

painfully embarrassed before their classes for permitting such waste.

Why do I mention such things? Because they were so much a part of Miss Foley. I feel we simply cannot give you a fair picture of her if these are not mentioned.

Perhaps you are wondering if a person who practices such extreme thrift could be benevolent. Was Miss Foley benevolent? Yes, she was -- with reservations. I am most sure that the indigent children of Miner were adequately provided for through proper channels after the required recommendations were made by her, and more thoroughly convinced that she was not in the least reluctant to see that these were provided for, after she made thorough and not-too-confidential investigations to make certain first that parents just weren't shirking their responsibilities of securing text books and other supplies. And who of us can say that such conscientious treatment of the taxpayers money is not commendable? On many occasions, I am told she personally purchased books, clothing and other needs for children and without mention to anyone. She wanted no publicity.

Was she benevolent? Who of us can look at the well-stocked shelves in the school library today and dare say she was not charitable? Oh, sure, some folks are quick to retort that "she could have donated the whole thing instead of just a portion". We must admit that yes, she probably could have -- financially speaking. But that was not Miss Foley! She liked to see effort rewarded. And when she stipulated a certain sum to be equalled by a like contribution from the P.T.A., I am certain beyond the shadow of a doubt, that there were no selfish motives involved. She placed a challenge before the school and she knew it was a reasonable one. Anything gained by effort is so much more appreciated. She knew this; she lived it and taught it all of her life. So why wouldn't she think of it relative to the estate she would leave after passing on? Yes, Miss Foley was benevolent.

And these are Miss Foley too!-- She was not unsympathetic. Her compassion for the underdog was something you had to have need of, however, before you realized it was there. I think it might be well to say she held it in reserve. In other words, it was not one of her obvious qualities. But make no mistake -- if it was there if you needed it. And don't let anyone tell you any differently. We must remember that even though she was feminine "lord and master" of Miner School for 33 years -- she was also a public servant. Humans, being what they are, are so quick to criticise when sympathies and favors are neted out to the "other fellow", and yet so quick to take advantage if they fall our way. Miss Foley was smart. She knew that it was unwise to let emotion upset reason. And it is because of this selfishness that the public unknowingly or unthinkingly force on those who serve us that causes them to suffer an inner loneliness often deprived of close friendships. This was true of