

sets besides the road "A Ragged Beggar Sunning" with the rest of the lines that so aptly describe the jack knife carved initials and every thing except the little girl our childhood fancy singled, not guilty.

We will by process of deduction attempt to portray the high and brighter lights which cause the school to stand out in bold relief upon the composite map of memory, as there are no available records of facts to guide us.

This trail leads backward by easy steps, so, dear reader, we crave your indulgence while we refer in passing to one high spot which has been discarded by this practical and economic age, the mid-winter institute for teachers. This event, was a delightful week for the cultured of the county, assembled together to be lectured daily and concerted nightly. The time out in the wee small hours was utilized for social functions used to develop the social side promoted the necessity for sleeping when the lectures were exceedingly dry, providing one did not snore.

About 1847 the legislature of Pennsylvania created a free school system out of which our present blessings and exorbitant taxes have grown. Years prior to that date, pioneer, John Hill had given land on which to build a Union Church for the free use of every denomination except the mormons, and a school in the vicinity of the burying ground.

There may have been a crude school house at sometime on or near the point in the Loyalsock known as "School House Point" but the memory of the present older residents runneth not back to facts concerning the location.

In the late sixties, a school house occupied the upper corner of the field now owned by Ray Barber. It was located where the trail to Plunkett's Creek turned off the main course known as Corson's Road. This building with the erection of the tannery in 1878 proved too small and was purchased by Andrew Harver, who moved it to the site of Brong's store where it remains to this day a part of that building. The old blackboards are still on the walls. S.

A. McBride of Endicott recalls driving one of the teams hitched to the building when it was moved to the present location.

A one room school to accomodate possibly fifteen more pupils was then built and in 1882 another building was necessary to accomodate the increasing school population.

Lyman B. Speaker, who as a young man taught in the first school house, led a valiant though a losing fight for the establishment of a high school. In 1889 as president of the Board of Education he saw his early dream realized and a thoroughly graded school with high school course established. The pupils housed in a new and comfortable building which was just twenty years too late in arriving. It is hoped that the history of this school, with names of the Alumnae, may be written by some one having profited by its influence, for this souvenir we will content ourselves with calling the roll of many who are not mentioned elsewhere in this chronicle.

We begin back in 1884 when as a kid of six years, accompanied by Geo. Speaker, Pete Wager, Jake Shufelt, Milton Sheeley, Fred and Frank Moulthrop, Andrew Galough, Leslie and Allen McCormick, Paddy Jackson and Jud Boyles we marched single file from Myra Hoffman's room into C. P. Garrison's room to see the older pupils sing from song books and hear the principal read from the Bible. We heard the law laid down for guidance of our conduct while out of school and the oft repeated prophecy that some of us would be president of the good old United States, this prophecy, strange to say, has not been fulfilled.

We were the "Chart Class", because our equipment consisted of a slate, which was kept clean by spitting upon it and then rubbing with the coat sleeve or possibly a sponge or cloth, and a large paper chart containing pictures and words. We kiddies of kindergarten age and development were expected to sit quietly in our seats and look at this chart from the time school was called until recess, then after recess