

Communications

A movement began in 1878 to establish a public library bore fruit in 1893. The first newspaper "The Sentinel" was published in 1833. "The Standard" and "The Times" the first daily papers appeared in 1854. The Fort Wayne Gazette, an afternoon daily appeared in 1862. The first mail delivery (twice daily, too) began in 1873. The first telephone was installed in 1879 but it was not until 1881 that it became a fixture. The Home Telephone & Telegraph Company was incorporated the same year when Miner began -- 1886.

Transportation

The tried and true horse and buggy mode of travel was by far the most common in this day. The first bicycle or velocipede appeared in 1869. The horse drawn street cars began operations in 1872. In 1891 the electrically driven street cars appeared, and in 1897 the first automobile (horseless carriage) caused much speculation as to the "Destruction of man".

Sports

Sport enthusiasts may be happy to know that at one time Fort Wayne enjoyed world fame for its baseball team with the National League. The name given the local players was "Kekiongas". A world championship game was played here in Fort Wayne in 1883 on a neutral diamond -- between Chicago and Providence. Chicago won. The first football game played in this city was on Thanksgiving Day 1890 and the first golf game ever played here was in the summer of the same year. Both of which were four years after Miner was opened.

All of these incidents really have no particular bearing on our local school history except to establish for us a picture of the facilities the general public had possession of, or access to, when youngsters first began trekking to Miner.

We shall speed along now and learn of the structure and other informative facts concerning the school.