

thirty years, a good old age for country musical organization.

As I write this, I seem to hear the stirring strains of Sousa's, Southwell's and HARRISSES' and overtures they played so well, and out of the shadows march the boys in their gorgeous blue, red and gold uniforms, brave in breast bars and epaulets, and the clash of Ray Jackson's cymbals, the harmony of Charlie Sadler's cornet sustained by the various clarinets and trombones and nicely balanced by the off time horns and drums. To memory, its music is as sweet as when in days of old we wrapped our lips around the mouth piece of an old tenor horn, shaped like a Sousa phone, with flat keys that worked by cat gut strings attached to the valves.

Those were the happy days and the men and boys who added to our joys are on the following roll:

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| Chas. R. Sadler | Billy Haynes      |
| T. B. Barrett   | Johnny Jackson    |
| Chris Tuffton   | Geo. Jackson      |
| A. Strickland   | Lyman Jackson     |
| Geo. Woodley    | Frank Jackson     |
| Chas. Jackson   | Lyman Jackson Jr. |
| Ray Jackson     | Sam Galough       |
| Andrew Galough  | John Gibbs        |
| Robert Brong    | Bill Boyles       |
| Adam Brong      | Geo. Boyles       |
| Peter Whitacre  | Jud Boyles        |
| Geo. Chapman    | Frank Boyles      |
| Lew Gumble      | Paul Galough      |
| Henry Barrett   | Asa Bailey        |

In passing let us remember that our equipment included a band wagon drawn by four and some times six plumed horses.

#### HILLSGROVE HIGH SCHOOL

The Hillsgrove High School building was built in 1900 by Jacob Snell and sons of Canton. The building was a two-story wooden structure with the High school and library located on the second floor and the intermediate grades on the first floor. The primary grades occupied a separate building.

Previous to 1900 Hillsgrove had but two school buildings, the "big room" where the older pupils wrestled with the "three R's" and the "little room" where the beginners

drew their "A. B. C's" on slates or read from a chart. The two buildings were joined by a narrow passageway or hall.

At the time the high school started the Board of Education was comprised of the following members: William Gumble, Lyman Speaker, Reuben Featherbay, John Brey, W. L. Hoffman and Ward Birdsall, having six members instead of five as the present time. F. W. Meylert was County Superintendent and these men together with Vernon Hull, Harry H. Green, Joe Miller Urban Moulthrop and others were instrumental in securing a high school for Hillsgrove township.

The new building was not completed in time for the beginning of school in the fall of 1900, so school started in the two buildings as usual. After the holidays the high school pupils with their principal, Herbert Hunter, moved to their new quarters. An extra teacher, Miss Sara Huckell, was hired at this time to teach the intermediate grades. By the fall of 1901 the high school was progressing nicely. J. Lyman Snyder was principal and the following pupils were enrolled: Sidney Greene, Ernest Norton, Harvey Jenkins, Leslie Vroman, Andrew Morean, Bert Haynes, Albert Helsingman, Alfred Helsingman, George Dutter, Mark Harrison, Lewis McBride, Clarence Gibbs, Lonie Lucas, Iza McBride, Melissa Hoffman, Ruth Evertson, Freda McBride, Esther Strickland, Alta McBride, Josie McBride, Hazel McBride, Edna Secules, Lettie Dutter, Ethel Norton, Nona Brown, Willa Barrett, Bertha Dutter, Polly Morean, Tofelia Lucas, Mina Greene, Nellie Darby, Edna Ludy.

Stephen Mitterling taught the next two years, then Leonard Green, who had the first graduating class.

The first to receive diplomas from the school were: Nellie Darby, Ethel Norton and Bessie Biddle. The commencement exercises were held in the Union church, in the spring of 1905, followed by a banquet the same evening at the Biddle Hotel. All three graduates took up teaching and taught their first schools in Hillsgrove township. Miss Darby teach-