

entire community influenced by your decision will realize that yours was the wise decision and that the trust placed by the people in you was right and placed wisely, then you will not in years to come be subject to criticism of having failed to locate the school where it would over a period of years serve the greatest number of pupils with the least expense to the tax payer of getting the pupils to the school because the school was not centrally located.

seventeen years ago the question of location for the Mt. Gilead school came up and it might be truthfully said that it was the custom for the highest bidder to select the site, and in accordance with this custom and with a total disregard for the future, the High School was located at Lincoln, and in addition to this the matter of the location was to a large extent settled by outsiders who were not only not patrons of the school, but were not residents of the District. Assuming, therefore, that you gentlemen do not desire to make this same mistake again, that you have regard for the trust that is placed in you, and for your own judgment, we give you the following facts:

FIRST: Out of the 118 pupils of the High School this year, 88 of this number either start from or pass through Purcellville and turn at the Dr. Davis corner at the east end of Purcellville on their way to Lincoln and that Purcellville is as near as Lincoln to several of those living to the south of Purcellville.

The <sup>116</sup> 118 pupils in the school are grouped as follows:

From the town of purcellville	24	
Near purcellville	17	
Boarding in Purcellville and riding on the bus	<u>3</u>	
Total		44
Hillsboro		11
Hamilton		24
Silcott Springs		2