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FLASH. AMAZING NEWS. FRANK BOYDEN OVERWHELMED.

On Wednesday, December 7th, 34 fathers of Deerfield boys attended a luncheon for Frank Boyden at Rockefeller Center. He and I reported on the last-minute figures on the progress of the campaign.

On the following morning, December 8th, at ten o'clock, a Deerfield father and mother called at my office and said: "We understand from your report yesterday that you have now raised \$1,500,000 and that, in order to complete the program, you need not \$500,000, but \$1,000,000 additional."

I said: "This is the fact. When we started the campaign we had not hoped to be able to put up the Activities Building (replacing the old barn) or the new dormitory needed to get the boys off the third floors of the old wooden buildings. These now have become a must."

"The alumni wanted the Activities Building to be a Memorial to the 61 Deerfield boys who gave their lives in the war. It will cost \$600,000."

The father and mother said: "Then we should like the privilege of building and equipping the dormitory. If the other Deerfield parents will help the alumni to raise the \$600,000 needed to complete the Activities Building, we'll contribute the \$400,000 for the dormitory."

When I called Frank Boyden in Deerfield and repeated this conversation, there was about half a minute's silence before he could catch his breath. It was the most wonderful and totally unexpected piece of news.

Of the \$1,500,000 raised up to December 1st, \$789,000 has come from 30 families in gifts of \$25,000 or more. We shall need more of these large gifts if we are to get the last \$600,000. But at least half this