

Lincoln building. What would be the equity of contributors now? The school officials carried the insurance on the property as public not private ~~manxxx~~ property. The public owned it and certainly the public is entitled to the profits if any. If a person loans money without interest and there is loss in the business he expects the full amount of the loan back, if there is gain he expects, asks, and receives no more than loaned.

The question very naturally arises here whether, if the original contributions made to the Lincoln school are the main reason for re-building on the old site, the equity is not now a liability to the taxpayers rather than an asset.

Let us examine and see.

If the new building were erected on a site near Dr. Davis' corner on the Hamilton -Lincoln road the same trip and vehicle which now hauls the Hamilton children to Lincoln could make the same two round trips daily and haul both the Hamilton and Lincoln children to school. With the site donated the building could be built as cheaply at either place.

The transportation from Purcellville could be eliminated. This cost an average of \$520 for the three years prior to the present. A pupil drives the bus making only one round trip daily. The bus has not sufficient capacity now. The number of children in the grades 4, 5, 6, and 7 in the Purcellville school is 25% (on basis of average daily attendance) more this year than four years ago. This indicates a very marked increase for the future, 25% in four years in the number of children to be conveyed to Lincoln. It means two trips instead of one. Also a proper respect for safety demands that a man drive the bus.