U.S. Busch Sept of Troy High School
Grace Swigset
Bertie Myers
Mabel Ellis

Class of 1894
George Remsburg, Charles W. Katner, who was reared north of Atchison, in the southern part of Doniphan county, died in his home in Joplin, Mo. He was the youngest of five children of Frances Katner, the first woman county superintendent of schools in Doniphan county, who was well known in Atchison. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna Katner. He was about 80 years of age. Mrs. W. F. Culp of Troy is a cousin of the deceased.

Floyd Stewart, well known farmer of the Denton community was in Troy, Monday. He has just returned from an annual meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, held in Topeka over the weekend.

The annual Laverenz Reunion will be held at the Laverenz School House on June 11 with a basket dinner at 12:30. All former pupils and teachers and friends are invited. Everybody reads The Chief.

FIRST GRADUATING CLASS OF T. H. S., 1894.

This being the time of year for graduation exercises, and the 37th in the history of Troy High School, the question came up as the first graduation class of this institution. The picture herewith is of the first graduation exercises in 1894. The members of that class from left to right are Grace Swiggert, Mabel Ellis and Bertha Myers. Miss Ellis is the only survivor, and Bertha is the only survivor of the class of '94.

Miss Swiggert moved to California, married a man by the name of William Graig, who was a railroad man. She died in 1889.

Miss Myers married a Troy boy, Robert Castle, and she died about 1945. She had two sons, Barrett and Robert, Jr., the latter being also a graduate of Troy High School.

The man in the picture is U. S. Bush, superintendent of Troy High School, and well known and well remembered as a disciplinarian in those rugged times, of the gay Nineties.

The exercises were held in the court room at the court house, where this picture was taken.

Miss Ellis remembers an amusing incident about Sol. Miller, founder and editor of The Chief. She remembers that a folding chair collapsed with him allowing him to hit the floor with a thud.

Members of the school board were J. J. Baker, High Swiggert and Calvin Morehead.

Miss Ellis recalls that she came into Troy from the Ellis farm, the day before, and stayed that night in town, so that if inclement weather came she would not be delayed for this momentous event.

The program which we reprint gives the name of Professor Thomas (Continued on Page Two).
FIRST GRADUATION

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H. Dinsmore, Jr., an uncle of Dr. Robert S. Dinsmore of Cleveland, Ohio, and Troy, Kansas.

J. S. Earnest of the Earnest's Quartette, on the program, is the father of Mrs. C. C. Calhoun, and now resides at Stanberry, Missouri.

Programme.

Overture — Sans Souci, Kautz. — Young's Orchestra.

INVOCATION.

Music — "Tis Morn", Earnest's Quartette.

Salutatory and Oration, "Stepping Stones". — Bertie Myers.

Medley — The Elephant, White. — Young's Orchestra.

Oration, "The Pride of our Country". — Mabel Ellis.

Music — Dream of Love Schollische, Cassey. — Young's Orchestra.

Oration and Valedictory, "Patriotism." — Grace D. Swiggert.

Music — The Old Doorstep. — Earnest's Quartette.

Address: — Professor Thomas H. Dinsmore, Jr., State Normal School.


Presentation of Diplomas.—Principal.

Music — Arion Waltz. — Earnest's Quartette.

BENEDICTION.

NOTE. — No flowers will be received during the Exercises.

Below is the account of the Commencement as recorded by Sol Miller.

We reprint the story of the Graduation Exercises as it appeared in The Chief of May 3, 1894:

Graduating Exercises.

Last Friday, in the language of Professor Dinsmore, was an important day in the history of the world, for Troy. It was like most other days, and the principal event was such as has taken place in thousands of towns, and ten thousands of times; but they never before took place in Troy. The first class was graduated from the Troy High School. The recommendations, was n. g. on graduates were three in number, and general principles — a superannuated it is hardly necessary to say, they were all girls. That is the rule, in these times. Those girls, when they find their father of a child of a hundred, and of no rank, a back number, and of no more force than a second-hand one was not barred. So that the first year, the school was almost demoralized. The can sit and tell how they were the first persons that ever graduated in Troy. The graduates were Misses Bertie Myers, Mabel Ellis, and Grace Swiggert. Miss Ellis was born in this school District, has always lived in it, and never attended school anywhere else. The other two have lived here almost all their lives, and likewise never attended any other school.

Three years ago, chiefly through the efforts of the lady teachers in the school, two of whom have continued to teach here until the present time, the question of a High School was broached, and the matter was talked up. At the annual meeting of that year, it was voted to organize a high school, but the first year it was worse than failure, by reason of having a principal who, although a man of fine education, and who brought a dray load of...
The Valedictory and Oration by Miss Swiggert was on the subject of "Patriotism." She gave examples of patriotism, ancient and modern, and dwelt especially upon the patriotism of the masses who rallied to save the life of the nation. Some of the boys became so enthusiastic that they imagined it was a political meeting, and broke out in cheers. Her farewell to schoolmates and teachers was beautiful and touching.

Prof. Thomas H. Dinmore, Jr., then came forward for a lecture, but turned it into a pleasant, familiar talk, illustrating the benefits of education with examples of young men from this County, who, by study and perseverance, have reached positions in which they have made their mark in the world. Prof. Dinmore is a pleasant and fluent speaker, and talked a good deal of good, practical sense, which could be followed out with benefit.

The closing ceremony was the presentation of diplomas to the graduates, by Mr. Busch, with appropriate remarks, both of good counsel to the graduates, and thanks to the patrons of the district for their support and encouragement they had given him. The evening wound up with an informal reception, giving an opportunity for friends to congratulate the graduates.

The occasion was a complete success in every particular, not omitting the fact that the receipts paid all the expenses. Mr. Busch deserves great credit for his efforts and management.