



**A PARTIAL HISTORY
OF
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY RETIRED TEACHER ASSOCIATION
BARTA**

The Bartholomew County Retired Teacher's Association (BARTA) was founded September 26, 1966 with retired Superintendent Luther A. Lockwood serving as chairman and Miss L. Frances Smith, retired elementary supervisor, serving as secretary pro tem.

The purpose of the original constitution was to cooperate with local organizations and the IRTA, ISTA, and NRTA in promoting the welfare of retired teachers in Indiana; to promote fellowship among retired teachers; and to serve as an instrument through which retired teachers could lend moral support to their local schools.

Any retired teacher or school administrator living in Bartholomew Co., Indiana, or in any county adjoining where an organization did not exist could join the organization, as well as wives or husbands of retired members. Only retired teachers or administrators who belonged to the IRTA could hold office. Membership annual dues were \$1.50.

Minutes and records of the early meetings from 1966 until 1993 have been lost, although treasurer's records since 1971 have been kept. The original dues were \$1.50 which remained until 1990 when the constitution was amended to reflect annual dues of \$3.00. In 1995, dues were increased to \$5.00 per year.

In 1993, a new committee was established to research and record the history of the organization. In 1999, Ellen Pardieck was officially named as Historian, and has initiated the process of preserving a limited historical sketch of BARTA's activities.