

Mingo School



The school building at Mingo was built during the late 1800's. Most records indicate that due to the size of the area that money was sparse. Money was borrowed constantly from banks in order to meet payroll.

The school was heated with coal and the records show that in 1917 while the U.S. was engaged in War World I there was a national coal strike. The shortage of coal limited the use of the gym to regular scheduled basketball games. People of the community were unhappy because it was common for various groups to play after the regular game.

The year 1917 prompted a national tax to help pay for the war. Movies were shown (which were silent) and a tax was placed in the admission price of the movie which was ten cents including the war tax.

It appears that prices were cheap in the early years of the Mingo School but in comparison to the prices today they were high. A picture machine was considered to be the modern innovation in education.

The students that attended Mingo School and other students were transported if they lived one mile or more from school much as the students today. Horse drawn wagons were used and the drivers were called haulers. These forerunners of today's bus drivers had their problems. One hauler who had to discipline a rider was confronted by the father and during the confrontation the hauler broke the arm of the father.

When the truck or school bus, as it is now called, came on the scene students on frosty mornings would crank out the windshield and warn the driver of oncoming traffic.

