

Broomfield Consolidation
Commencement Exercises
Eighth Grade

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Saturday evening, May the twenty-fifth
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Grange Hall
Broomfield, Colorado

In 1918 the idea of School consolidation as an aid to better education was catching on all over the Country. The Broomfield area was no exception. Three School Districts, each with a one room School voted to consolidate. They were the Broomfield School District, Boulder County, the school building located at 10th. and Main St. The Loraine School District, Jefferson County, the School house located at 112th. and Pierce and the Westlake School District, Adams County, the School house located about one and one half miles North of 120th. Ave on Lowell Blvd. The School board members elected were three area farmers, Mr. Ansley Pease from the Broomfield District, Mr. Ernest Mitze from the Loraine District and Mr. Clarence Graves to represent the Westlake District.

Although the members of each School District voted favorable and steps were being taken to go ahead with the consolidation, by building a School in Broomfield, those opposed took it to Court and won on a technicality. The Judge ruling that the people should have voted for a "Joint" School District rather than a "Consolidated" District because the District crossed County lines. The leaders who worked so hard for Consolidation then gave up because they did not want to go thru with it all over again.

Broomfield, after voting not to change the site, built a two room brick School house. Westlake built a large brick School house with living quarters on the same site and that ended any thought of future consolidation. Loraine School remained the same and was later moved to Broomfield after a one room School was established in the South end of the District at Mandalay.

In 1923, Miss. Emily B. Kruegel was the teacher at Loraine and in 1924 She became my wife.

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