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An Interview with Dr. John Van Pelt

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Dr. John Van Pelt, a career educator from Iowa who discussed school reorganization issues for that state, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Agriculture in Illinois – School District Reorganization* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Dr. John Van Pelt was born in Boone, Iowa in 1948, and graduated from Washington, Iowa High School in 1967. He earned a Bachelor's from the University of Iowa in 1972 and received a doctorate from Drake University, in Des Moines, Iowa. He has been in education for the past thirty-five years. He spent six years teaching, six years as a principal and twenty-three years as an Assistant Superintendent and later Superintendent of Schools. He has worked in both Iowa and Illinois. Dr. Van Pelt discusses the Iowa Reorganization structure and role of the Area Educational Agency in that process. Dr. Van Pelt was Principle at a Shellsburg, Iowa school when it reorganized with nearby Vinton, Iowa, a larger community. Dr. Van Pelt discusses the topic of being in an elementary school district (Lake Villa) that "feeds" into three High School Districts in Iowa.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Iowa Area Education Agency; school referenda; school district reorganization; dual school districts; unit school districts; Public Hearings on school reorganization; state incentives for school reorganizations; twelve considerations for Reorganization; whole grade sharing; school construction; Lake County, House Bill 1216 Commission

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