

CHAPTER IX

PRESENT SCHOOL POLICIES

This chapter is designed to answer some of the "for why" questions that arise concerning some of the rules and regulations that are necessary to bring about and maintain reasonable order and conform to a pattern of discipline that is more or less uniform with all public schools.

The "Handbook for Elementary Schools", a leaflet sent out from Superintendent Abbett's office in April 1950 has been excellent help in supplying information given in this chapter. Much of the information given in that leaflet is quoted verbatim in those portions set apart by quotation marks. A committee of principals met and decided upon the procedure concerning certain problems common to all schools. Their findings were presented to Mr. Abbett and these were compiled and presented in this "Handbook for Elementary Schools" which Mr. Rice has on file in his office. It may be referred to at anytime and by anyone who is in doubt or questions school policy incident to certain practices. Mr. Rice will be happy to confer with any school patron on matters relative to school policy.

In a few instances I felt justified in elaborating a bit on Mr. Abbett's statement because this leaflet, naturally, concerns all city schools. When the instance provided the need for a little closer scrutiny as far as Miner was concerned, I wrote additional detail that is pertinent to our own school. Some of the information at the end of the chapter is relative to Miner alone, and with the help of Mr. Rice I included this also that our patrons may be informed of why we do what and when.

HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS:

The holidays and vacation periods of any one school year remain about the same. The dates differ, of course, but the regularly scheduled free days that are so close to the hearts of our children are:

- Teachers Association Convention -- last week in October
- Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following it
- Christmas Holidays (usually 10 or 12 days according to the day of the week Christmas falls on)
- Mid-semester change -- 2 days -- latter part of January
- Good Friday (afternoon only)
- Spring vacation -- 1 week -- within first wk. of April
- Memorial Day -- 1 day only

FORT WAYNE SCHOOLS:

"The school system of Fort Wayne provided twelve and one-half years of education, beginning with one-half year of kindergarten and including the twelve grades".

Miner has facilities to teach kindergarten work and the completion of the first six grades. When this amount of schooling has been completed then the pupil is "graduated"