

appreciates the assistance and cooperation of the teachers personnel, and parents during his tenure at Miner School".

Roger Pfeifer, Principal 1948-'50

Part 5 -- Hugh D. Rice  
Present principal

Mr. Hugh D. Rice, our present principal, came to Miner in the fall of 1950. Prior to that time he was a teacher at Harrison Hill but also served as assistant principal there. We trust that his tenure at Miner will not be one of short duration. Mr. Rice offers his Reflections as a Principal:

"It was during the years of World War II that I came to Fort Wayne as a teacher. Here, as throughout the country, the people I met were earnestly intent in a job well done. The principal at Miner School at that time was one of my acquaintances for some years; so I was naturally shown about the building and told of the people and traditions of the school. Realizing that a principal must become completely sold on his situation, I looked upon the building with the feeling of multitudes who have passed by, namely. It's one of hundreds of buildings which has stood a half century and because of its structure and architecture probably still has many years of service.

This principal's feeling about his building and the people who worked with the P.T.A. in the school seemed to me to be that of an over enthusiastic person. In 1950 when told I was to assume the responsibility of being a principal at Miner the story of the building began to unravel itself when I began to study it for its serviceability and the possibilities it held.

The people of whom I had heard much proved to be those who have a helping hand outstretched to welcome and help those who come new, through the schools doors.

Work progressed at school with members from P.T.A. forming a welcome committee for all Kindergarten parents and other parents who came new to Miner on the first day. Newspaper drives were begun early as a source of income; these were sponsored and worked by the P.T.A. with all proceeds being used to provide a tape recorder. Other enterprises of the year were a day's visit by Hanna Homestead children who were guests of the school with the Study Club providing transportation and the noon meal. A school fair was held with a minstrel show being one of the highlights. From the efforts of those faithful workers combined with the School City, the playground was resurfaced. During the summer redecoration and new lighting brought Miner School a new lift in its interior appearance. With the opening of school in the fall of 1951 the P.T.A. members again acted as a reception committee for Kindergarten mothers and new parents sponsored a paper drive and magazine sale.

As work goes on more and more new friendships are a part of my good fortune for here in these hard working people I have found truly "The Salt of the Earth"