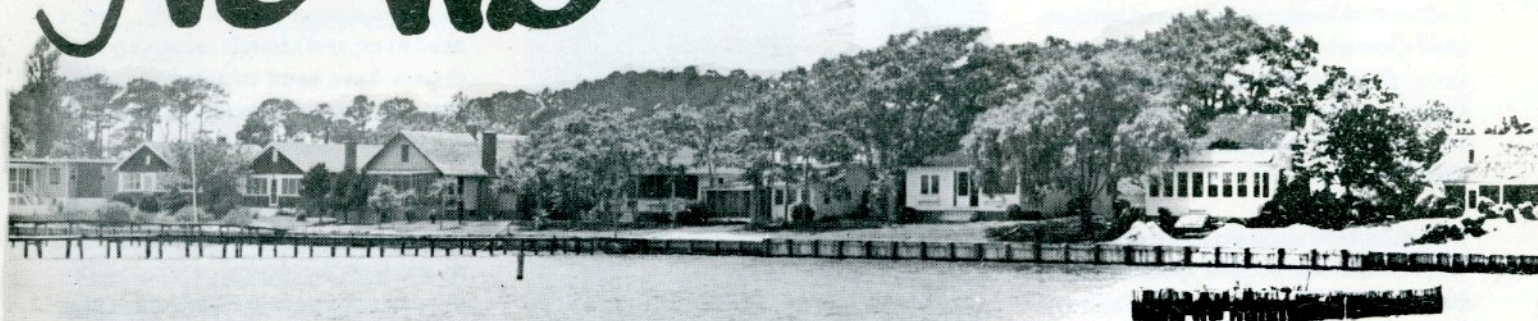


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SCHOOL TELECASTS BEGIN WITH MUSIC AND SCIENCE

On Monday, November 3, 1958, Worcester County boys and girls were grouped in front of their new school television sets waiting for W B O C, Channel 16, to begin an experiment in music and science teaching.

The portable 21-inch T. V. sets used in the schools were placed at a height approximating that of a teacher's head. The television instructors were aided by having all necessary materials, equipment, and apparatus at their finger tips, something even the best equipped classrooms couldn't duplicate. Also, unseen assistants functioned off-camera so that all demonstrations ran smoothly.

The primary reaction of Worcester teachers and administrators to the program seems to be that advanced pupil preparation and follow-up after the lesson are essential to successful in-school television activities. Teachers are thus able to give their pupils the help needed for complete understanding of the lesson.

The children have reacted to the program in many interesting ways. At the close of the televised music lesson, a little second grade girl said, "I think we should clap." The entire class burst with applause.

One of the students of the fifth grade summed up the pupil reaction to the science lesson by saying, "It was fun watching the T. V. teacher do the experiments. We liked the way she explained something and then did an experiment to show what she meant. We could hardly wait to try it at home."

The television instructors are Mrs. Charlotte Adams, Seaford Delaware, and Mrs. Dorothy Mumford, Ocean City, Maryland.

Ten half-hour programs are scheduled for each week during the school year. They will include elementary school instruction in second and fourth grade music and fifth and sixth grade science. In addition, there will be art lessons, story-telling, and news-reels.

The Worcester County
Board of Education
and Staff
Wish You
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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STEPHEN DECATUR HAS EXCHANGE STUDENT

In September, the American Field Service, an organization designed to further world understanding and brotherhood through students, brought Svein Anda from Orkanger, Norway, to America and eventually to Berlin, where he is now attending Stephen Decatur High School.

Svein is in the twelfth grade at Stephen Decatur. He speaks fluent English, has a pleasing personality, and has adapted quickly to his new school and his new way of life. He spoke in glowing terms of Stephen Decatur High School. "It is a beautiful school," he said. "In Norway we have nothing to compare with it in beauty." He continued, "The students and teachers are very friendly. I thought I would be homesick for Norway, but home I have thought of not at all."

He went on to say that Norway and the United States are different in many aspects, yet the people are much alike. He said things are not as different as he had expected. In fact, he said he was surprised to see so many similarities. Any differences, he said, seem to come only from customs. Habits of clothing was one of the customs he mentioned as being different.

When asked why he wished to come to America, he smiled and said, "All Europeans wish to visit America. They think of this country as a dreamland with its cars and its movies. Then, too," he added, "I thought it would be fun to visit another country and to see what another land is like. And it is fun," he said. "Everyday has brought new excitement, new experiences, and great gain."

In Berlin, Svein lives with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Phillips and family.

Snow Hill High School leads the high schools of the county in attendance record for October with an average of 96.4%.



Svein Anda

COLLEGE DAY AT STEPHEN DECATUR

The annual College Day at Stephen Decatur High School was held November 19, from 9:00 A. M. to 3:15 P. M. in the high school auditorium.

The program was designed to give students an opportunity to learn something of the various colleges and universities in this area in order to aid them in their post high school selections. The colleges which participated in the program were:

Wesley Junior College
State Teachers College, Towson
State Teachers College, Salisbury
Bard Avon Business School
Dickinson College
American University
Western Maryland College
Goldey Beacom College

In addition, all branches of Armed Forces were represented.

According to Mrs. Alma Pruitt, counselor and vice-principal, the program as arranged this year was more effective than any previous one. Because it was held during the school day, all interested students and their parents had ample time to meet with representatives in individual as well as group conferences.

ART ESTABLISHED IN THE SCHOOLS

In the belief that art is a creative experience and that everyone shares in common not only a desire, but a need to express himself creatively, art classes have been established for the first time in all junior-senior high schools in Worcester County.

Specific aims are to develop an appreciation of art through experience, to develop the desire and the ability to be selective out of an understanding of what is aesthetically good or bad, to develop an understanding of the necessity of self-discipline in developing an idea according to accepted methods of procedure, to develop skills in the handling of tools and materials of art, and to develop an interest in art as it relates to the world about us in business, industry, and the home.

The following subjects comprise the program of art as taught in the four high schools. These subjects are treated separately in grade eight and in combinations in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. The subjects are: pictorial composition of drawing and painting, print making design or composition, figure drawing of costume design or fashion illustration, sculptural composition, pottery design and ceramic composition; puppet design, paper mache and decorative design.

The total number of students enrolled in the art classes in the county is 398.

NEW HOME FOR MAINTENANCE

The Board of Education has opened a new warehouse on Washington and Belt Streets. The warehouse will house all maintenance equipment and instructional materials and from this center all supplies will be distributed. It will also serve as headquarters for all maintenance personnel. A full-time secretary, Mrs. Alton Taylor, has been employed. With this new arrangement, a closer check on supplies can be kept, and it is believed that the schools can be better served. Telephone number is Snow Hill 684.

NEW SCHOOLS TO BE DEDICATED

Dedication of Worcester County's new high school buildings at Pocomoke and Snow Hill will take place on Sunday, December 7, in the auditorium of the new schools.

The Pocomoke High School will be dedicated at 2:00 P. M. by Dr. Thomas G. Pullen, Jr., State Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Paul D. Cooper, County Superintendent of Schools, will make the formal presentation of the school to Leon N. Timmons, Principal of the school. Accepting the school in behalf of the students will be Edward Young, President of the Student Council.

The school will be presented with an American flag by the American Legion with senior class president, Susan Mapp, making the acceptance. Junior class president, Robert McGee, will accept a Maryland flag from State Senator Ralph L. Mason. The state flag has been flown over the State House at Annapolis.

The school band and the glee club will participate in the dedication ceremonies.

Serving on the lay committee in charge of the Pocomoke dedication are Raymond Dryden, Chairman, William Miller, Clayton Lambertson, Mrs. James Mapp, Mrs. Edward Tarr, Robert Robertson, Wilson Duncan, Vernon Redden, Charles Howard, and Kenneth Mason.

The dedication program for Snow Hill High School will be held at 3:45 P. M. Serving as master of ceremonies for the dedication will be the Rev. J. Raymond Holsey, who served as the chairman of the building committee during the planning and constructing stages of the project. The dedication of the building will be made by Dr. Thomas G. Pullen, Jr., State Superintendent of Schools. The presentation of the school will be made by Dr. Paul D. Cooper, County Superintendent of Schools, and it will be accepted by Ernest G. Holland, Principal. Richard Tull, member of the senior class and President of the Student

Council, will accept the building for the students. James W. Hancock, Jr., President of the Snow Hill P. T. A., will make acceptance for the parents. The invocation will be given by the Rev. Harvey B. Flater of Bates Methodist Church, and the benediction will be made by Rev. Robert A. Shackles of All Hallows Episcopal Church.

Serving as general chairman for the dedication is Ernest G. Holland, Principal. Serving on the lay committee in charge of the dedication are William G. Kerbin, Jr., Mrs. Billie Laws, Mrs. George Hopkins, and Mrs. Earl Taylor.

Following dedication ceremonies a reception for visitors, honored guests, and the public will be held in the school cafeteria.

BUDGET NOTES

If Worcester County's Schools are to realize the goal of discovering and developing to the fullest extent the talents of all children, it will require the employment of many additional personnel over and beyond present teacher allotments. Additional teachers will be needed to reduce class sizes at both the elementary and secondary school levels. Specially qualified teachers will be required to expand the elementary school program in such areas as art, music, and science. Special services must be extended through the addition of such personnel as librarians, guidance counselors, school clerks, and school nurses. One of the most encouraging aspects of the county school budget for the current fiscal year is the fact that for the first time the county has deliberately made provision for the employment of ten teachers beyond the number supported by state aid.

A second item of interest in the current budget is the increase this year for "small items expenditures," principally the sums we spend for the tools and materials used by teachers; viz., textbooks, library books, and visual aids. For the current year there has been an

increase of approximately \$2.00 per pupil for such expenditures in addition to the amount being expended for educational television.

There are studies which show rather conclusively that there is a very close relationship between the quality of education and the amount a school system spends for such purposes.

The Snow Hill High School Chapter of the Future Teachers of America was organized November 5, with Miss Lucas as sponsor.

SPECIAL APTITUDE CLASSES ESTABLISHED

An experimental program for students with special academic aptitude is being established in the high schools of Worcester County. In each of these high schools the students, who number from 15 to 20 in each class, have been selected over a two-year grade plan through testing observation and conferences.

Each group will pursue problems which are of specific interest to its members or of special current interest. At the present time interests are being centered in such projects as planning debates, making field trips to research projects of national interest, reading biographies, making exhibits, engaging in individual study of special science projects, creative writing, and delving into a study of twentieth century philosophers. Each class is handled by a panel of teachers which varies according to the interests of the group.

The program is designed so that at times there will be planning sessions wherein members will work with faculty members. Other sessions will be devoted to sharing ideas and information located. It is hoped that this program will enrich the educational diet of these students to the extent that they will be able to perform on a more highly academic level.

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GLEANINGS FROM HERE AND THERE

Miss Jüliä Robertson finds that trips to local points of interest provide first hand experiences which enrich the content of oral and written communication. After her second grade group visited a mink ranch on Walnut Street in Pocomoke they had much to talk and write about.

The second and third graders at Stockton, Mrs. Susan Vershel, teacher, had a reading party. They invited their parents to come and see and hear some of the things they had been doing in reading. They planned a program which would include everyone. The program included a dramatization of a favorite story, "Peter, the Wolf." Twelve parents came to the party. Punch and cookies were served during intermission. The reading party was fun for everyone, but the second and third graders had the most fun of all.

Twenty-one prospective teachers-to-be from Snow Hill High School, Stephen Decatur High School, and Worcester High School attended the annual Maryland Future Teachers Association Convention held Saturday, November 15, at Towson, Maryland.

On Wednesday, November 5, 1958, the Pocomoke Woman's Club held its meeting at the high school, with the President, Mrs. Clarence Duncan, presiding. Mrs. Verlin C. Krabill introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Strayer Hancock, Supervisor of Instruction, whose subject was "Highlights of Highlights of the Butts' Report." Having learned of the status of the county schools as compared with the nation's schools, the club members then enjoyed a tour of the modern high school building. Tea was served in the Home Economics Room with all teachers from the three schools in Pocomoke as guests.

On the evening of the fifth of November, the Eastern Shore Symphony Orchestra presented its first concert of the season in the Pocomoke High School auditorium. Mr. Charles N. Showard was conductor, while Mr. Louis Malkus, music instructor at Pocomoke High School, was playing in the group.

An enthusiastic audience truly appreciated the program of ten numbers including selections by Beethoven, Tchaikowsky, Wagner, Schubert, and Rimsky-Korsakoff, plus three enjoyable encores.