

# Teachers walked out in 1907

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dent (father of the poor algebra student) resigned, but word soon leaked out that the superintendent had orders to hire new teachers and a new principal.

Sixteen hundred angry Bloomingtonians met at the First Presbyterian Church to repeat their demands that the teachers be rehired. Finally the school board capitulated by permitting the teachers to reapply for employment, since it was felt that the strike would have made it hard to find good teachers to replace the old ones.

When the smoke had cleared it seemed to be one of those situations where everyone lost at least a little. The struggling algebra student was transferred to a private school in Indianapolis.

Rawles, who had championed the cause of letting the public know what was going on in their schools, was replaced on the board by lumberman and dentist L.W. Hughes, who had

chosen to stay neutral throughout the controversy. Two years later the voters rejected the mayoral candidate heartily endorsed by the *Telephone*, perhaps as a reaction to the stand the newspaper had taken.

As for Principal Clark, he resigned and gave Lake County the benefit of his experience in the great teacher strike of 1907.

## Ford to idle 3,100 workers at gear plant

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INDIANAPOLIS — About 3,100 workers will be idled for one week at the east side Ford Motor Co. steering gear plant, officials said Friday.

The company said the shut down beginning Monday was necessary because of oversupply of vehicles caused by economic conditions.