

In the fall of 1970, the WCJVS welcomed its second class of juniors and, combined with the seniors from the first year, greeted an enrollment of 790 students.

The WCJVS leased its first computer, an IBM 1130 with 8K of memory for \$1,547 month.

A new service began for local farmers, the Farm Business Planning and Analysis.

Starting salaries for staff were set at \$6,300 per year.

In August 1970, the board voted to put a 1-mill tax levy on ballot in November, which passed by a vote of 10,694-9,453. A bond levy passed with a 11,127 to 9,048 margin.

The school's first printing press was purchased in 1971, and a typewriter replacement plan was approved.

The first graduating class from two-year programs celebrated at commencement ceremonies at their home high schools.

The high school practical nursing program began, one of just four in the state of Ohio.

In June of 1972, the school board recognized the Wayne School of Continuing Education as a division of the WCJVS. The board also purchased its first school bus in 1972.

In January 1973, building additions were dedicated, adding 65,000 more square feet to the building. This expanded the capacity to 1,125 students. New labs added were child care, drafting, heating and air conditioning, office machines, building and industrial maintenance, an environmental lab, a large group room, academic classrooms, and a teacher planning area.

The first school truck was purchased in March of 1973.

In November, the following polices were set in place to meet the energy crisis:

- Thermostats were set to 66 degrees
- Every fourth light in fixtures were removed
- Car pooling of students was ordered to reduce drivers by 15 percent

- All school activities were delayed by one-half hour in the entire county

The first keypunch machines for business were purchased in February 1974.

The first Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Award winner was named in February 1975.

In October of 1975, the Board authorized a study of a petroleum production program. It was the first in the nation when it opened in the fall of 1977. At that time, Wayne County was Ohio's largest supplier of oil field equipment.

The blizzard of 1977 closed the WCJVS for 10 days in January and four days in February. The school received Federal Pin Point Disaster Assistance to repair damage from winter weather that year.

In 1978, the WCJVS received a grant to create a nature trail, wildlife blind, and an outdoor demonstration gallery.

The WCJVS had purchased an airplane for the adult aviation mechanics program, which was later sold at public auction in 1979.

Also that year, Wayne General, the new college near Orrville, offered classes in data processing at the WCJVS.

Added: From Notes by Merle Douglas (found by Janice Grim, his daughter)

WCJVS purchased 15 acres from Sam Stewart, recorded Oct. 23, 1978, at a total cost of \$36, 875.00 = \$2,458 per acre.