

are cut through; the roof is picked up, nailed back on and Bingo ! Miner is an eight room school instead of a four room one.

Now I am sure that Mr. Walda would have an entirely different picture for us. Building remodeling and enlarging has of course always meant careful and exacting work. I do not mean to minimize his efforts in any way. It is only that after all these years it seems so easy to say that four rooms were built on top of four rooms and made made eight.

From the beginning, there are a few facts available that will help establish a pattern for us to help trace our growth and development down through the years. When the school had only four rooms, each room had its own heating plant -- a little pot-bellied stove. Coal buckets, pokers, shakers, kindling and blocks of firewood were all standard pieces of equipment for each room. The writer wonders whether the jobs of carrying out ashes or bringing in coal were honorary appointments or punishments doled out for acts of misconduct.

We should keep in mind that this was plus-ten years before the turn of the century. Boys and girls should remember that all the things so common to us now were hardly in existence then. Telephones, automobiles, electricity, inside plumbing facilities,, central heating systems, gas stoves, radios, and the like were either unheard of or else just coming into their own. Vitamins, sulfa drugs, penicillin and other modern medical discoveries were unknown. In these days asafetida bags were often tied around the necks of small children to scare the germs away; onion-poultices were placed on the chests of those suffering colds; sassafras tea was given to thin the blood and sulphur and molasses was supposed to build up the blood. They did not have sun lamps, violet-ray lamps or other modern inventions such as these. In fact they didn't even know about hot water bottles or bags filled with salt that was heated. Yes, boys and girls, you just ask Grandma or Grandpa to tell you about those days. In fact some of you will probably have to ask Great-Grandma or Great-Grandpa about it, but I am sure they can tell you some very interesting things that will help you picture living conditions as they were when Miner was a "baby".

I have been unable to ascertain what type of lighting was used in the first years of its existence. However, there were a number of people interviewed who were quick to tell me of the gas lights used in the late 1890's.

Outside restrooms served accommodations in this respect until the remodeling program of 1912. One little old lady with a twinkle in her eye laughed at my question about whether the teachers had much of a problem with children asking to