

the many pictures purchased through the years for the Miner School.

Miss Foley's entire interest and concern during her long service as a school administrator was for the best welfare and educational opportunities for boys and girls of Miner School

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Part 2 -- Bureau of Research
(Lorraine Brunbaugh - Director)

The following information with regard to the Bureau of Research is copied from a "History of the Special Education Program in Fort Wayne, Indiana to 1946" authored by Rhoda S. Williams as a Thesis for her Master of Education degree at the University of Cincinnati in 1947. Miss Brunbaugh supplied this material for use in our history.

"The Bureau of Research as a department of special service evolved from the Bureau of Tests and Measurements which began its service to the children of the Fort Wayne public schools in 1922.

The beginning. The bureau of Tests and Measurements, with Miss Flora Wilber as director, was opened in September, 1922. This department developed from the testing program started by Miss Wilber at the Lakeside School where she was the principal before she took up her work as director of the new service. This testing program made use of the Courtis Arithmetic Tests for diagnostic purposes and, after the test results were studied by Miss Wilber and her teachers, a program of remedial teaching was instituted. After successful use of the tests in her school, Miss Wilber was asked by the superintendent to instruct and assist other elementary principals in a testing program of the same nature in their buildings.* From this start in testing the administration saw the need for greater use of a testing program as an instructional measure, so the Bureau of Tests and Measurements opened in September, 1922.

Activities of new department. During the period this department was operated as a Bureau of Tests and Measurements from 1922 to 1933, the personnel of the staff included the director, an assistant director from 1928, two full-time psychologists, six to eight examiners who administered the achievement tests, four to six clerks for scoring tests and making records, and from six to ten high school girls working part time as assistants to the clerks. The fact that the bureau assumed all the work of the testing program explained the large staff in that department.

*Interview with Miss Flora Wilber, Former director of Bureau of Tests and Measurements, Fort Wayne, Indiana, May 24, 1946