracy, Erwin Hough, Carroll Boston, Ralph Lizer, Harold Pearce, Marvin Royston, Robert Dean, J. F. Chesney, Allen Yoder, Otto Hudson, Harold Royston, Geo.

Churchill. Third row: Donald Clark, H. J. Kable, Max Sharer, Lewis Brinker, John Towns, L. M. DeArvil (director), H. G. Kable, B. F. Myers, Elbert Davison, Frank Graf, Horace Hedgecock, W. E. Royston. Top row: H. E. Longman, Burton Avey, Ray Seibert, James Rouse, Maurice Buser, Alfred Ivins, Wentworth Sharer, Donovan Mills, C. H. Hightower, Harry Rock, Clifford Bry.



consisting of full instrumentation of 50 pieces. The officers at the left are Lieut. H. G. Kable and Warrant Officer Howard Bronson (later promoted to captain). Drum Major Wm. D. Mack stands in front.

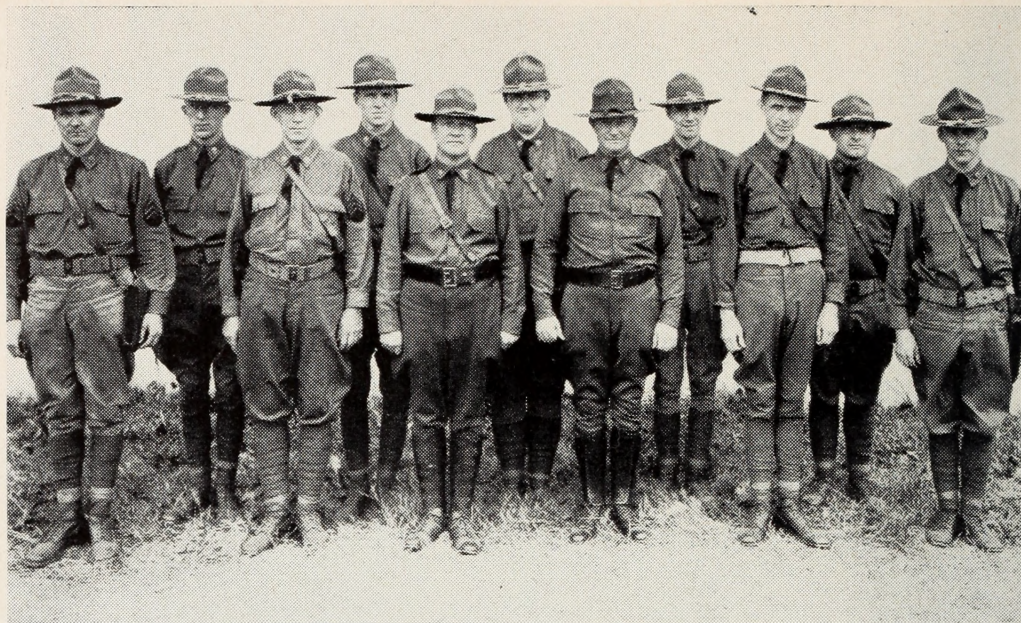
THE KABLE BROTHERS COMPANY BAND has for over ten years been the regimental band of the 129th Infantry, Illinois National Guard. The above picture shows the band in marching formation at Camp Grant during the training period of 1929. This is probably the finest band that Mount Morris ever turned out,

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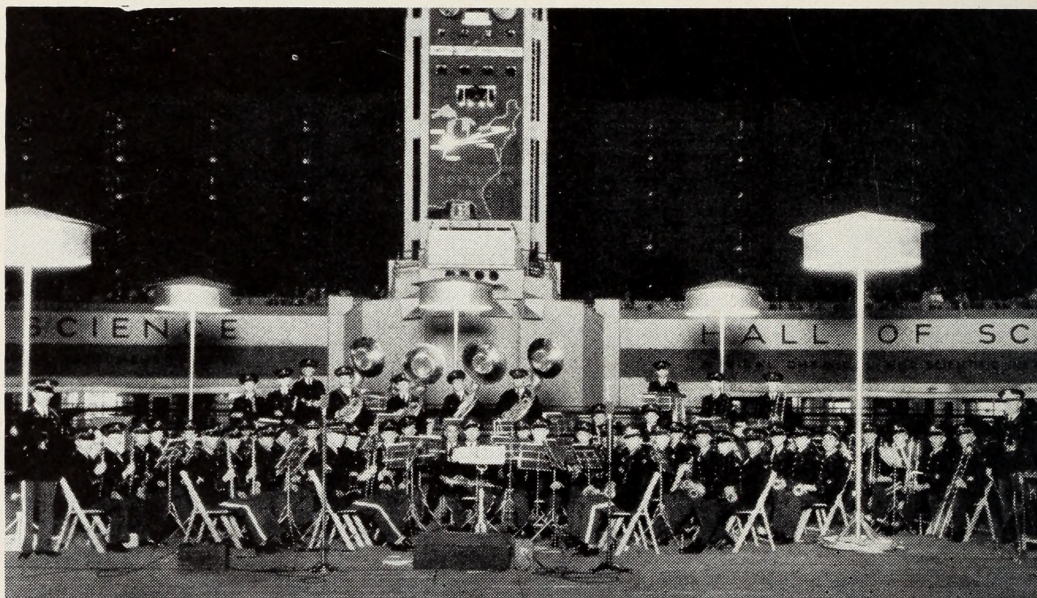
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OFFICERS OF THE 129th INFANTRY BAND, taken while the band was in training at Camp Grant in August, 1929. Left to right, Sergeant Alfred L. Ivins, Drum Major Wm. D. Mack, Sergeant F. V. Pearce, Corporal John E. Towns, Lieutenant Harry G. Kable, Corporal Harold C. Pearce, Warrant Officer Howard C. Bronson, Corporal Axel A. Johnson, Staff Sergeant Albert B. Crosswait, Corporal C. W. Sharer, Sergeant Donald C. Clark.



KABLE BROTHERS 129th INFANTRY BAND playing a concert before the Hall of Science, Century of Progress Exposition, Chicago, Ill., August, 1933, Capt. Howard C. Bronson, conducting. A letter from Mr. N. A. Owings, chief of events division, Century of Progress, said this of the band: "Of course, you know that we have had probably the largest collection of bands ever assembled in our programs and among all these the 129th Infantry Band stands in first rank."

## Chapter 17

### MISCELLANEOUS ORGANIZATIONS

#### MASONS

SAMUEL H. Davis Lodge, No. 96, A. F. & A. M., has a history dating back nearly 90 years. It was organized some time before 1850, the exact date of which does not appear on the records of the society. After organization it worked under a dispensation for several years until a charter was obtained and reorganization effected October 6, 1851. The first principal officers under the charter were Isaiah Wilcoxson, W. M.; James Clark, S. W.; Wm. Little, J. W. Others of the first members after the charter had been obtained were Joseph S. Nye, Thomas Winston, Joseph Hale, W. T. Harlow, Elbridge W. Little, Nathaniel A. Ankney, Wm. A. Plantz, Isaac Rice, Francis A. McNeill, Peter Knodle, Jonathan Knodle, H. I. Little, Benjamin K. Shryock, Ansel Streeter, S. H. Clems, John Donaldson, D. B. Turney, Abraham Pope, Edward Knock, James H. Fouke, Daniel Highbarger, John Stanger, Benjamin Swingley, W. S. Pope, James M. Webb. A Bible belonging to the lodge and which was presented by the ladies of Mount Morris at the time these men, who are now all dead, were members of the society, is still to be found in the lodge-room. It bears the date June 24, 1851.

James Clark, who filled the office of S. W. at the time of the charter organization in 1851, afterward enjoyed the noted distinction of being the "oldest Mason in the world." He was made a Mason at Sunbury, Ohio, in 1820, and remained in good standing in the society until the time of his death, which occurred in the nineties at his home in Quincy, Ill. He lived in Mount Morris for a number of years and took active part in all doings of the lodge. He finally moved from Mount Morris to

Quincy, Ill. Several years before his death, when he became widely known as the oldest Mason in the world, the Masons of Sheffield, England, sent to Quincy to secure a portrait of him.

At the time of the organization of the Masonic fraternity in Mount Morris, they occupied what is known as the "Old Masonic Hall," where many of the old pioneer and prominent citizens of Mount Morris met regularly for many years. In the view on page 43, reproduced from a photograph taken in about 1870, can be seen the venerable old building, the upper story of which was used for the hall. It is numbered 18. It was later torn down.

November 17, 1876, the Samuel H. Davis Lodge, No. 96, of Mount Morris, and Forreston Lodge No. 413, were consolidated under the former name, with O. H. Swingley, W. M.; D. Rine, S. W.; and J. H. Nye, J. W.

The complete list of past masters of the lodge from the organization in 1850 until the present time is as follows: 1850, Isaiah Wilcoxson; 1851-1854, William Little; 1855, Mathew Blair; 1856, William Little; 1857, F. A. McNeill; 1858, J. M. Miller; 1859, F. A. McNeill; 1860-1864, H. I. Little; 1865-1866, B. K. Shryock; 1867-1871, H. I. Little; 1872-1873, John W. Hitt; 1874, N. C. Daugherty; 1875, John W. Hitt; 1876, O. H. Swingley; 1877, H. I. Little; 1878, J. H. Nye; 1879, B. K. Shryock; 1880-1883, John W. Hitt; 1884, Peter Householder; 1885, O. H. Swingley; 1886, Peter Householder; 1887-1889, A. W. Brayton; 1890-1894, T. C. Williams; 1895-1898, D. F. Stevens; 1899-1900, Gregor Thompson; 1901-1905, R. C. McCredie; 1906, U. C. Nye; 1907-1908, S. E. Avey; 1909-1910, O. E. Marshall; 1911-1912, D. F. Stevens; 1913-1915, Gregor Thompson; 1916-1917, Fred



PAST MASTERS of Samuel H. Davis Lodge No. 96, A.F. & A.M.: Left to right, Solomon E. Avey, Gregor Thompson (deceased), David Stevens, Wm. I. Prugh, Perley C. Rees, Fred Watts, Holly C. Clark (deceased), Frank Rowe.

L. Watts; 1918, H. C. Clark; 1919, W. I. Prugh; 1920, P. C. Rees; 1921-1922, Frank Rowe; 1923-1924, Otto Herzfeldt; 1925, Gregor Thompson; 1926-1927, Harold Ross; 1928-1929, Otto Hudson; 1930-1931, Ralph Crowell; 1932, Douglas Ross; 1933, Joseph Horton; 1934, Ralph Crowell; 1935-1936, Frank Rowe; 1937, Carroll Boston.

The present officers of the lodge are

Maurice Buser, master; J. Harvey Wright, senior warden; Gerald Powers, junior warden; Fred Frederickson, treasurer; Otto Hudson, secretary; Carroll Boston, chaplain; Paul Yoe, senior deacon; Donald Riedl, junior deacon; William Price, senior steward; Willard Van Stone, junior steward; Roy Avey, marshal; Howard Newcomer, tyler.

## EASTERN STAR

**T**HE Mount Morris Chapter, Order Eastern Star, was instituted Feb. 19, 1924, and received its charter Oct. 16, 1924. This is an organization of both men and women and membership is limited to Masons and wives, sisters and daughters of Masons.

Following is the list of Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons who have served Mount Morris Chapter since it was organized in 1924.

Worthy Matrons: Edna Newcomer, 1924-1925; Jewel Cox, 1926-1927; Mabel Boydston, 1928; Agnes Price, 1929; Maud Miller, 1930-1931; Elsie Priller, 1932-1933; Olive Rohleder, 1934; Avis Blakley, 1935; Ruth Toms, 1936; Arminnie Boston, 1937; Marylena Van Stone, 1938.

Worthy Patrons: Donald Jennison, 1924-1925; Otto Herzfeldt, 1926-1927; Harold Ross, 1928-1929-1930; Lynn Elliott, 1931-1932; Solomon E. Avey, 1933-1934; Frank Rowe, 1935; J. Harvey Wright, 1936; Carroll Boston, 1937, Willard Van Stone, 1938.

Mount Morris Chapter was honored in 1937 by receiving an appointment by the Worthy Grand Matron on her official visit of Olive Rohleder to serve on the eligibility committee of the Grand Chapter, and again in 1938 by the appointment of Arminnie Boston to serve on the credential committee of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

Meetings of the Chapter are held on the fourth Monday evening of each month at the Masonic Hall.

## ODD FELLOWS

**E**LYSIAN Lodge, No. 56, I.O.O.F., of Mount Morris was organized under a charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, dated July 25, 1849, with the following charter members: George W. Fouke, John F. Grosh, James N. Martin, Daniel Highbarger, Walter Wilson and Emanuel W. Myers. They met in various rooms about town for a time notably in the second story of the old house which stood on the corner south of the Village Hall.

In 1850-52, many of the members of the lodge removed to California and elsewhere, weakening the society to such an extent that, in 1853, the charter was surrendered to the Grand Lodge. November 4, 1874, the lodge was re-organized, and the same charter and books were returned to it. The charter members and gentlemen who procured this re-organization were Henry Sharer, B.

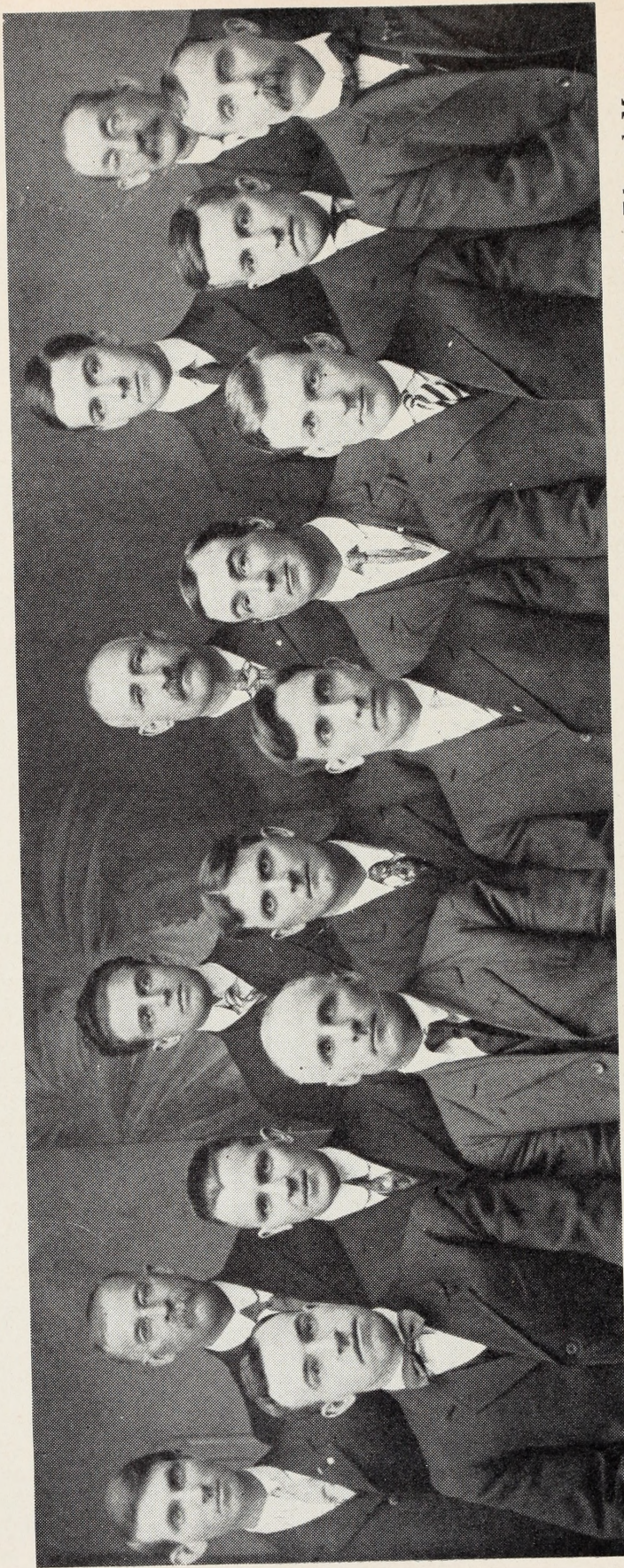
G. Stephens, Elijah Lott, G. W. Fouke and W. J. Fouke.

After this second organization the lodge met for a number of years in the room over C. H. Sharer's grocery, later used as the Index office. They next rented the room over John Sprecher's store in the Masonic Building, later known as Stanley Hall. Later they came into possession of a hall of their own in the second story of W. A. Newcomer's residence, which stood on the corner northeast of the Methodist Church.

More recently the lodge had commodious quarters on the second floor of the new Wishard Building, but the present meeting place is in the Olson Building in the center of the north business block. The present officers of the lodge are Raymond Cain, N.G.; O. N. Horton, V.G., Fred Crosby, secretary;

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Stouffer, F. Jacobs, Earl Allen, F. K. Stouffer, Edward Myers, Emanuel Holsinger; bottom row, T. W. Peacock, Walter Basye, Harry Reitzel, John Rudy, Gilbert M. Marsh, Frank Glasgow, Carl Withers, Walter McNett, Luther Lizer.

The above picture was taken in 1915, and consisted of the officers of the Mount Morris Odd Fellows Lodge who were installed April 7, 1915. Some of these men have since died and others moved away. Reading from left to right, top row, Orville



Ray J. Baker, treasurer; Ray Avey, R.S.N.G.; A. C. Lawson, R.S.V.G.; Bryant Messer, Warden; O. E. Stouffer, I.G.; Barney Manfield, O.G.; A. T. Olson, Chaplain.

The Odd Fellows meet on Wednesday

night of each week. They are organized not only as a social fraternity, but have provision for financial assistance to their sick or afflicted members, to be drawn from their beneficiary fund.

## REBEKAHS

**S**ANDSTONE Rebekah Lodge, No. 538, was instituted February 14, 1889, by Deputy Grand Master Electo C. Reynolds, of Oregon, with a charter membership of twenty. This charter was signed Nov. 23, 1899. This organization is the ladies' degree of Odd Fellowship, and like it, has for its object advancement of the social and fraternal spirit of its members. Gentlemen as well as ladies are admitted. The first officers elected were Julia S. Slater, Noble Grand; Laura S. Lizer, Vice Grand; Edna Newcomer, Treasurer; Harry Knodle, Secretary.

The charter members of the lodge

were Laura S. Lizer, Maude Rowe, Edna Newcomer, Alice Nail, Julia Slater, Lizzie McCready, Anna Rowe, Nora M. Knodle, Lizzie Lizer, Ella Miller, Laura J. Newcomer, Fannie Frederickson, L. E. Lizer, Harry Knodle, Edward Slater, W. H. Miller, Fred Frederickson, A. M. Newcomer, W. E. McCready, H. G. Newcomer, Samuel Rowe.

The present officers of the lodge are Marie Jacobs, N. G.; Kate Robinson, V. G.; Odelia McGee, Sec.; Ethel Tracy, Treas. The present membership is 32 and they meet on the second and fourth Fridays in Odd Fellows Hall over Harrington's barber shop.

## LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

**M**OUNT MORRIS Lodge No. 1551, Loyal Order of Moose, was instituted on June 9, 1929, by District Deputy Supreme Dictator Earl C. Hasey, of Joliet, Ill. A degree team from Ottawa (Ill.) Lodge conferred the work on a class of 85 candidates. The first officers, Harold G. Miller, past dictator; Charles C. Armbruster, dictator; James Rouse, vice-dictator; Milo Zimmerman, prelate; W. H. Thomas, secretary; H. G. Kable, treasurer; Hurlock Longman, I. Wolfe and R. Kelsey, trustees, were appointed by Brother Hasey and were installed by Chas. Marsh, of Rockford Lodge No. 163.

For the first two years after the institution of Mount Morris Lodge, the membership showed a gradual increase, reaching a total of 175 members. In 1931, like every other organization, the lodge suffered a loss of more than half its membership, but the roster is showing a steady increase, there being about one hundred members at present.

The following have served as dictators: Chas. C. Armbruster, 1929-30; H. G. Hagemann, 1930-31; L. G. Schaar, 1931-32; Walter O. Klepfer, 1932-33; John Z. Hughes, 1933-34; Orville Sell,

1934-35; H. G. Hagemann, 1935-36; John Z. Hughes, 1936-37; S. M. Wakenight, 1937-38.

From the time of the institution of Mount Morris Lodge until April, 1936, W. H. Thomas was the very efficient and hard-working secretary and a great deal of credit for the success of the lodge is due him. On account of business interests, Mr. Thomas asked to be relieved of the secretaryship in April of 1936 and Walter O. Klepfer was elected to the office.

The complete roster of officers for the year 1938-39 is: Melvin Kitzmiller, dictator; S. M. Wakenight, past dictator; Edwin Ports, vice-dictator; Franklin Balluff, prelate; Walter O. Klepfer, secretary; Rolfe Martin, treasurer; Raymond Glotfelty, sergeant-at-arms; Smith Walker, inner guard; William Saunders, outer guard; John Z. Hughes, Frank Hilger and W. H. Thomas, trustees.

The Loyal Order of Moose seeks to make fraternalism of practical benefit by its educational activities. Every member can point with just pride to Mooseheart, the home and vocational school maintained by the members' con-

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tributions for the dependent children of deceased members; to Moosehaven, located at Orange Park, near Jacksonville, Florida, for aged members and their wives, and all other philanthropic and charitable activities of the Order.

The year 1938 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of Mooseheart, located on the Lincoln Highway between Aurora and Batavia, Ill., and the fiftieth anniversary of the reorganization of the Order.

## MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA

**M**OUNT MORRIS Camp, M. W. A., No. 4526, was organized February 9, 1897, by Deputy Head Counsellor O. B. Olison, with a charter membership of twenty. The first officers elected were as follows: J. H. Miller, Venerable Counsel, Oscar Warble, Worthy Advisor; A. E. Clevidence, Banker; F. K. Spalding, Clerk; E. E. Winders, Escort; E. J. Allen, Watchman; Samuel Rowe, Sentry; Dr. Hanes, Physician. The first board of managers elected were C. E. Price, 3 years; R. C. McCredie, 2 years, and A. W. Brayton, 1 year.

The first member received into the

camp was H. G. Newcomer, who was initiated into the mysteries of Woodcraft May 21, 1897.

The camp had its most prosperous time during the spring of 1899, when the membership was raised to over one hundred, a surprisingly large number for one camp in a town of the population of Mount Morris.

The present officers of the Camp are F. M. Baker, Counsel; Dallas Baker, Clerk; Harry Longman, Fred Long and John D. Miller, executive board. The present membership is 26.

## AMERICAN LEGION

**M**OUNT Morris American Legion Post No. 143 received its charter Sept. 15, 1919, with the following principal officers: Frank Hilger, commander; Harold Knodle, adjutant; Harold Ross, finance officer.

The Post has been a very live organization from the beginning and has sponsored a fine program of activities for the good of the community and for the assistance of sick or disabled members. Membership in the Legion is limited to men who were in the U. S.

Army or Navy during the World War.

The officers of the Post for 1938 are as follows: Dwight S. Sharer, commander; Harry A. Schmucker, 1st vice-commander; William B. Stiger, 2nd vice-commander; Frank Hilger, adjutant; Frank Nachtman, finance officer; Ross Silvius, chaplain; Joseph Franklin, sergeant-at-arms; Hubert Knodle, Paul Barnhizer and Tom Wilson, members of the executive committee. The average membership for the last three years has been 106.

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

**O**GLE COUNTY POST No. 3639, Veterans of Foreign Wars, was organized in Mount Morris, June 26, 1937, and the following officers were installed: Leon Beard, Commander; James White, Senior Vice-Commander; Raymond Cain, Junior Vice-Commander; Raymond Moore, Chaplain; Henry Dohlen, Quartermaster; Robert Harvey, Adjutant; Lynn Elliott, Officer of the Day; Jay Cratty, Post Service Officer; Alvis Lawson, Guard; Fay Stillman, Color Bearer; Herman Rauch, Color Bearer;

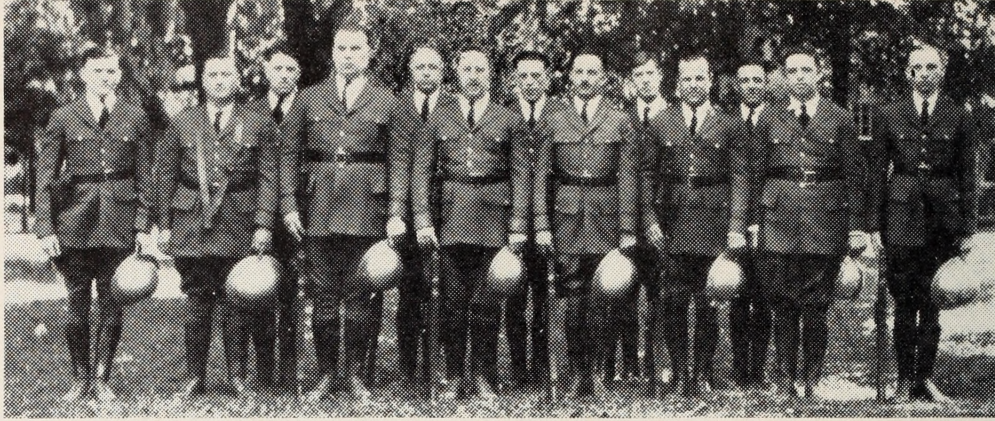
Royal Holden, Ralph Mahoy and Kenrick R. Leekley, Trustees.

Membership is confined to soldiers and sailors who have served in the United States Army or Navy on foreign soil or in hostile waters. Although the Ogle County Post is a new organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars have been organized for a number of years and have Posts in every state, also in Europe and Cuba. The organization maintains a home for the widows and orphans of deceased or disabled veterans, lo-



MODERN WOODMEN FORESTER TEAM, photo taken in 1900. Front row, left to right, Fred Frederickson, Wm. Mongan, Harry Castle, James Watts; second row, Fred Crosby, Samuel Rowe, Hurley Longman, Chas. McNett, Dennis Tracy; standing, Wm. Keedy.

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COLOR GUARD AND FIRING SQUAD of Mount Morris Post No. 146, American Legion. Left to right, Lieut. Harold Knodle, Leon Beard, Jay Cratty, Boyd Grush, Lieut. Henry Dohlen, Ralph Mahoy, Ralph Crowell, Cyril Avey, Harvey Miller, Glenn Unger, Frank Hilger, Alfred Davis, Chas. Edson. Picture was taken in 1930.

cated near Eaton Rapids, Mich.

The membership at the time of organization of the Ogle County Post was 22 which has since been increased to 34. The Post meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the V.F.W. Hall in the Ritson Bldg.

The present officers of the Post are as follows: Royal Holden, Commander; Leon Beard, Senior Vice-Commander;

William M. Watson, Junior Vice-Commander; Raymond Cain, Chaplain; Howard Eychaner, Quartermaster; Lynn M. Elliott, Adjutant; Leon Medlar, Officer of the Day; Alvis Lawson, Post Service Officer; Daniel Rodemund, Guard; Anton Jansen, Color Bearer; Jay Cratty, Color Bearer; James White, Ralph Mahoy, Royal Holden, Trustees.

## KIWANIS CLUB

THE Mount Morris Kiwanis Club was organized in February, 1926, with the following officers and directors: H. J. Kable, president; Levi S. Shively, vice-president; Robert L. Cratty, secretary; Fred Frederickson, treasurer; Joseph L. Rice, district trustee; Robert W. Hough, Ira R. Hendrickson, Fred J. Dean, Hugh Allen, Dan Starkey, Howard Newcomer, H. E. Coffman, directors.

This club was a continuation of a local business men's organization known as the Ben Ezra Club which was organized in January, 1921, with the following officers: J. L. Rice, president; A. E. Clevidence, vice-president; S. E. Avey, secretary; F. J. Dean, treasurer. This

club was quite successful but was changed over into a Kiwanis Club because of the advantages of being part of a national organization.

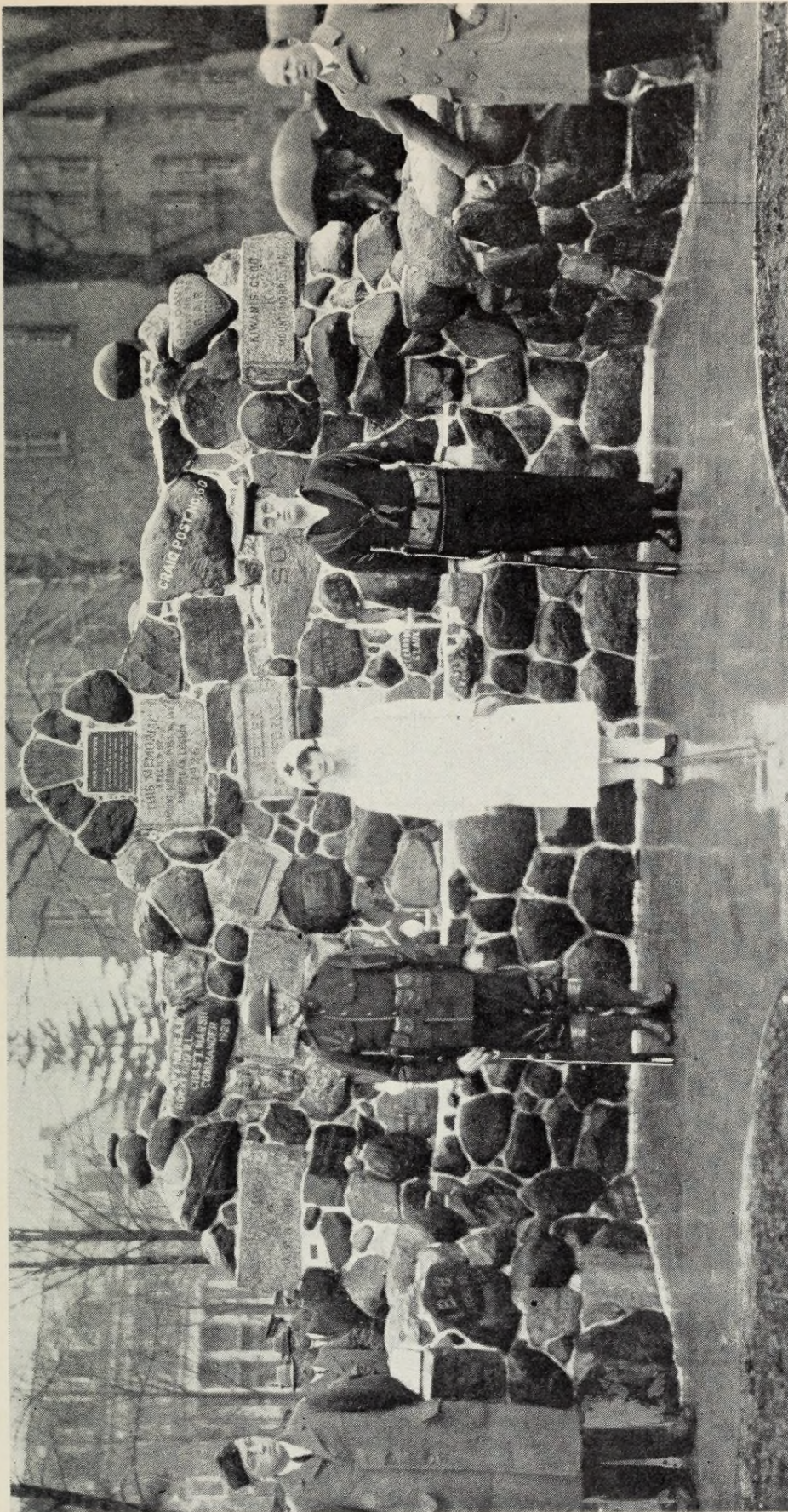
During the twelve years since organization the club has materially assisted in many civic enterprises and has been alert at all times in furthering plans for the advancement of the community. Meetings are held one evening of each week including a luncheon and interesting program presented. Past presidents of the club have been Ira R. Hendrickson, O. A. Hanke, Harold Patterson, Milo Zimmerman, Worthington Thomas and Dwight F. Sharer.

## P. E. O. SISTERHOOD

THE P. E. O. Sisterhood was founded at Iowa Wesleyan College in 1869 as a sorority, but soon grew away from colleges, and is now an independent organization with 2,000 chapters all

through the United States, Hawaii, and Canada. It is the only organization of its kind which is not affiliated with a men's organization.

At first it was a literary society, but



AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN, located on northeast corner of campus, which was dedicated Nov. 14, 1926. This memorial is unique because of the fact that the stones with which it was built were sent here by organizations and persons from all over the United States. The names of many of the donors are engraved on the stones. This memorial was erected under

the leadership of A. S. Barre, Commander of Legion Post No. 143, in 1926. The above picture was taken at the time of the dedication and the figures in the center are Harold Knodde, representing the army; Mrs. Madge Clark, representing the Red Cross; Bert Tilden, representing the navy. American Legion Commander Dohlen stands at the left and Prof. Ira R. Hendrickson at the right.

in 1907 an Educational Fund was established for the purpose of aiding worthy girls to obtain college education. Over 6,000 girls, including two local girls, have secured loans from this fund, which has grown to over \$750,000. Every member of P. E. O. is expected to contribute to this fund annually, and to the second major activity of the Sisterhood—Cottey College at Nevada, Mo., which has been owned by P. E. O. since 1927 and is a Junior College for Women.

Chapter CU of P. E. O. was organized at Mount Morris on Nov. 16, 1929, with Mary Wishard as the first president. The charter members were: Frances G. Prendergast, Dorothy Davis Ross, Polly B. Newton, Pauline B. Yoe, Frances T. Bronson, Margaret Crawford, Ada Mitchell, Lorraine Thomas, who was the

second president, Ealy F. Grobe (Morris), the third president, Mary Wishard, Edith E. Kable, Ruth Coffman, the fifth president, Laura Lewis Cratty, and Berniece B. Leonard.

At present the members are, in addition to the above: Frances Kent, Anna L. Long, Lola Lizer, Amy McNett, the fourth president, Dolorus Huffman, Ethyle McNett, Mary Prugh, Helen Stengel, Madge Clark, Margaret Mitchell, Edna Coulson, and Ruth T. Felker.

The officers for 1938-1939 are: President, Berniece Leonard; Vice-President, Pauline Yoe; Rec. Secretary, Margaret Mitchell; Cor. Secretary, Mary Prugh, Treasurer, Frances Bronson; Chaplain, Edna Coulson; Guard, Frances Kent.

## BUSINESS MEN'S LEAGUE

**T**HE Mount Morris Business Men's League was organized November 24, 1931, with the following officers: Paul Kent, president; L. G. Finch, vice-president; Charles Edson, secretary; Henry Dohlen, treasurer. Since that time the presiding officers have been as follows: 1932-33, D. L. Toms; 1933-34, Maurice Buser; 1934-36, Worthington Thomas; 1936-37, H. Schmucker; 1937-38, Carroll Boston. The present officers are Carroll

Boston, president; Herman Hagemann, vice-president; John Dohlen, secretary; Maurice Buser, treasurer.

The League now has in the neighborhood of 40 members and meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. It is a live organization of Mount Morris merchants and business men and it has been an important factor in promoting the welfare of the village.

## WOMAN'S CLUB

**T**HE Mount Morris Woman's Club was organized Oct. 14, 1920, and affiliated with the State Federation Jan. 5, 1921. The charter members of the club were as follows:

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| Grace Brayton     | Mabel Miller      |
| Anna Braiden      | Winifred Nicholas |
| Olive Ballard     | Agnes Price       |
| Jessie Dean       | Etta Rittenhouse  |
| Minnie Davison    | Emma Shively      |
| Elizabeth Emmert  | Fannie Stine      |
| Addie Hendrickson | Olive Thayer      |
| Margaret Jern     | Amy White         |
| June Kelsey       | Gertrude Walkup   |
| Elizabeth Krafka  | Elizabeth Wishard |
| Rosina Kabele     | Ida West          |
| Pearl Kable       |                   |

The club has been very active in local affairs and regular meetings have been held on the first Monday evening of each month, at which time educational and musical programs are carried out.

The Past Presidents of the club since organization have been as follows: Mrs.

John White, 1920-1921; Mrs. H. J. Kable, 1922; Mrs. M. W. Emmert, 1923; Mrs. H. J. Kable, 1924; Mrs. Roscoe Braiden, 1925; Mrs. Ira R. Hendrickson, 1926; Mrs. Hugh Allen, 1927-1928; Mrs. Harvey Long, 1929-1930; Mrs. George Warwick, 1931-1932; Mrs. John Blakley, 1933; Mrs. Chas. Cox, 1934; Mrs. Olive Rohleder, 1935; Mrs. Pearl Kable, 1936; Mrs. Donovan Mills, 1937; Mary Marlowe McColl, 1938.

The Officers for 1938 are as follows: Miss Mary Marlowe McColl, president; Mrs. Nelson Rittenhouse, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Paul Boyle, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. T. J. Wilson, recording secretary; Mrs. Harold Miller, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Olive Rohleder, treasurer; Mrs. C. J. Price, parliamentarian; Mrs. James Watt, Miss Jane Wingard, Mrs. Donovan Mills, directors.

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## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

**T**HE first Boy Scout troop in Mount Morris was started in 1918 with the late Harvey Kable as scoutmaster and Milo Zimmerman as assistant scoutmaster. This troop was quite successful and rendered valiant service to Mount Morris boyhood for several years. A number of prominent citizens of our town were members of this troop.

In 1924, the local troop joined the Blackhawk Area which was located in Dixon. Dr. C. J. Price was the leader of this troop which in 1926 became a part of the Rockford Council and continued the name of Blackhawk in the enlarged scout area.

Troop 66 was sponsored by the American Legion at that time, George Priller being scoutmaster and Dr. Price continued as commissioner for Mount Morris. O. T. McCoy also served as scoutmaster and commissioner of this troop.

Troop 78 was sponsored in 1928 by the Lutheran Church with Charles Edson as scoutmaster. Succeeding scoutmasters were John Thompson, Gerald Powers and J. Harvey Wright. This troop won many competitions and ren-

dered fine service to the boyhood of the church, consolidating with Troop 66 in 1933.

Troop 77 was organized in 1927 by the Christian Church with George Priller as scoutmaster. This troop excelled in scouting events, equaling the Boy Scout record of the entire United States in wall-scaling at a meet in Dixon. Harold Patterson was later scoutmaster, carrying on the fine traditions of the troop until 1930 when the group united with Troop 66.

The Methodist Church sponsored Troop 66 in 1930 with D. Cameron Findlay as scoutmaster. With the aid of the transferred scouts from troop 77, a large troop of four full patrols, capable junior and senior officers was the result. This troop was considered one of the best in the entire area and consistently won the county championships and exemplified the Scout oath and laws.

In 1932, the Kiwanis Club built a log cabin on Sunset Lane for a permanent home for the Boy and Girl Scouts. Sol Avey gave important direction to the undertaking, giving the first gift to the fund in memory of his son, Maurice,



GROUP OF BOY SCOUTS who won majority of prizes in contest at Rockford in February, 1928. Front row, left to right, Ray Johnson, Wm. Price, Robert Gloss, Glenn Kretsinger; standing, Russel Colburn, Harry Meader, Harry Conrad, Roy Allen, Everett Dean. Most of these boys later became leaders in Boy Scout work in Mount Morris.

who was a Scout. Robert Buser and O. A. Hanke also aided the project considerably.

In 1933, Troop 78 united with Troop 66 as a town unit being sponsored by the Kiwanis Club with D. Cameron Findlay continuing as scoutmaster and Lynn Elliott as chairman of the troop committee. The troop now had its own home and the Scouts went on to greater achievements.

In 1935, Mr. Findlay resigned to become county commissioner and Russell Colburn was appointed scoutmaster. Mr. Elliott also became a commissioner and Dr. M. S. DuMont became committee chairman.

The present scoutmaster, Harry Conrad, has had charge of the troop for several years with Harold Ivins as assistant. A fine group of Scouts are carrying on the traditions of the troop, meeting regularly each Wednesday evening at the Kiwanis cabin. The present troop committee is composed of Dale Lizer, H. A. Patterson, Leslie Watt, Sol Avey, Harold Knodle and Rev. Manny.

The list of Scouts who have attained the rank of Eagle Scouts, the highest rank in Scouting are Wm. Price, Lyle Meeker, Russell Colburn, D. Cameron Findlay, Ward Zimmerman, Wm. Webster, Sherwood Baker, Glenn Kretsinger, John Yoe and Bryant Zimmerman.

Leslie Watt and Robert Kable attended the World Jamboree at Birkenhead, England, in 1929. Ward Zimmerman represented our town at the Jamboree in Godollo, Hungary, in 1933, and Bryant Zimmerman and D. Cameron Findlay participated in the last World Scout gathering in 1937 at Vogelenzang, Holland. John Yoe and William Chaffee in addition to Zimmerman and Findlay also attended the First National Scout Jamboree in Washington in July, 1937.

The Cub program for boys of 9 to 12 years of age is capably handled in our town by Willard Powers as Cubmaster and Richard Dierdorff as assistant. The Cubs work under the direction of older Scouts as den chiefs and are interested in handicraft and elementary scouting.

O. A. Hanke is the chairman of the Ogle County district and in a large measure is responsible for the success

of Mount Morris Scouting. His aid and advice has been invaluable and he is deeply interested in the progress of scouting.

Rev. W. L. Manny is chairman of the Scout advancement in Mount Morris and arranges Boards of Review and Courts of Honor events whereby the Scouts increase in wisdom.

D. Cameron Findlay is the county commissioner and has had years of Scouting experience in Mount Morris and elsewhere. Mr. Findlay holds the three highest awards in scouting, the Silver Beaver, the Scoutmaster's Key and the Eagle Scout Badge. Wm. Asp is Assistant County Commissioner.

## GIRL SCOUTS

**G**IRL Scouting was introduced in Mount Morris at the instigation of Mrs. Luce Meeker and Mr. J. W. Robbins, who had been interested in the program of Boy Scouts. During Mr. Robbins' term as president of the Mount Morris Parent-Teachers' Association, he made inquiry as to the possibility of establishing a Girl Scout troop in the community. His own daughter was interested in joining such a group if it included older girls.

The troop was officially chartered January 7, 1932, at a regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association. The program of Girl Scouting was discussed with the parents and members by Miss Vivian Carter, director of the Rockford Council of Girl Scouts. Thirty-two Tenderfoot pins were presented to these girls, who were the charter members of Girl Scouting in Mount Morris:

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Lois Billsborough | Nellie Shoemaker |
| Harriet Miller    | Marjorie Ford    |
| Ione Gruber       | Ruth Meeker      |
| Doris Marsh       | Helen Wallace    |
| Louise McChesney  | Dorothy Summers  |
| Leona Ogden       | Helen Barnhizer  |
| Dorothy Churchill | Bernice Chambers |
| Betty Phelps      | Carmen Baker     |
| Clesta May McCoy  | Dorothy Silvius  |
| Esther Kretsinger | Louise Curley    |
| Maxine Engstrom   | Francine Hilger  |
| Leone Nalley      | Harriet Thompson |
| Doris Zimmerman   | Martha Wright    |
| Dorothea Wright   | Mary Alice Olsen |
| Helen Holsinger   | Margaret Allen   |
| Jane Devine       | Genevieve Miller |

The activities of the Girl Scouts have



been directed by a troop committee, which was originally appointed by the sponsor. Much credit is due the early small committee for its untiring efforts. During their service, training courses were held in Mount Morris, in Byron, and Oregon for the three towns, jointly sponsored by the troop committees of the three towns. The Girl Scouts were included in the Community Chest appropriation in Mount Morris, and a cabin was built by the Kiwanis Club and dedicated to the Boy and Girl Scouts. This committee took a keen interest in some of the special projects directed by the Rockford Council. It stimulated an interest in camping, and urged girls to attend the regular session of camping of the council at Camp Rotary. In 1932, it became interested in the Washington trip directed by the local council, and four Mount Morris girls shared in this experience. In 1933, the committee was interested in the three-day Girl Scout trip to the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago. Six Mount Morris Girl Scouts joined the party of 100 girls.

In 1935, a larger committee was formed, representing all of the various interests in Mount Morris—civic, religious and educational. Under this committee's direction, a second troop was chartered, recognizing officially a division which had actually existed in the direction of the program for two years previous consisting of a troop for grade school girls and a Girl Scout troop for high school girls.

Miss Grace Ritson had been the leader of the troop since its institution. She had been assisted by Miss Phyllis Robbins and by Mrs. Meeker. In 1937, Mrs. Wendell Schrader, assisted by Mrs. O. Auman, became the leaders of the high school troop, which kept the old number, and Miss Virgil Turner and Mrs. Mamie Knodle became the leaders of the grade school troop.

In the fall of 1937, the third unit of Girl Scouting was established. The Mount Morris Woman's Club was interested in the Brownie program, and through their appointment of a Brownie committee, this program was offered to the 7 to 10-year-old girls. So great was the response, that it was necessary to form a second pack. Two Brownie packs, 17 and 18, are now formed under the leadership of Miss Ruth Barrie, Miss Jane Locke, Mrs. Ross E. Stouffer, Mrs. Gladys Riedl, and Miss Alice Lambert.

The present organization of Girl Scouting in Mount Morris includes a registered troop committee of nine members, of which Mrs. Harry Schmucker is chairman, Girl Scout Troop 34, Girl Scout Troop 44, and Brownie Packs, 17 and 18, the leaders of which are mentioned above. The Brownie committee members are: Mrs. Wendell Schrader (chairman), Mrs. H. G. Kable and Mrs. C. J. Price.

At the close of the 1938 season the Girl Scout and Brownie units have exactly one hundred girls enrolled and registered at National Headquarters.

## MOUNT MORRIS TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION, NO. 681

**M**OUNT MORRIS Typographical Union, No. 681, was organized Feb. 6, 1911, with 12 employees of Kable Brothers composing room as charter members. Its aims are to increase the skill in workmanship of its members, and to maintain a reasonable and equitable scale of wages for composing room work.

The organization now has an active membership of 112. Of the original 12 charter members only four now belong

to the organization. They are Jess Allen, U. B. Pittenger, W. I. Prugh, and Clyde Walkup. Only one (U. B. Pittenger) can claim continuous active membership since 1911, the other three having been separated from the local union at some time or other.

Present officers include R. W. Abbott, president; A. L. Ivins, vice president; J. Harvey Wright, secretary-treasurer; W. J. Krieg, recording secretary; and W. W. Mackay, sergeant-at-arms.

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## ELECTROTYPERS UNION

**T**HE Mount Morris Stereotypers and Electrotypers Union was formed in 1917. The members held their cards with the Chicago local for a while, and later with the local in Rockford.

In 1925, the local charter No. 141 was granted, with a charter membership of nine members. Five of those members—Otto Hudson, Frank Aufderbeck, George Crocker, Lloyd Unger and

George Priller—are still members of the local union.

The Local now has an active membership of 25. The present officers are: President, Henry Frank; Vice-President, Lawrence Geroux; Secretary-Treasurer, Otto Hudson; Sergeant-at-Arms, Ralph Trout; Executive Board, E. R. Hollinger, Fred Park and Burton Avey.

## PRINTING PRESSMEN AND ASSISTANTS UNION

**T**HE Mount Morris Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union No. 124 was chartered December 16, 1912, having as members twelve employees of Kable Brothers Company pressroom. The objects of the organization are to sustain the highest quality workmanship, to promote the welfare of pressroom workers and to maintain an harmonious relationship between employer and employee.

The present membership is 150, which

includes pressmen, assistants and folding machine operators. Of the charter members, four are still active in the organization, and all have held continuous membership from its inception. They are O. R. Herzfeldt, H. H. Sprecher, H. C. Sprecher and Carl Withers.

The present officers are Ralph Mahoy, President; J. S. Logan, Vice-President; Ben McHenry, Secretary-Treasurer, and Louis McFerran, Recording Secretary.

## JOGGERS AND PAPER HANDLERS UNION

**T**HE Mount Morris Joggers and Paper Handlers Union, No. 372, was organized in June, 1935, with forty-five employees of Kable Brothers Company as charter members.

The object of the organization is to maintain better understanding between employees and employer. The betterment of working conditions as well as

a uniform wage scale for the different branches of work which it encompasses have made its members work together more harmoniously.

The present officers include: Alvin Brinker, President; Preston Rowland, Vice-president; Joe Newcomer, Secretary-Treasurer; Wm. Saunders, Sergeant-at-Arms.

## BOOKBINDERS UNION

**O**N APRIL 11, 1923, the Mount Morris Bookbinders Union No. 65 was organized and consisted of 41 employees of Kable Brothers Company—both men and women—of the bindery department. The objects of this union are to preserve the rights of the members, maintain a fair remuneration for labor, and to better the skill and condition of the book-binding trade.

The bindery department was later

divided, making a bindery and a mailing department, both of which come under the jurisdiction of Bookbinders Union No. 65.

The membership of this union has steadily increased until now there are 182 active members. Twenty-two of these are original charter members. The present officers are Ray J. Avey, President; Homer Davis, Secretary-Treasurer.

## Chapter 18

### MEN AND WOMEN OF YESTERDAY

**I**N this chapter are segregated short sketches of prominent men and women who have lived their lives in our community and have passed on to the Great Beyond, leaving behind them the results of their labors in the old home town which they loved. Many of these men and women were old settlers in the township or village, and endured the hardships of a new community long before any of the present modern conveniences were available or even existed.

Because of a lack of information, the names of many former residents had to be omitted, but this list includes most of those who attained some degree of prominence in the affairs of the community during the hundred years since the village was founded.

**ROBERT Q. ALLEN**, son of A. Quinby and Elizabeth (Swingley) Allen, was born on the Allen homestead south of Mount Morris. He attended Rock River Seminary and later studied law and was admitted to the bar. He established an office in Mount Morris and besides his law practice he dealt in real estate and loans. His principal occupation, however, was that of auctioneer. His wife, Mary B. Allen, died Oct. 13, 1875, at the age of 23 years and he never remarried.

**ALBERT M. BAKER**, son of James A. and Catherine (Fleming) Baker, was born in Pine Creek Township, Dec. 7, 1847, and died in Mount Morris, March 7, 1928, aged 81 years. He engaged in farming south of town for many years and then spent his remaining years in Mount Morris. His brothers, Amos and Edward, preceded him in death several years. On Feb. 14, 1869, he married Nellie Whitman and they had one son, Fred, who was accidentally killed in 1898, and a daughter, Lillie, who died on Feb. 27, 1931. Mrs. Baker passed away on Nov. 18, 1930.

**AMOS N. BAKER**, son of James A. and Catherine (Fleming) Baker, was born in Pine Creek Township, Nov. 8, 1853, and died at his home in Mount Morris, Oct.

24, 1924, aged 71 years. He operated his farm for many years and moved to Mount Morris a few years preceding his death. In 1886, he married Ellen J. McCoy, and they had two children: Charles W. (married Helene Mae Swift), and Elizabeth. Mrs. Baker died July 7, 1935.

**OTHO W. BAKER** was born at Bakersville, Md., Oct. 26, 1850, and died March 30, 1928, aged 77 years. In 1878, he married Mary E. Wilson and moved to Mount Morris, where he resided the remainder of his life, engaged principally in truck farming. Eight children were born to them, four of whom died young. Those surviving were Harry W., Isaac, Charles O., and William F. Mrs. Baker died in February, 1933.

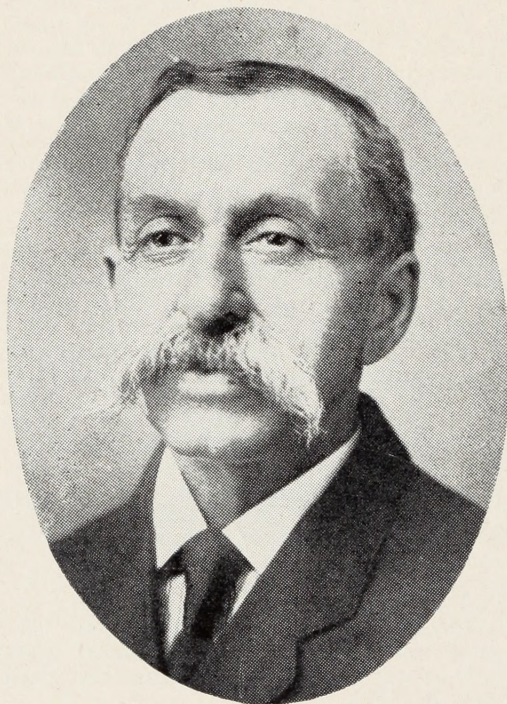
**SAMUEL H. BAKER** was born Jan. 24, 1841, at Bakersville, Md., and died in Mount Morris June 26, 1892. He married Sarah Jane Moninger of Fairplay, Md., in 1869, and they had a large family of nine children. The family moved west at an early date, and the children grew up in Mount Morris. Their names are as follows: Minnie Nora (deceased), married Fred Funnell; Frank M., married Grace Watts; Elmer, who married Ida Wallace (died in 1910) and Ida Snader; Susan L., who married Frank Tice; Otho, who married Lilly Nelson; Harry K., married Hilda Johnston; Adella May, married Frank Sells; Urilla, married Curtis Lazier; Jennie E., married Theo. Ullmark, and Mary Ellen (deceased), married Frank Shugart. The mother died Sept. 20, 1910.

**WILLIAM S. BLAKE**, son of Rev. Burdine and Mary (Simpkins) Blake, was born April 25, 1821, at Martinsburg, Pa., and came to Ogle County in 1869. In 1843, he married Catherine Gerhart, and they had seven children: Albert M., Clara E., Wilbur, Mrs. Geo. S. Kennedy, Millard F., William G., and Franklin G. His occupation was that of farmer and the Blake homestead was located a half mile west of Mount Morris. He passed away June 8, 1899, aged 78 years.

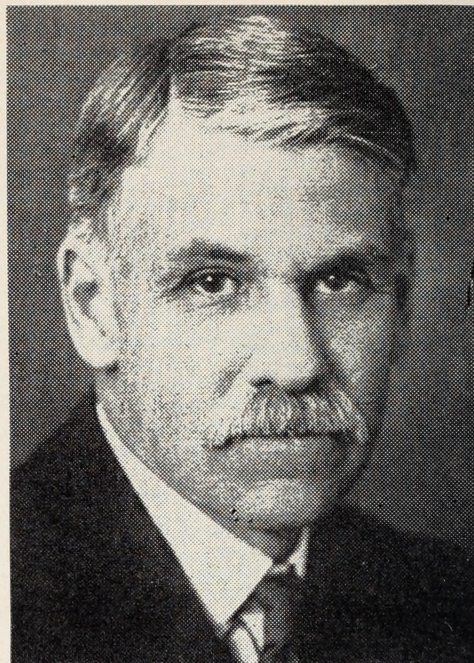
**DAVID M. BOCK** was born at Mercersburg, Pa., Dec. 28, 1858, and died at Mount Morris, July 17, 1925, aged 66½ years. He came to Mount Morris when 21 years of age, and for many years was a

successful farmer north of town. He was married to Viola Marshall in 1888 and they had four children: Reuben D., Matilda, Guy E., and Harry C.

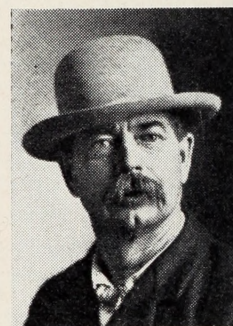
**JAMES W. CARR** died Jan. 10, 1918, aged over 72 years. He was born in Fulton County, Pa., Sept. 4, 1845, where he grew to manhood and was married to Elizabeth Rowe in 1868. The following spring they came to Ogle County, near Mount Morris, where he engaged in farming for a number of years and then moved to town. Four children were born to them: Charles, Harvey, and two daughters who died young. The mother died in 1878, and in 1879 he married Catherine Angle, who died in 1898. They had six children: Mrs. Mina Huffman, Mrs. Vernie Knodle, and four sons, who died in infancy. He was married a third time in 1903 to Mrs. Clara Baldwin.



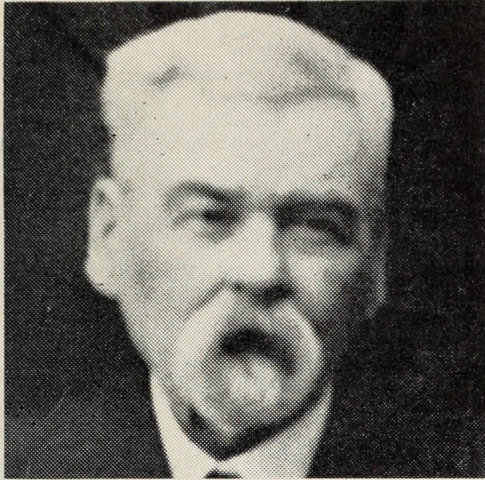
**CHAS. H. ALLEN**, son of Isaac and Evelyne Allen, was born at Keedysville, Md., August 1, 1846, and died Dec. 9, 1925, aged 79 years. He came to Mount Morris when a boy and lived in this community for over 70 years. He taught country schools during most of that period and hundreds of pupils came under his instruction. For more than thirty years he was assessor of Mount Morris Township and thus became well acquainted with the property owners of the township. In 1878, he married Ella Wolfe and seven children were born to them: Mrs. Ada Kohl, who died in 1907; Raymond H., of Crawfordsville, Ind.; Jesse, of Mount Morris; Florence Watt, deceased; Edward, who died in 1918; Earl, who lives near Oregon; and one child who died in infancy.



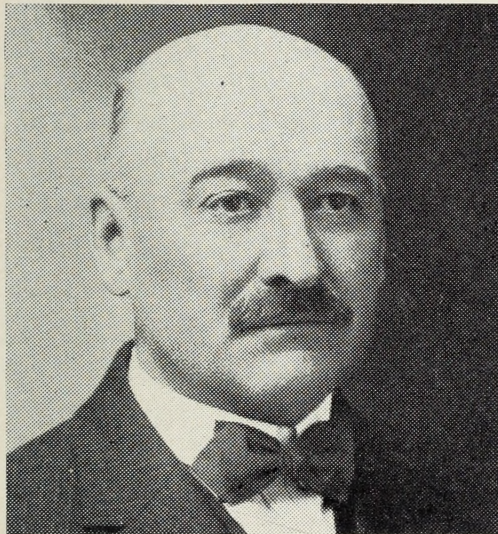
**EDWARD C. BUTERBAUGH** was born near Leaf River July 8, 1863, and died June 30, 1928, aged nearly 65 years. The greater part of his life was spent on his farm 2½ miles north of Mount Morris. He moved to town about 20 years prior to his death. In 1882, he was married to Mary E. Bopp, and four children were born to them, of whom two remain, Mrs. Ralph Thomas and Pearl. The mother died in 1921.



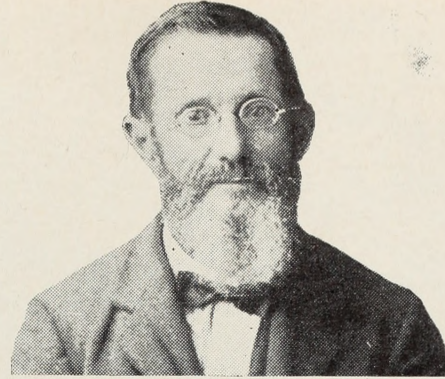
**EDWIN J. ALLEN**, died Feb. 15, 1920, aged 67 years. He was the son of A. Quinby and Elizabeth (Swingley) Allen and was born Oct. 22, 1852, on what is known as the McClure farm, one mile south of Mount Morris. In November, 1895, he was married to Louise Seise, and three sons were born to them: Edwin, who died in infancy, Ralph who died at age 14, and Harry who is now a Lutheran minister. Mr. Allen had a rare gift of wit, and he was a successful auctioneer, conducting public sales in and around Mount Morris for many years.



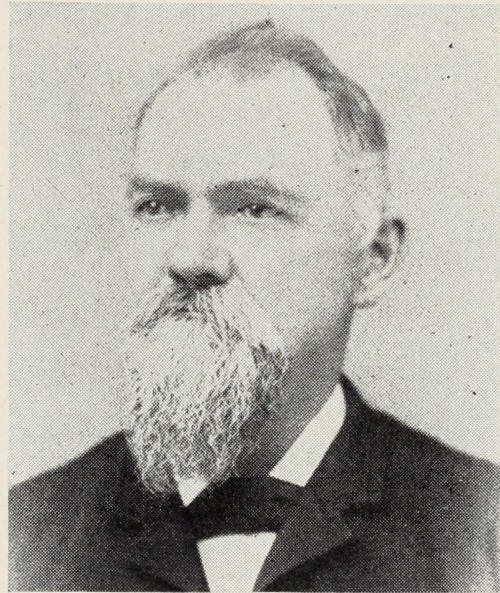
**EDWARD F. BAKER**, son of James A. and Catherine (Fleming) Baker, was born in Pine Creek Township, March 5, 1849, and died July 30, 1920, aged 71 years. He attended the Pine Creek school, Cornell College and Rock River Seminary. He engaged in farming in Pine Creek Township until 1913, when he moved into Mount Morris. In 1873, he married Ida B. Hammer, and six children were born to them: Mattie M. (Mrs. Calvin Fulton), Ira J. (died in infancy), Harry A., Bert A., and Ray J. and Roy J., twins.



**OLIVER W. COFFMAN**, son of Harrison and Lydia (Wagner) Coffman, was born in Lincoln Township, Dec. 30, 1865, and died March 26, 1926, aged 60 years. He lived in or near Mount Morris his entire life and engaged in the live stock business. In 1891, he married Martha Newcomer, and a daughter, Mrs. Perley J. Brenner, was born to them. Mrs. Coffman passed away in 1893. He was again married in 1916 to Miss Mae Ankney, who survives him.



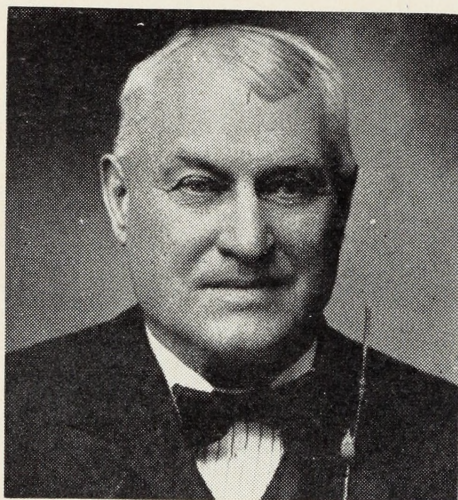
**DANIEL BLECKER**, son of Jacob and Barbara Blecker, was born at Boonsboro, Md., April 16, 1843, and died in Mount Morris in September, 1937, aged 94 years. At the time of his death, he was the oldest person in Mount Morris. In 1867, he married Catherine Antsbarger. There were two children, Alva and a daughter who died in infancy. Mrs. Blecker died and in 1875 Mr. Blecker came to Ogle County and settled on a farm near Mount Morris. He married again, in 1879, to Elizabeth Ann Miller, to whom were born three children: Harry, Mrs. Olin Young and Mrs. Arthur Stouffer.



**A. E. CANODE** died Jan. 18, 1907, aged nearly 75 years. He was born near Greencastle, Pa., June 2, 1832, and was married in June, 1855, to Amelia J. Worley. Seven sons and two daughters were born to them as follows: James B., Frank, Jennie (Mrs. Theodore Haller), George, Eliza, Victor, Benton, Charles and Martin. Mr. Canode was a carpenter by trade, and was a prominent member of the Masons and the Lutheran Church. He served on several occasions on the village board of trustees.

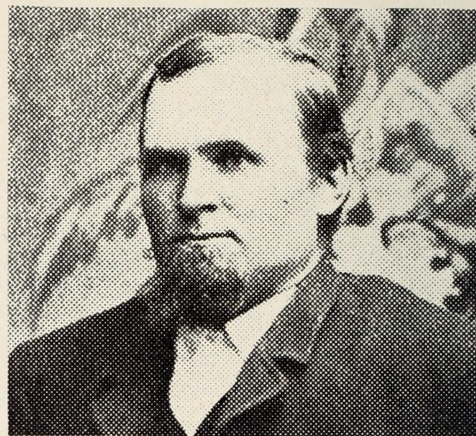


**BRUCE LEROY BRAYTON**, son of Arthur and Harriet Brayton, was born in Mount Morris, August 13, 1879, and died Feb. 25, 1928, aged 48½ years. He graduated from Mount Morris High School in 1896 and from Mount Morris College in 1900. Later he attended the University of Illinois and the American Academy of Dramatic Art in New York City. He was successful as an actor for a number of years and after the death of his father he managed the Brayton fruit farm. In 1915, he married Isabel Grace Morse, who is now living in New York.



**WILLIAM D. DAVIS**, son of William and Margaret Davis, was born May 26, 1849, at Beaver Creek, Md., and died Oct. 1, 1929, aged 80 years. He came to Ogle County at the age of 12 and became a prosperous farmer, moving to Mount Morris in 1900. He served four terms as President of the Village Board of Trustees. In 1870, he married Susan Coffman and six children were born to them: Mrs. Vernie Shaw, Mrs. Bessie Pittenger, Edward, Frank, Myron and Clyde. Mr. and Mrs. Davis celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Dec. 1, 1925. Mrs. Davis died April 1, 1926.

**GEORGE W. CARR**, son of George W. and Margaret (McLean) Carr, was born in Fulton County, Pa., Feb. 10, 1849, and died in Mount Morris Feb. 10, 1931, aged 82 years. He came to Mount Morris when about 22 years of age and in 1876 he married Ella A. Moats. There were three children, Albert A., and two daughters, who died in infancy. The mother died and in 1885 he married Martha Alexander. There were two children: Mrs. Nora Satterfield and Herbert Carr. He engaged in farming until about 20 years before his death, when he moved to Mount Morris.



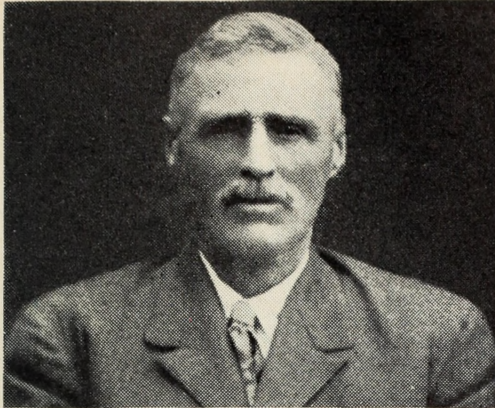
**JOHN M. BARNHIZER** died July 8, 1906, aged 62 years. He was born Dec. 28, 1844, in Pine Creek Township. His parents were John and Elizabeth Barnhizer, who came from the east in 1838 and settled on a farm in Pine Creek, where the subject of this sketch was born and lived for 57 years. He married Mary J. Coddington in 1867, and they had one son, Willoughby M., and a daughter who died in infancy. They moved to Mount Morris in 1901.

**IRVIN CARR** died April 15, 1919, aged 66 years. He was the son of George W. and Margaret Carr and was born near Fort Littleton, Pa., Feb. 15, 1853. He came to Mount Morris when he was 21 years old and in 1879 he married Sarah Angell, to whom nine children were born: Mrs. John Riley, Mrs. Wm. Feltman, Mrs. Olin Stouffer, Mrs. Hugh Griffin, Mrs. Raymond Cain, Clarence, Orval, Glenn and Ralph.

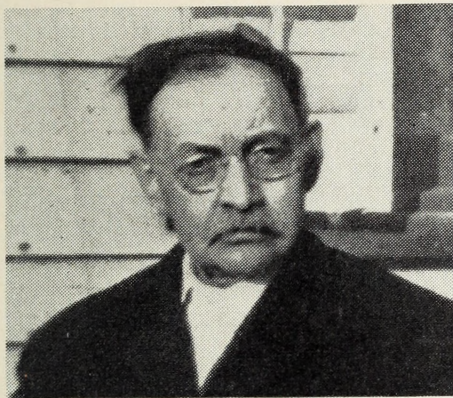
**JOHN W. DIERDORFF** was born near Gettysburg, Pa., August 18, 1848, and died in Mount Morris, Oct. 3, 1928, aged 79 years. His family moved to Franklin Grove in 1849, where he grew to manhood. In 1872, he married Hannah Slifer, and eight children were born to them, one dying in infancy. The others were Charles, Vinna, Mabel, Mrs. Flora Plum, Mrs. Olive Miller, Virgil and Russel. Mrs. Dierdorff died on Aug. 13, 1929. The family moved from Lanark to Mount Morris in 1886.

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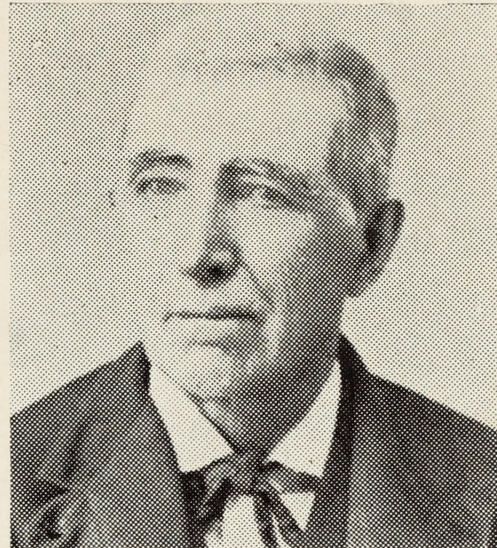
ABRAM B. DIEHL died January 8, 1915, aged 67 years. He was born at New Enterprise, Pa., Oct. 28, 1847. When seven years of age, his family moved to Ogle County, locating near Maryland. Later he engaged in farming near Mount Morris until 1911, when he retired and moved to town. In 1883, he married Rosa Belle Wagner, and to them were born seven children: Mrs. Martin G. Moats, Lloyd M., Orval W., Wayne H., Jesse W., Earl D., and Errett J.



JOHN G. DOHLEN was born in Mount Morris Township on May 1, 1858, and died May 16, 1925, aged 67 years. He was engaged in farming his entire life in the vicinity of Mount Morris except for 13 years, beginning in 1888, when he lived near Ackley, Iowa. In 1884, he married Bengia Genandt, of Adeline, and eleven children were born to them, five of whom preceded the father in death. Those remaining were Rena C. DeWall, Otto J., Gertrude E. Myers, John G., Henry G., and LeRoy C., together with the mother.

SAMUEL DOMER died July 4, 1898, aged 80 years. He was born at Sharpsburg, Md., Sept. 3, 1818, and came to Illinois in 1846, and engaged in making brick. He was married to Elizabeth Steffa in 1847, but she died the following year. He married again in 1852 to Rachel Varner, and eight children were born to them: Martha, married Chas. Reber; Lydia Ann,

died in 1855; Andrew J., living at Bremer-ton, Wash.; William H., died in Mount Morris, Nov., 1934; Samuel Oscar, living in Polo; Franklin V., died in 1932 in Iowa; Frederick W., living at Wichita, Kans.; Sarah A., married Wm. Koontz, living in Mount Morris. They lived on a farm near Leaf River for a period until 1876, when they moved to the farm home west of Mount Morris, where they lived until 1895, when they moved to town.



DANIEL EVERSOLE was born near Harper's Ferry, April 19, 1829, and died in Mount Morris, Aug. 24, 1913, aged past 84 years. He came to Ogle County in 1846 and worked for nine years as a farm hand. He then purchased a farm five miles west of Mount Morris, where he raised his family, then retired to Mount Morris for the remainder of his life. In 1859, he married Catherine Buser, and seven children were born to them: Dr. Gerry Eversole, Douglas (died in 1914), Anna (Mrs. Nevin Roeder), Daniel B. (died in 1932), Minerva (Mrs. Chas. Dickinson), Ivey (Mrs. N. E. Buser, died in 1919), and one child that died in infancy. Mrs. Eversole died in 1905.

DANIEL B. EVERSOLE, son of Daniel and Katherine (Buser) Eversole, was born near Shannon, Ill., Feb. 9, 1863, and died in Mount Morris May 20, 1932, aged 69 years. Most of his life was spent in or near Mount Morris, where he followed the vocations of farmer and carpenter, and the last eleven years in the bindery at the Kable plant. In 1917, he married Miss Zella Mitchell, who survives. There are no children.

JOHN H. FRENCH, for nearly 60 years a resident of Mount Morris, was born August 12, 1837, in Washington County, Md., and died at Freeport, Ill., March 23, 1925, aged over 87 years. He was the son of John and Elizabeth (Davis) French. The

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father was a veterinary surgeon and a government inspector of horses during the Civil War. At the Battle of Gettysburg, he was captured by the Confederates, after which all trace of him was lost. The son came to Mount Morris in March, 1865, and for many years conducted a truck farm in the west end of town. He served six years on the village board of trustees. He was married in 1863 to Matilda Hause and three children were born: Samuel (deceased), a daughter who preceded him in death, and a daughter Ida Ellen (Mrs. Thomas Holmes), of Freeport, with whom he lived the last seven years. Mrs. French died in 1918.

**BENJAMIN H. FRIDLEY** was born in Washington County, Md., Jan. 19, 1832, and died in Mount Morris Oct. 31, 1923, aged nearly 92 years. He came to Mount Morris with his parents when only six years old, and lived in or near Mount Morris for the remainder of his long life. He owned and operated a farm southeast of Mount Morris for many years. In 1871, he was married to Catherine Emmert, and six children were born to them, two of whom died in infancy. Those surviving the father were John E., Bessie, Mattie (Mrs. Luther Garber) and Benjamin F. The mother died in 1892 and about ten years later Mr. Fridley married Martha E. Fridley. He was a loyal and consistent member of the Old Order Brethren Church for many years.



**SAMUEL M. ESHELMAN** was a trusted employe for many years of the Brethren Publishing House while located in Mount Morris and accompanied the plant to Elgin when it was moved to that city in 1899, where he passed away.



**HENRY J. FARWELL** was president of the Mount Morris School Board from 1865 to 1890, and was instrumental in the building of the original stone building in 1868. Mr. Farwell was the son of Henry and Nancy (Jackson) Farwell and was born May 24, 1821, in Steuben County, N.Y. He was educated in Mount Morris and for a time was in the mercantile business, having bought the interest of Enoch Wood of the firm name of Wood & Petrie. The name was changed to Petrie & Farwell. The business was later sold to Coffman Bros. Mr. Farwell then engaged in farming and stock raising on the fine homestead, one mile south of Mount Morris. One of Mr. Farwell's brothers was the well-known merchant prince of Chicago, John V. Farwell. He was married in 1851 to Mrs. Mahala J. Baker, and four children were born to them. Charles, William, George V. and Lillie (Mrs. Harry Cushing). Mr. Farwell died in 1890, aged 69 years, and Mrs. Farwell died in 1915.

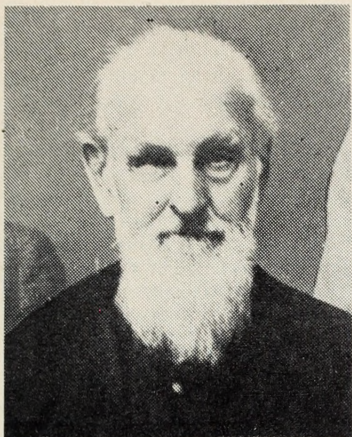
**CHARLES CRAWFORD** was born Nov. 17, 1838, at Springville, N. Y., and died in Mount Morris, April 1, 1925, aged over 86 years. He spent his early years on the farm and at teaching. In 1873, he came to Mount Morris and was married to Frances E. Hoverland, who was teaching school here. They located on a farm near Marshalltown, Iowa, but Mr. Crawford suffered a sunstroke which permanently injured his eyes. They finally returned to Mount Morris, where they remained. They had no children of their own, but adopted a daughter, Cornelia. Mrs. Crawford died in 1922.

**JAMES C. GIBBS**, son of Jacob and Ann Virginia Gibbs, was born in the State of Maryland, May 20, 1864, and died in Mount Morris, Oct. 18, 1928, aged 64 years. In 1880, he came to Pine Creek Township, and resided in or near Mount Morris the balance of his life, engaged mostly in farming, except seven years when he lived in Aurora. In 1888, he was married to Rosa Ridenour, to whom four children were born: Charles, Grace Horst, Gertrude Bearman and Marie Zumdahl.

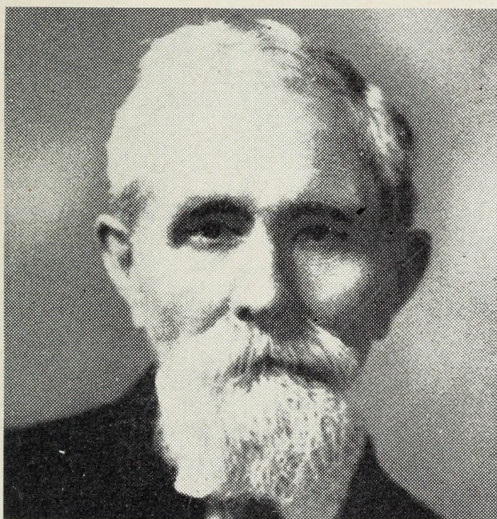
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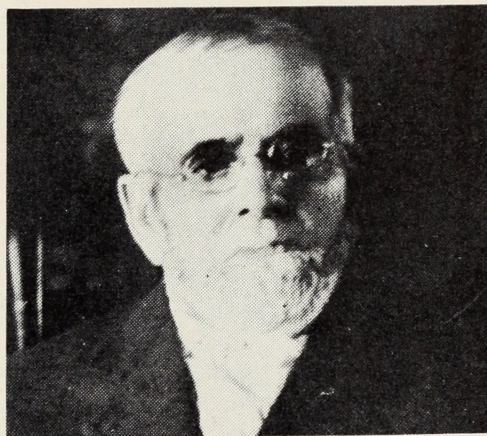


WILLOUGHBY M. FELKER was born near Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 3, 1844, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Watts, in Mount Morris, Dec. 17, 1922, aged nearly 79 years. He was of a large family of children born to Abraham and Catherine Felker, who came to Mount Morris in 1855 and settled on a farm north of Mount Morris. Mr. Felker was married to Alice Butterbaugh in 1868, and they had five children, Mrs. Olive Long, Henry Felker, Mrs. Fannie Watts, Merritt Felker, Mrs. Edna McNeel, and a daughter who died in 1918. In 1918, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Felker died in 1919.



HENRY FRAWERT, son of Fred and Wilhelmina Frawert, was born in Germany, July 21, 1842, and died in Mount Morris, April 20, 1927, aged nearly 85 years. He came to America when he was a young man and continued to live in or near Mount Morris until his death. In 1872, he was married to Charlotte Rohns and seven children were born to them: Henry, William, August, Mary, Fred, Edward and Clint.

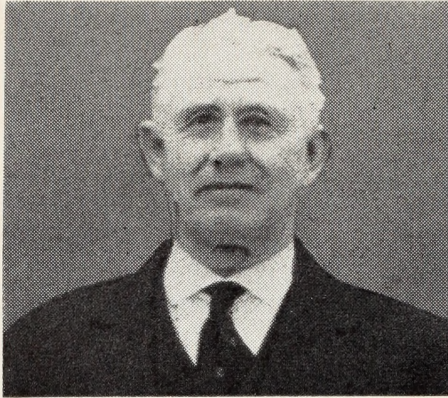
SOLOMON E. DAVIS died Oct. 3, 1897, aged 72 years. He was born at Boonsboro, Md., Dec. 28, 1825, and came to Mount Morris in 1855, where he resided the balance of his life with the exception of several years. He was married in 1848 to Rebecca Fletcher and they became the parents of twelve children as follows: Laura J. (married Thomas Avey), Ida E., Lewis E. (married Nellie White), Floy L. (married James H. Depue), Otho F. (married Katherine McMullen), Chas. V., Mary D. (married Albert Lookabaugh), Eva C. (married Freedline Petrie), Hattie M. (married James Miller), Ben G. (married Annie Sharp), Seymour S. (married Elizabeth O'Leary), Florence R. (married Fred Long).



DANIEL EMMERT was born near Hagerstown, Md., May 19, 1850, and died in Mount Morris, August 1, 1923, aged 73 years. His father, Elder Michael Emmert, came with his family to Ogle County in 1859 and purchased a farm five miles north of Mount Morris, and Daniel spent the rest of his life in or near Mount Morris. In 1873, he married Emma A. Porter, and five children were born to them: Mrs. G. W. Kieffaber, Elsie Emmert, George C. and Harry L. One daughter died in infancy.

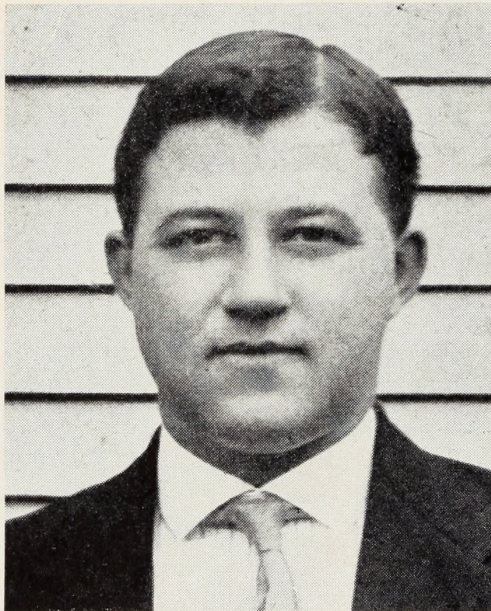
KATHERINE McNEILL HOFFMAN, whose career as a singer in concert and opera gave her a national reputation, was born in Mount Morris. She was the daughter of Dr. Francis A. and Barbara (Wagner) McNeill, and she was known professionally as Kitty McNeill. She studied voice in Chicago, Boston and Paris and made her debut in America with John A. McCaul Opera Company, with which she sang several seasons. She was also with the Tavaray Opera Company, with Jules Levy, the Innes Band and the Metropolitan Opera Company. She possessed a rich, powerful contralto of wide range and great sweetness. In 1900 Miss McNeill was married to Dr. Walter Hoffman of Honolulu, and they lived in that city for many years. Later they moved to Chicago where Mrs. Hoffman died in 1937.

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OLIVER C. GLOSS was born near Rohrsersville, Md., Feb. 16, 1864, and died June 1, 1925, aged 61 years. He came to Mount Morris when 25 years of age, and continued to reside here until the time of his death. In 1878 he married Florence B. Stonebraker, who preceded him in death in 1911. They had three children, Elsie, who died young; Clayton, who died in 1935; and Bertha.

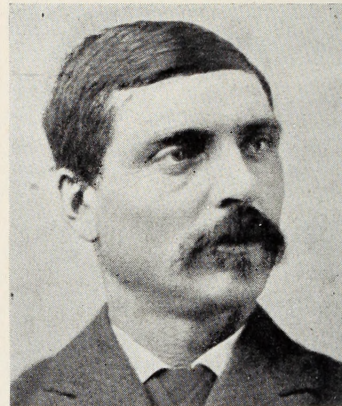
SAMUEL M. GRIMM died Feb. 27, 1919, aged 68 years. He was born in Rohrsersville, Md., Nov. 26, 1850, and came to Mount Morris when a young man, where he followed the trade of plasterer. In 1871, he married Sarah C. Rowe, and they had one son, Harvey.



CLAYTON G. GLOSS, son of Oliver and Florence Stonebraker Gloss, was born on a farm north of Mount Morris, July 16, 1881, and died Feb. 28, 1935, aged 53 years. He attended school in Mount Morris, including Mount Morris College, and for more than 30 years was a valued employe in the pressroom of Kable Brothers

Company. For many years he was a member of the local band in the capacity of bass drummer. In 1910, he married Miss Elizabeth Kline, and they had two children, Robert and Virginia.

WILLIAM HARLEY HEDGES, son of Samuel and Eleanor Hedges, was born at Hedgeville, W.Va., Nov. 20, 1849, and died in Mount Morris, Oct. 22, 1935, aged nearly 86 years. He came to Mount Morris when a young man and followed the vocation of well-driller until he was forced to retire because of old age. He was unmarried.



JONATHAN HIESTAND died Feb. 5, 1918, aged 75 years. He was the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Newcomer) Hiestand and was born in Mount Morris Township Nov. 21, 1842. He attended the district school and Rock River Seminary. He taught school and engaged in farming in his early life and moved to Mount Morris in 1884. He served as justice of the peace for many years and traveled quite extensively. He never married.

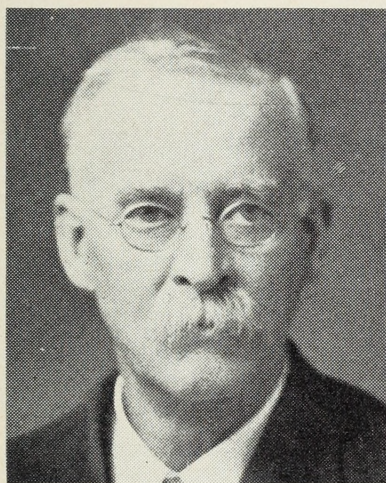
WILLIAM HOLSINGER, son of John and Barbara Holsinger, was born at Roaring Springs, Pa., Aug. 10, 1855, and died Dec. 3, 1935, aged 80 years. He was only six months old when his parents brought him to Mount Morris, and he resided in the community continuously for nearly 80 years. In 1890, he married Florence Knodle, and two children were born to them: Ray and a daughter who died in infancy.

ARTHUR C. IRVIN died March 2, 1919, aged nearly 61 years. He was the son of Addison and Matilda Irvin and was born in Chicago March 28, 1858. He came to Mount Morris when a young man and lived here the remainder of his life. In 1883, he was married to Julia Weller, whose death occurred in 1907. They had one son, Claire, who was in the army in France when his father died. For over thirty years, Mr. Irvin was a railway mail clerk on the Burlington. He was a member of the Masons.

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MRS. MARGARET GRANGER, a respected colored lady, was brought to Mount Morris as a slave by the Samuel Hitt family in 1937 when she was a young girl. She died Feb. 11, 1925, at the age of approximately 100 years, but there is no record of exactly when and where she was born. She never saw her father or mother after she was taken away from them. She lived with the Hitt family until Miss Margaret married Prof. D. J. Pinckney, the first principal of Rock River Seminary, and she moved with them to their home in the seminary building. The Pinckney children grew up under her care. Later she was married to John Granger and Mr. Hitt gave her the two lots on Main Street where she lived the remainder of her life. This was the only colored family that lived in Mount Morris for many years. There were nine children who grew up in Mount Morris. John C., Laura, Daniel, Maxie, Joseph, Bud, Grace, Vina. The father, John Granger, served in Co. D, 8th Ill. Inf., during the Civil War. He died in 1882.



FONETICUS JACOBS, son of Enos and Rachel Jacobs, was born March 10, 1855, near Adeline, and died Sept. 28, 1933, aged 78½ years. He was of a family of 11 children. He engaged in farming in the vicinity of Adeline until 1907, when he moved to Mount Morris. In 1878, he married Mina L. Avery and seven children were born to them: Mrs. Elva Buser, Enos (who died in 1931), Mrs. Grace Klontz, Mrs. Gertrude Peugh, John Jacobs, and two children that died in infancy. On Jan. 1, 1928, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mrs. Jacobs died June 19, 1937.

JOHN H. HANSTINE, son of Adam and Margaret (Zollinger) Hanstine, was born near Gettysburg, Pa., Oct. 11, 1850, and died at Mount Morris, Dec. 19, 1931, aged 81 years. His family moved from Pennsylvania to Indiana and later to near Polo. He attended Rock River Seminary and became a minister of the United

Brethren Church for several years, then represented the American Bible Society. In 1873, he married Mahala Bovey, and four children were born to them: Grace (Mrs. Elmer Clapper), Edith and Clarence, one son dying in infancy. Mrs. Hanstine passed away in 1931.



NICHOLAS T. KOONTZ, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth Koontz, was born in Bruceville, Md., April 20, 1839, and died in Mount Morris, March 5, 1926, aged nearly 87 years. He came to Illinois when a young man and during the greater part of his life worked at his trade of blacksmith in Mount Morris. He was married in 1865 to Susan M. Mumma and five children were born to them: Chas. C., who died in infancy; Mary E., who died in 1895; William W., Grace (Mrs. John Marshall) and Lulu (Mrs. M. L. Noble). The mother died in 1898. In 1900, Mr. Koontz was married to Anna Slifer, who died in 1920.

HALE D. JUDSON was born at Wau-paca, Wis., in 1853, and died in Texas in March, 1911. At the age of eleven years, he came to Mount Morris to reside with his uncle, F. B. Brayton, with whose family he resided for about eight years. He attended Rock River Seminary during 1871 and 1872 and assisted in his uncle's store and postoffice. When the railroad was built through Mount Morris, A. W. Brayton became the first agent and Mr. Judson became night operator. Later he became day operator when Mr. Brayton resigned, and worked his way up with the railroad until he became division superintendent of the C. B. & Q. Railroad, with headquarters at Aurora. Mr. Judson was married to Fannie Reed of Rochelle, who lived less than a year. Several years later he married Josephine Gould, and they had three children.

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