

## FOREWORD

### THE END OF AN ERA

The closing of the school year in the spring of 1962 marks the end of an era in this community --Miner School will cease to exist as such. It has served the people in this area for seventy-five years or three quarters of a century. This means that three full generations have been served by this school with the added possibility that a fourth generation has been touched.

What tales could be told if bricks could speak, if walls could sing, or if blackboards could write. Only in Fantasyland is this possible, of course; but we have something even better--MEMORIES! Everyone remembers things he has experienced or has been taught to cherish. There are the good memories that are sort of homespun and heart-warming; there are the factual ones that date us (like it or not); there are the sad ones that have strengthened us and made us a little wiser; and then there are the so-good-for-laughing ones that are born out of being (or having) mischievous boys or giggly girls.

Selections of these memories, alive with human interest and coupled with the statistical information of established fact as herein recorded, make a history such as this. The endeavor is that of an interested layperson and not a professional writer. I have aimed for authenticity of fact with regard to building records, enrollment figures, faculty and administrative personnel and the leadership and action programs of the parent-participation groups. However, should any discrepancies occur, it is my wish that they will be called to my attention so that correction may be made at least in the Master copies retained by me and the Fort Wayne Community Schools.

It is my hope that all who read "A SCHOOL TO REMEMBER" will find pleasure in its pages. Perhaps thoughts mentioned here will open doors of pure nostalgic enjoyment as you personally re-live some of the associations you have had with Miner School--as a student, as a patron, as a community friend or neighbor, or as a staff member.

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