

school wrongly located on account of contributions that although big then, and big now, are but small compared with the cost of operating the school for the next 25 years?

Is it easy to say that one town is better than another? Purcellville has a deep religious spirit that is not excelled in many places and the influence is manifest in many homes. The detrimental influence, a thing more apparent in larger towns, is more easily controlled by having teachers live here than when the teachers are elsewhere and so many as now pass through the town to and from school but stopping en route.

The sentiment attaching to Lincoln is a thing for which to be thankful and there is no logic to offset it so far as the past is concerned. It has little right of control over the future expenditure of tax money.

The effect on Round Hill is worthy of serious consideration. This school has and is serving a worthy purpose. If this building is re-located at Purcellville, and whether it is or not in fact, this board might do well to enforce the exact provision of a statute found in section 420 of the Code (page 46 third) the purpose of which is very clear that pupils shall attend the nearest school. This law under present conditions would put some pupils in the Round Hill school. However, if there should come a time when under the rigid rules of the State school authorities high school work must be discontinued at this point it is apparent to all that Bluemont and Round Hill children would be served better by a high school at Purcellville than at Lincoln both on account of distance and transportation facilities. Hillsboro is no longer accredited as a high school and its future as a high school would not necessarily be involved. High school work may be continued in grades 8 and 9 as, heretofore, and credit allowed at a four-year accredited high school.

Ordinarily the best way to decide where a school is to be put is to ascertain where the children are and put it there. In this case of their own free will 163 children attend the Purcellville elementary school, 95 the Hamilton elementary school, 71 the Hillsboro school, and 70 the Lincoln elementary school, about 80 at North Fork and Philomont. These are the present main feeders of the Lincoln high school and the aggregate indicates a total of 339 elementary pupils having centers more convenient to Purcellville and 115 having a center more convenient to Lincoln with 40 equally convenient.

If a building were erected at Purcellville the loss of money through selling and buying the site, and through selling and rebuilding the cottage and shop or moving these should be donated by Purcellville so that there would be no increase in taxes through moving. Because I have two opportunities left to pass upon this question I decline to commit myself at this time.

One name from Hillsboro as favorable was presented on a petition. Also names of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Painter were mentioned as favorable to Lincoln. The name of Mrs. L. B. Carruthers was given in as favorable to Lincoln, she not being present.

Meeting then adjourned and the decision of the Board in locating the high school was left with them.