

near Lincoln. This ran for several years, was attended by pupils from several states. I believe it was not a financial success, but the men and women who came from that school and that influence were the best people I have ever known. About 1880 the subject of a school house and higher education again came up for consideration. A building was built, the building now used as a grade school. The school district furnished  $\frac{1}{2}$  the funds, private subscription by people of the neighborhood the other half which they turned over to the district board. This school was very successful for a number of years and after a period of depression was again a great success under W. G. Edmondson. Several times in these years it was necessary for Friends of the school to supplement the salaries of the teachers by private contributions. They again subscribed liberally in 1908 when the school having outgrown its quarters, the community took up the consideration of a high school again and in 1909 it was decided to build a school within  $\frac{3}{8}$  mile of cross road in Lincoln. This school was located by Mt. Gilead District School Board and the Trustee Electoral Board. The terms imposed by the Electoral Board were that funds were to be raised by private subscription sufficient to erect a suitable building at a cost of not less than \$12,000 exclusive of cost of said site. Ten acres of land were bought and a school building erected by A. J. Simpson. The site was an ideal one. A beautiful view, good water, a fine grove furnishing protection and shade and ample room for well-drained play grounds. To pay for this land and building, the Lincoln community and their friends gave \$14,540. The school district paid for heating plant at a cost of \$1050. It has been estimated that a little less than \$1500 of money donated was rebated in tuitions. Friends of the school furnished the following equipment: Chemical laboratory \$350, furniture for Principal's office \$200,