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## DR. COOPER GOES TO STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

After nearly 14 years as Superintendent of Schools in Worcester County, Dr. Paul D. Cooper tendered his resignation to the Board of Education to accept an appointment as Assistant State Superintendent of Schools in Finance, Administration, and Research beginning January 1, 1962. Dr. Cooper replaces William S. Sartorius, a former Worcester County Superintendent and a native of Pocomoke City.

During Dr. Cooper's tenure the county school population rose from approximately 3800 to 5600, making necessary an extensive building program.



All high school students in the county are now housed in completely new buildings and, with two exceptions, the elementary buildings are new or completely renovated. Extensive accomplishments have been achieved in the preparation of curriculum materials and courses of study. Under his administration the budgetary, fiscal and operational aspects of the county school system have been modernized and systematized.

The Board of Education probably will spend several months in selecting a successor to Dr. Cooper.

## BOARD PASSES RESOLUTION HONORING DR. COOPER

A resolution was passed unanimously by the Worcester County Board of Education as a tribute to Dr. Paul D. Cooper, during a meeting held on Wednesday, January 10, 1962.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul D. Cooper has been Superintendent of Schools of Worcester County for the past thirteen and one-half years; and WHEREAS, Dr. Cooper has accepted a promotion to Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Administration, Finance and Research for the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Cooper's administration in Worcester County, all high school youth have been provided new buildings and equipment, thirty-four new elementary classrooms have been constructed and all other elementary classrooms remodeled, rededicated, and modernized; teachers' salaries have been more than doubled; two high schools have been fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, and the remaining high schools readied for evaluation; and, above all, he has alerted the general public to the need for quality education and has inspired the staff toward the pursuit of excellence, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Worcester County express to Dr. Paul D. Cooper sincere appreciation for the diligence, persistence, and foresight he has used in improving the public schools of the county; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board extend to Dr. Cooper best wishes for his continued success and happiness and for advancement in the educational world; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Education and copies be sent to Dr. Paul D. Cooper and to the local newspapers.

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# TEACHERS HONOR DEPARTING SUPERINTENDENT

The years Dr. Paul D. Cooper served in Worcester County as Superintendent of Schools established him with the teachers of the county as a leader of great breadth and scope. His competence in all areas of education, from curriculum to management and finance, was unquestioned. But even more appreciated were his interest in the welfare of all teachers and his personal concern for the problems of the individual teacher. These attributes engendered within the teaching staff an unusual degree of respect and affection for Superintendent Cooper. This was reflected in a tea and a dinner held by the teachers' associations to honor Dr. Cooper.

Nor was Mrs. Cooper forgotten by the teachers in the lauding of her husband. She was a "thrice welcome" and honored guest at each of the affairs.



The Worcester County Education Association paid tribute to Dr. Paul D. Cooper at a tea which was held in the Worcester High School cafeteria on Tuesday evening, December 12, 1961. Mrs. Hattie G. Hamilton, President of the Association, presided.

Participants in the program included Miss L. Katie Henry, a retired teacher; Gloria Matthews, an elementary student; and Bettye Gardner, President of the Student Council at Worcester High School.

Mrs. Jessie H. Fassett, a teacher at Flower Street Elementary School, paid tribute to Dr. Cooper. She referred to his interest in teachers, "He has spurred us on-- academically, ethically, and professionally. We feel he has had our interest at heart throughout his time of service and we want him to know we appreciate all he has done."

Dr. Cooper was presented with a pen and lighter set by Mr. Harrison Matthews from the parents of Worcester County. Knowing that carpentry is Dr. Cooper's hobby, the Worcester County Education Association presented him with several power tools which it was felt would be useful to him in doing the things he loved.

Guests at the affair included Mrs. Cooper and several representatives from the Board of Education office staff.

On the evening of December 13, 1961, the Worcester County Teachers' Association held a testimonial dinner for Dr. Paul D. Cooper, in the cafeteria of Stephen Decatur High School.

More than 150 teachers and friends gathered to pay their respects to the departing superintendent and his wife.

Several members of the Association spoke, referring to the dedicated service rendered by Dr. Cooper. Mrs. Nellie C. Post, a retired teacher; Mr. Verlin C. Krabill, a former principal and presently a teacher at Pocumoke High School; Mr. Paul S. Hyde, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Mr. George C. Dimmick, President of the Worcester County Teachers' Association, all alluded to the personal integrity, courage and leadership exhibited by Dr. Cooper during his tenure in Worcester County.

The toastmaster, Mr. Ernest G. Holland, referred to Dr. Cooper's efforts to expand the educational horizon for the people and teachers of Worcester County and to his utter devotion to "quality" in education.

In the name of the Association, Mr. Holland presented to Dr. and Mrs. Cooper a silver tea service as a visible symbol of the respect and esteem in which he is held by the members of the Association.

# WORCESTER HIGH SCHOOL ACCREDITED

## POCOMOKE AND SNOW HILL HIGH SCHOOLS PREPARE FOR EVALUATION

Worcester High School received accreditation from the Middle States Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges at the annual meeting of the Association held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on November 24, 1961. This Association is a non-profit organization of approximately 1,000 high schools and colleges in the Middle Atlantic States whose sole purpose is the improvement of instruction and educational procedures in member schools.

To gain membership in the Association a school must first undertake an extensive self-evaluation by its own faculty. Then a committee of 12 to 17 educators, chosen by the Association, spends three days at the applying school carrying out a detailed evaluation and inspection. This committee prepares an extensive report which is submitted to the State Committee. The State Committee in turn examines this report and decides to extend or disapprove accreditation to the applying high school.

Attending the annual meeting of the Middle States Association were Mr. John A. McDowell, Principal of Worcester High School, and Mr. Paul S. Hyde, Assistant Superintendent of Schools. At this meeting it was reported that 52 schools had received accreditation, 3 of which were Maryland schools, as a result of the evaluations made during the 1960-61 school year.

Worcester High School thus becomes the second of Worcester County's four high schools to be accredited. Stephen Decatur High School was evaluated in the spring of 1954 and received its accreditation in November, 1955.

Worcester County's two remaining high schools will be evaluated by committees this spring, Pocomoke High School on February 26, 27, and 28, and Snow Hill High School on March 28, 29, and 30. The faculties of the two schools

are now completing their self-evaluation.

## EVALUATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED

The Evaluation Committee for Pocomoke High School has been announced by the Middle States Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. This committee will visit Pocomoke High School on February 26, 27, and 28 to evaluate the school through the use of the Evaluative Criteria.

Such areas as curriculum, policies of the Board of Education, school library, pupil activities, adequacy of school plant, guidance services, teaching load, pupil load, teachers' preparation and competence, will be examined by the committee.

The members of the visiting committee are listed below, showing area of specialty and school:

Chairman - Harvey W. Kreuzburg, Jr., Principal, Catonsville Senior High School, Catonsville, Maryland

Assistant Chairman - John A. McDowell, Principal, Worcester High School, Newark, Maryland (Science)

Mrs. Jessie W. Collins, Chestertown High School, Chestertown, Maryland (English)

Mrs. Anna Cooper, Stephen Decatur High School, Berlin, Maryland (Library)

Mrs. Nellie Barkley, Alexis I. DuPont High School, Wilmington, Delaware (Home Economics)

William E. Dykes, Jr., Principal, Crisfield High School, Crisfield, Maryland (Social Studies)

Dr. Phyllis Magat, Brandywine High School, Wilmington, Delaware (Science)

Elmo W. Powell, Jr., Principal, Washington High School, Princess Anne, Maryland (Physical Education)

Mrs. Marian B. Turner, North Dorchester High School, Hurllock, Maryland (English and Social Studies)

Miss Carolyn Arnold, Pierre S. DuPont High School, Wilmington, Delaware (Business Education)

Louis P. Wright, Supervisor of Vocational and Industrial Arts, Elkton, Maryland (Industrial Arts)

Rev. William J. Donohue, Salesianum School, Wilmington, Delaware (Language)

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## PAUL S. HYDE APPOINTED ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

At its meeting on December 12, 1961, the Board of Education appointed as Acting Superintendent, Mr. Paul S. Hyde, formerly Assistant Superintendent in Instruction. Mr. Hyde assumed his new duties on January 1, 1962.

This temporary appointment is designed to allow time for the Board of Education to make a permanent superintendency selection.

Mr. Hyde has served in Worcester County for 10 years as Supervisor of Instruction and more recently as Assistant Superintendent in Instruction

A native of Carroll County, Mr. Hyde began his teaching career in his home county. For eight years, he served as Principal of the Campus Elementary School at the State Teachers College in Salisbury. Immediately prior to his coming to Worcester County, Mr. Hyde was Supervisor of Instruction in Cecil County for five years.

Mr. Hyde's career in education was interrupted by a four-year tour of duty in the U. S. Navy during World War II, from which he emerged with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Mr. Hyde has attended Towson State Teachers College, Western Maryland College, Columbia University, Temple University, New York University and the University of Maryland and holds A. B. and M. A. degrees.

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SUGGESTED NEW TITLES IN EDUCATION

Tested Ways to Help Your Child Learn, Virginia Burgess Warren, Prentice Hall, Inc., 1961

Guide to Better Schools, Trump and Baynham, Rand McNally and Company 1961

The Makings of a Modern Educator, William Van Til, Bobbs-Merrill, 1961

## DR. COOPER SURPRISED

The annual Christmas party of the central office staff had a surprise ending—for Dr. Cooper, that is.

At about 5:30 after the usual presents for the children of the central staff members had been distributed, it was announced that everyone would go to Dr. Cooper's home.

"You haven't been invited," said Dr. Cooper.

"We're going anyway," was the reply.

There the surprise awaited Dr. Cooper—a comfortable lounge chair and ottoman of the modern period, a gift from the central office staff.

"Now you can relax," they said.

Needless to say, Dr. Cooper was surprised, but this did not prevent him from partaking heartily of the homemade ice cream and cookies provided as refreshments—also a surprise.

## WORCESTER COUNTY COUNCIL OF PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS PLAN DINNER

The Worcester County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations will hold a testimonial dinner for Dr. Paul D. Cooper on Friday, February 16, at 6:30 p. m. in the Snow Hill High School cafeteria.

William E. Esham, Jr., the President of the County Council, in announcing the plans, said he hoped that civic and official organizations will send representatives to help show the county's appreciation for Dr. Cooper's service to the county.

The County Council is made up of eight local P.T.A.'s, and it is through the local organizations that the tickets will be sold.

Mr. Daniel T. Prettyman, State's Attorney for Worcester County, will act as toastmaster at the dinner. The County Council has had the good fortune to secure the services of Dr. Earl T. Willis, Dean of Instruction at the State Teachers College in Salisbury, as the speaker of the evening.

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