

Gentlemen.

John Ward

In expressing myself in favor of rebuilding the high school at Lincoln, I do so with all due respect to the citizens of Purcellville, who at different times have shown the spirit of goodfellowship. But I feel that ^{they} in asking that this school be built in Purcellville that they are not viewing this proposition from its broadest point.

I am naturally very much interested in having a good school at Lincoln. I have therefore given the matter considerable thought and feel that that part of the district is certainly entitled to due consideration in the matter of schools.

After thinking the proposition over thoroughly I come to the unquestionable conclusion that Lincoln is more centrally located in the section to be accommodated by this high school than Purcellville. By removing this school to Pur. it would be two miles nearer R. Hill high school and two miles nearer Hillsborough high school.

Leaving a distance of only 3 miles between it and R. Hill and five between it and Hillsborough making three high schools in a radius of practically five miles. By doing this it would be two miles farther from a section which does not have access to any other high school in less than a distance of from five to ten miles, and that mostly over bad roads. The district has furnished the children of Pur. transportation to the high school at Lincoln and I suppose they expect to continue to. While the children of the country side of which I speak have had the rare privilege of getting there the best way the con.

I dont feel that it would be proper to remove this high school two miles farther from this section which is already at somewhat of a disadvantage. to accomodate a section which has already moderately convenient access to schools.

And gentlemen aside from the facts which I have stated which I feel is good and sufficient reason for rebuilding the high school at Lincoln.

There is another angle from which I feel that the matter should be viewed and that is from the angle of moral justice. I am not as well informed on how these schools have been built at Lincoln as some of the older citizens. but learn that they were built largely by private subscription.

They have not only given their money to build these schools but have also give their time and encouragement to maintain these schools at a very high standard not only for the benefit of the community but also for the benefit of other parts of the district and county. (Parellville included)

Now that they have had the misfortune of having the high school destroyed by fire. to take this school from their community to build it in another would be a great injustice.

I'm proposing to take this school which had been built practically by them at a time when there was only

one other high school in the county, if any.
Therefore being of great benefit to all parts of
the district and county you are touching a
very tender spot in the hearts of these people
who have looked to this school with great pride
and with the feeling that it was one of their
greatest achievements.

In my opinion it would not only be a great
injustice to these people to take this school
from them, But also a most flagrant display
of ingratitude. In other words should an
old acquaintance be forgot.

I therefore ask that in the name of justice
and moral duty to these people that the
high school be rebuilt at Lincoln.

We are not asking for special favor we are
only asking justice, and what we feel is
best for the district at large, and not what is
best for any one particular community.