

The Open School Door

A Series of Articles on Clinton County Schools and Their Problems

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What has happened in our schools in the past year?

What New Year's resolutions can we make about our schools for 1961?

There has been a noticeable trend of our schools in the Clinton county area to catch up with a modern-day educational demands.

For example, most of the citizens long ago in Michigan lived in consolidated districts such as Bath has had since the 20's. In our area, many districts were educationally unplanned but, this condition is now being reversed.

FULTON, Ovid, Elsie, Pewamo, Fowler and Westphalia are examples of areas that are looking more towards the future. Of course, it should be mentioned, there are always problems involved with these educational trends and there is often some reluctance to work out these vital problems. It is amazing in many cases the civic pride that arises afterwards resulting from such actions.

What about area-planned building programs that usually are included in most planning for forward-looking schools? We certainly would have to include the Clinton county area in the forward-moving parts of our state in this field.

Good examples are the Westphalia-Pewamo, Fulton and Fowler schools' building programs.

Also in the planning stages are DeWitt's and Bath's building programs. St. Johns also has improved facilities due to their planning and citizens' vote last June.

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NOW, IF we might editorialize a little at the end of year we shall explain why it appears that we administrators are seeming to always be asking for a little more money from time to time.

In the education profession we can see the need for so many new things. These new things that are asked for are not to benefit ourselves but rather the children that we work with everyday. Too often we do a poor job in expressing our need and desires for the improvement of youngsters.

It is always well to remember that as the public expects more and more from their schools due to the great changes in the forms of modern-day competition, so shall the demands be greater upon the pocketbook of the citizens.

What could be our New Year's resolution? It might well be to keep up the fine progress we are accomplishing in our area to come up to standards of the majority of the schools in the state and to realize that what we do for our younger citizens we do for the good of our nation as a whole.