

# How Times Change!

## SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IN MONONA COUNTY

Year	In Town schools	In Rural schools	Town school Teachers	Rural school Teachers	Total pupil enrollment	Average daily attendance
1900	1452	3507	38	142	4959	3207
1905	1923	2794	56	140	4717	3152
1910	1924	2491	62	142	4415	3195
1915	2062	2430	81	140	4492	3329
1920	2530	1884	97	123	4414	3213
1925	2721	1628	119	106	4349	3029
1930	2872	1588	132	99	4460	3734
1935	2975	1646	122	101	4623	3883
1940	3013	1314	129	94	4327	3711
1945	2691	986	121	73	3677	2967
1950	3424	397	151	30	3821	3320
1955	3528	*50	166	3	3578	3203
1958	3157	*55	170	3	3212	3086
1959	3155	*67	174	3	3222	Not complete

\*There is one rural school in the county, at present—the Turin town school which is classified as a rural school.

These figures do not include Parochial Schools.

The low average attendance in the early years is partly due to the fact that it was customary at that time for the older boys and girls to attend only the fall and winter term, or perhaps the winter term only.

### WHAT IT COSTS!

#### TOTAL TAXES LEVIED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES IN MONONA COUNTY

1900	\$ 61,224	1920	\$ 224,766	1940	\$ 376,333	1958	\$1,010,018
1905	90,800	1925	394,661	1945	443,583	1959	1,113,065
1910	93,923	1930	420,910	1950	678,397		
1915	134,715	1935	293,378	1955	881,393		

In addition to the taxes paid by Monona County property owners, the schools also receive some funds from other sources, such as state aid. In 1958-1959, the state aid received amounted to \$135,327.29. This is the total for general aid, supplemental aid and transportation aid. General aid is paid on the basis of average daily attendance; supplemental aid is paid only to districts which have low taxable valuation for each child to be educated; and transportation aid is paid on the basis of the number of pupils transported, length of bus routes and conditions of roads.

The above information is taken from *A Look at a Half Century of Public Education in Monona County* by W. K. Price, County Superintendent and from the *Monona County Financial Report For the Fiscal Year of 1959*. Mr. Price's comments were, "Lest we have a tendency to long for the good old days, let us hasten to say that if our citizens would be satisfied with the income of 1900 and the meager educational program of 1900, perhaps we could again pay taxes at the old rate!"