

CHAPTER XI

HUMAN INTEREST ITEMS

Part 1 -- Do you Remember When ---?

- Miner was just a four room school?
- pot-bellied stoves, coal buckets, kindling, poker and shakers were standard equipment for each classroom?
- gas lights were used in the building?
- memorizing long passages was almost a daily assignment?
- the McGuffey Readers and individual slates were used?
- "teacher's pet" got to take the erasers out of doors to dust them?
- there was no gymnasium and "physical culture" classes were held in the large center halls?
- arithmetic was called ciphering?
- when fathers were not included in the school program -- only the women had time for such "fol de rol"?
- Miss Foley drove her electric car?
- street cars clanged down Broadway?
- high top shoes and long underwear and black or brown long stockings were "fashionable" for little girl's school wear?
- only the best pupils ever got to appear on P.T.A. programs?
- Miss Foley lectured on "waste not- want not"?
- the midgets lived second door from Miner?
- Captain Ball and Dodge Ball were the outstanding sports in the school?
- Miner had its harmonica band?
- the P.T.A. had its kitchen band?
- the first two grades on a report card were for "conduct" and "effort"?
- there was always a spring festival with crepe paper bunnies, brownies, fairies, blue-bells, for-get-me-nots, and sunflowers?
- it was a rare treat to go to the auditorium for lantern slides?
- the flash card methods of teaching phonics (letter and letter combination sounds) were used?
- just no one ever brought his noon lunch to school?
- P.T.A. members took shovels and other hand equipment and spent night after night cleaning out the old coal bins and painting them white after the boiler rooms had been built?
- the principal's office was on the second floor?
- there was no hot water in the wash rooms?
- Miner rented the stage and auditorium space of the West Creighton Church?
- to take a penny each week for a school's savings deposit was regarded as regulated thrift?
- the "opportunity room" for mentally retarded children was at Miner?
- those boys taking manual training were excused from Miner so they could walk to the Jefferson School for those classes?