

unavailable to us because of the loyalties involved by the nations at war. Items that appear to become scarce take on a new importance; and people, not wanting to do without these things that they are accustomed to having, start panic-buying and soon the available supplies are hoarded by those able to purchase them in large quantities. In this event, those commodities involved are limited to the buyer by a process known as rationing so that every man, woman and child can get his fair share.

To get the rationing program set up is no little task, and the schools were called upon to get the program underway. The parents at Miner, always willing to share the work load of mountainous tasks, served the community graciously and well in this endeavor. The items covered by rationing included automobile tires, sugar, gasoline, coffee, shoes, meat, butter and certain canned foods. The ration books contained stamps worth a certain number of points and each person was allowed a certain number of points per month--varying according to the commodity.

Also with regard to World War II, the PTA mothers helped issue hundreds of draft cards to young men in the community who had to register for service in the Armed Forces under the Selective Service Act.

Again during the war years, as was true of the depression years, supplies became very tight and schools had to function with the handicap of poorer quality materials and limited quantities. It was during these trying years that Miss Foley died. She had retired in 1936. In her last will and testament she bequeathed the sum of \$300.00 to Miner School for the establishment of a library, providing, the school or PTA would match it with an equal sum within one year after her death. This was indeed a challenge--one that seemed almost unsurmountable due to the tight budgets and the limited time in which to raise the money. But you know Miner Patrons--they made it !! It took a lot of doing such as rummage sales, paper drives, quilt raffles, personal donations, cake sales etc. but the effort was rewarded. The Foley library was dedicated in 1948.

(To those who are interested in a thorough resume of the establishment of the Foley Library, a character sketch of Miss Foley herself and other information regarding her illustrious tenure as Principal at Miner, may I suggest you try to find a copy of "ON COMMON GROUND" among your friends and neighbors and read about this wonderful, though eccentric, person.)

The increased birth rate of the war years began to boost school enrollments in the late 1940's, and early in the 1950's began to create serious problems in providing classroom space for them. Some school boundaries were changed and others were more rigidly enforced. The problems of providing facilities for these increased enrollments are discussed in another chapter.

Since the war years many of our problems have increased in the Miner area. One of these regards the tremendous traffic hazards experienced by our youngsters having to cross Broadway and also Creighton.