

January 24, 1934.

The proposal of Governor Peery to add \$2~~X~~,000,000 per year to the State appropriation to the counties and cities for schools comes at a time when Loudoun's school system probably faces its most serious financial crisis of many years.

In the last two years our local county school tax ~~w~~ yield has been reduced nearly 40% and the state funds have been reduced 30% below the appropriation set up in 1932. We look forward to our next session with a deficiency of \$12,500 in our school funds on the basis of the present school tax rate of 60 cents and the present state appropriation. We face inevitable rising cost of certain personal services and of materials over which our board has no control but which the return of prosperity is bringing.

The state funds proposed by Mr. Peery should yield our schools a sufficient sum to balance our budget and to meet the rising cost of necessities. It can not be expected to do more.

A less amount than Mr. Peery proposes will bring an increased local tax rate or curtailed school facilities.

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Emerick's alertness and diligence brings more than \$48,000 into Loudoun County Schools. Through a retake of the school census in 1930 \$7,000 for each of the years 1931 to 1934 ~~was added~~ was added thus totaling \$21,000. When Dr. Sidney B. Hall, State Superintendent of Public Instruction based distribution of funds on number of teachers required allowing one for each thirty-five pupils in average daily attendance, Emerick succeeded in having this changed to twenty-five pupils per teacher ~~xxxxxxx~~, thereby increasing the State appropriation to the amount of \$10,000 for Loudoun County.

C. W. A. activities left many counties and cities with jobs unfinished and materials to buy. Diligence on the part of Mr. Emerick found all jobs finished, no materials bought, and much trading in of old materials helped in next year's repairs. From \$5,000 to \$10,000 was thus saved.

Special legislation secured by Mr. Emerick brings a portion of taxes on shares of bank stock into Loudoun County schools. This has amounted to something over \$10,000 since 1929.

All in all it is enough to pay the salary of school superintendent for more than twenty years at present rate.