

I desire at this time to make a statement bearing on this case to show my views as to how the matter should be handled.

Let me first say that on several ~~xxx~~ occasions the question of permitting some high school work in the Purcellville, Hamilton and Bluemont schools and additional high school work in the Hillsboro school has been presented to me. I have always discouraged such proposals because I felt the course proposed would result in a number of weak high schools although it was apparent that the final outcome would be only one high school for the entire territory and that at the most populous place, Purcellville. My attitude has certainly not been a disadvantage ~~xxx~~ to Lincoln.

When the matter of installing an agricultural department with a teacher paid entirely by the state was first before our county, the State School Superintendent wrote me that I as division superintendent must select the school. I selected Lincoln because it seemed the proper place but received very sharp criticism from another ~~px~~ section of the county for my action.

When the question of ~~xx~~ a separate Purcellville District was pending in 1917 one of my first acts as division superintendent was to advise State Superintendent Stearns that since the object was a new high school the course proposed did not seem the proper one.

When it became necessary to lock horns with the Purcellville town authorities over the collection of what has already amounted to about \$1,000 from a tax on bank stock I have not hesitated to be against the Town of Purcellville and

for the rest of the district.

Deed Lincoln - recorded 1923. made 1909.

This question is not now one of what Lincoln, Purcellville, Hamilton or any other town needs or wants. It is a question of ~~the~~ broad general public policy and public good.

A man in public office should seek not to stir up strife but when issues are clearly brought he must have sufficient courage and conviction to do what he believes to be right and proper.

~~Although several reports with names have been brought to me of the harsh remarks concerning myself which have been made by Lincoln sympathizers I have only the kindest feeling towards them. I am keeping neither notch, stick, nor score card against them.~~

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in a high school located again at Lincoln will result
This, now, would seem to be the proper course to
pursue in this matter.

Accept the gift of Purcellville people who offer a site of land on the Love property and build a high school there. Call it still "Lincoln High School". Sell the Home Economics Cottage at Lincoln for a ~~house~~ *dwelling*. Sell also in one or two tracts about five acres of land of the present site. Move the present shop in sections and re-erect on a new site.

Build on the remaining site of about five acres and on the present foundation a new elementary school building of the approximate size and arrangement of the Hamilton school. This is suggested in view of the fact that the present elementary building does not in several particulars meet the requirements for a standard school.

Abandon transportation at public expense from Purcell-

ville but continue from Hamilton and use same bus for Lincoln at approxiamte present cost for Hamilton.

To finance this whole project borrow \$28,000 from the State Literary Fund and raise the Mt. Gilead tax levy 10 cents on \$100.

This is not a district matter because Mt. Gilead would have to add 14 cents to its last budget if on a district basis, to make the same expenditures and have the same balance.

More people live in Purcellville who gave money and the Purcellville people gave more money than Lincoln.
