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DISCUSS DIVISION HIGH SCHOOL DIST.

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ways a part of our high school district and now embraced in Lake Forest, there are few students in proportion to the wealth. Thus, it has approximately \$578,000, behind each high school student; whereas, Highland Park has but \$28,000, and Highland and Deerfield still less.

If Lake Forest withdraws it will withdraw not only the part of that city which lies in Shields township, but also the large area in the congressional township of Deerfield which has constituted from the first a part of the original township high school district and is still necessary to its support.

Nearly half of the school tax comes from Shields township and from that part of East and West Deerfield now included in the withdrawal area of Lake Forest. The present high school tax rate is approximately .0111. The legal rate of .01375 is not sufficient to maintain the school at its present level of efficiency if Lake Forest withdraws taking a large slice of the original township high school district.

If on the other hand the loss of a large part of the original district were not involved in the separation of Lake Forest, the problem would not be a serious one. Few would object to the natural desire of Shields township to have a school of its own, more accessible to its students.

GEORGE J. McBRIDE, Pres.
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(The following communication regarding a proposed union of Lake Bluff with the Deerfield-Shields Township high school district is sent the Press by the signers with the request that it be printed. The Press assumes no responsibility in the matter, but its columns are open at all times to discussion of matters of community interest, providing the contributions are signed by those responsible therefor.)

To the People of the Deerfield-Shields High School District:

It is our understanding that many people in the Deerfield-Shields High school district are asking, "Why do the people of Lake Bluff want their village and environs annexed to the Deerfield district?" Here are some reasons advanced by many of our people—submitted at the request of some of your people:

1. A considerable number—perhaps several hundreds—of our youth and young married people are graduates of Deerfield. Quite naturally they covet for other members of their families, and their own children, like privileges and advantages of their own.

2. Many Lake Bluff residents believe that one well equipped high school supported by a large territory is more likely to serve the needs of youth today than several smaller, weaker schools; they doubt that the subjects corresponding to the old expression, "The Three R's," constitute an adequate "education" for today's young people. Obviously the curriculum of a small school is limited.

3. Deerfield credits and diplomas are accepted by institutions of higher

learning as generally and widely as the credits of any school in the land. A heavy percentage of our young people attend our colleges and universities. Here again the advantages are obvious.

4. The rapidly growing and diversified interests of our age put a premium on larger and wider knowledge and facilities for teaching—and stronger teaching forces.

Deerfield's faculty is strong—after years of selection, training and experience. More and more money will be required to maintain, strengthen and enlarge the facilities and faculty of this school. Lake Bluff is proposing the annexation of a territory that will add quite as much to Deerfield's present and growing resources in taxation as any service the children from this territory could ever possibly cost, proportionately.

This territory will play its own way abundantly and the question of full payment for benefits realized at Deerfield by our community has been troublesome for some years. This solution is, we understand, agreeable to the boards of both Deerfield-Shields and the Lake County Non-High school districts—after much discussion.

There are many collateral and important, though minor, reasons that could be mentioned, but, in brief, the above suggestions constitute the major considerations that actuate the village in this most important matter.

Respectfully,

CARLYLE M. KEYES
M. H. WRIGHT
W. E. ACOMB

Lake Bluff Citizens Committee.

Counties This Year to Get Two Million Refund on Highways

Approximately \$2,000,000 will be refunded to counties this year to repay them for the cost of constructing state aid roads which have been incorporated in the state bond issue system, Gov. Louis L. Emmerson was informed today by the division of highways.

And, in 1931, additional refunds totaling approximately \$500,000 will be made, according to Chief Highway Engineer Frank T. Sheets.

Payments will be made only to the counties which, on March 1, last, were listed in a complete inventory of the outstanding refund obligations of the state.

The March 1 inventory showed that approximately \$2,115,145.51 was due and payable to the counties, and \$1,987,625.08 available in the refund account. The final certificates have not been completed for all of the sections under consideration, and therefore this amount may be reduced slightly.

Each year the department attempts to pay all refunds which may be outstanding, but when funds are not available to meet the entire amount that is due, the sum set aside for refunds is prorated to the various counties in proportion to the total amount due them.

On the basis of the March 1 inventory, the department this year will be able to pay the counties approximately 94 per cent of the amount due them.