Notes for Speech to Holland Rotary, delivered on May 25, 1978

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I.

Conditions - learning level
a. inability to read and write
b. inability to use math concepts
c. lack of historical perspective
d. better at inter-personal relations

II.

Development of past 25 years
a. Consolidation - bigger is better
   1. provide more programs and equipment
   2. country school - what did we lose
b. New programs - new philosophies
c. Don't fail the child -- more difficult to cope
   with individual case in bigger setting
d. Home discipline changing; affluent society - mobility -
   not bad or good
e. Role of teacher unions
   1. needed in '40s and '50s
   2. over the years, little growth in statesmanship
   3. push is for power
f. Quality of teachers
   1. low graduating classes - high in colleges
   need in schools
   2. colleges into numbers game

III.

Public Frustration and Reaction
a. Local millages
b. Tax limitation

IV.

Reforms Needed
a. Smaller units
b. Discipline
c. Involvement - parent
d. College requirements