

CHAPTER VI

BEHIND THE SCENES

Messages from the Various Supervisors or Special Teachers.

The classroom teacher is certainly a very important figure in the school program. Without the resourcefulness of the classroom teacher surely little could be accomplished toward reaching the goal of high standards in youth education. Their efforts all too often are minimized in unfair degree. Their tasks are great, qualifications high, financial gain is relatively low and often over-crowded classrooms hinder a realization of a complete program. Laurels of appreciation should ever be forthcoming from homes they serve. They unquestionably do a great work.

The success of the classroom teacher is very often aided and abetted by the teachers who are trained in certain fields such as the fine and applied arts and who act in a supervisory capacity. The expediency of the total school program means a well integrated and coordinated program between the supervisors or special teachers and the classroom teachers. Very often the lay public is not aware of all the activities that are responsible for a happy, informing school day experience for their children. Those adults who participate in parent education groups have the advantage of seeing some of these activities in progress. Even so, there are phases of this specialized work with which we should like to acquaint you.

The following pages contain written reviews which I am sure you will find most interesting. In most instances they have been prepared by the supervisor, or assistant, in direct response to certain questions which I asked relative to their work. The time and effort of these teachers is sincerely appreciated and the fact that they were willing to devote special attention to such requests shows they too are interested in keeping the public informed. They are interested in the fellowship that we at Miner are so proud to enjoy.

In the few instances that contributions were not written by the supervisors themselves, the material was provided me so that I could write the content of their work.

Part 1 -- Elementary Supervisors, Mable Holland and Anne Hopman

The following Primary and Elementary Supervisors served the Fort Wayne Public Schools during the time Miss Foley served as Principal of the Miner School.

Miss Annie Klingensmith 1899 - 1905

Miss Gail Calnerton 1905 - 1923

Mabel Osgood 1923 - 1927

Mabel K. Holland 1927

(Anne Hopman was appointed Elementary Supervisor in 1948)