

It is generally admitted and accepted as fact that credit is properly due Lincoln citizens and the members of the Society of Friends for their ~~int~~ interest in education at Lincoln but it is a known fact that in Loudoun County only high school children are needed to make a good high school because the interest is keen everywhere. The neighborhood of Lincoln, Hamilton and Purcellville is thickly settled. The most convenient four-year high school for children from the graded schools in Lincoln, Hamilton, ~~and~~ Purcellville, North Fork, Philomont, and Hillsboro has been at Lincoln. These schools now employ to teach children in the seven elementary grades a total of 18 teachers and the next largest system feeding a high school in this county is at Leesburg where eight teachers are employed in the only graded school feeding the high school department. *and here we find 4 as many teachers but 2 as many high school pupils as at Lincoln.* We would naturally expect 18 teachers to grind out a good many high school pupils and the central high school for these elementary schools is bound to be big and being big it is bound to draw a few scattering pupils from outlying territory. The school would have prospered at Purcellville ~~as well as~~ or better than at Lincoln.

Since 1909 in a period of 17 years there has come a changed condition. The town of Purcellville is much younger than the village of Lincoln. But Purcellville is located on a railroad and State Highway and at a converging point of county roads and in the very heart and at the very ~~h~~ hub of the Loudoun Valley embracing all of the territory from the Potomac to Fauquier County and from the Blue Ridge to Catoctin Mountains, an area of about 300 square miles. It is the principal trade