

Charlie Jackson, George Jenkins, Fulmer Jenkins, John Komoki, Frank Mox, Charlie Peck, Al Strickland, Frank Strickland, John McEwen.

The gang we led in the daily parade for the next two years until we promoted ourselves to the big room dubbed by Milt Sheeley the incurable ward included; (Some of these really belong to a younger group) Some to the group above—?

GIRLS

Mina Anderson, Lydia Craven, Florence Darby, Annie Gilbert, Maud Harrison, Rosetta Jackson, Theora Jackson, Anna Jenkins, Josie Lewis, Frankie Lewis, Essie McEwen, Maggie Spiegel, Ida Strickland, Del Strickland, Lydia Strickland, Iva Morean, Ella Morean, Blanche McBride, Esther Biddle, Edna (later) Lewis, Polly Morean.

BOYS

Frank Boyles, Clarence Darby, Fred Featherbay, Herman Greene, Garfield Harrison, Harry Haas, Bill Lucas, Ed Lucas, Lawrence Lucas, Lew Rinker.

SPORTS AND RECREATIONS

By

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Looking backward to the sports and recreations of other days, we see Hillsgrove as a community able and willing to amuse herself, and baseball from the earliest period of its history to the present day has given plenty to the pride and success of athletic life.

The early eighties saw a championship team beating towns like Hughesville and Muncy. On the team were Racy, Sam and Rudolph McBride, Bill and Fred Buckingham, Harry Chapman, Elmer Mecum, Charley Sadler, Harry Rogers and others whom the Great Umpire has called from the game of life. Recruits for this team came from their descendants and from the Darby, Mouthrop, Greene, Rinker, Harrison, Morris and other families who carried on the tradition of their elders.

Hillsgrove did not always win but she played a snappy and if necessary a scrappy game but no one can truth-

fully accuse her of playing dirty baseball.

With as much modesty as is customary, I do not forget that Geo. himself had the reputation of being league material in places within a radius of twenty miles of Hillsgrove. Lopez, Proctor, Dushore, Forksville and some Williamsport teams were sorry I was in the box, but alas! the bleachers for me henceforth.

Can't go into detail and play the games that made Hillsgrove famous but can write in appreciation of the loyal rooters, who were just as good sports as the players. This assistance to the players is not confined to any particular date or season for, after fifty years it seems to be as strong as in the beginning of baseball.

Another recreation was dancing, which was fostered by the Hillsgrove Cornet Band, usually conducted on open air pavilions, some of them without cover and visions come back of Hillsgrove's younger set gliding or galloping through the old square dances to the strains of Pappy Jackson's fiddle with Paddy as an accompanist on the organ. There were frequently dances on the mountain or in Hoppistown and Cabbage Hollow which drew the male element and good stories about these affairs are plentiful.

Roller skating, croquet and the bicycle had their day and we remember the old rink, the croquet courts and the race tracks built by volunteer labor. Fishing, hunting and ice-skating were enjoyed by men and women alike.

Possibly, the most interesting parties were the straw and sleigh rides, when the vehicles were drawn by four horses and somewhere in the program a big supper added to the attractions.

Dramatics gave their bit to the local entertainment and home talent gave a lot of pleasure to those taking part and to the audiences. I recall playing Johnny Crump, the bad boy in the "School Ma'am," back in 1888 and some of my descendants reproduced the same play in 1910.

Traveling shows, with their equipment drawn by horses were always