



A History of West Annapolis Elementary School

West Annapolis, aerial view, 1930

Block 20, location of
West Annapolis Elementary School



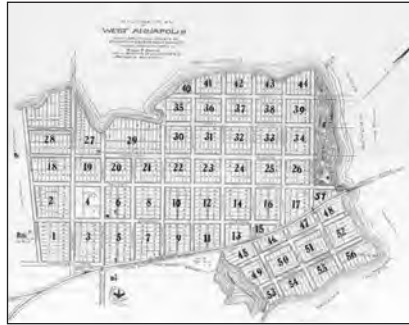
The dedication of the new West Annapolis Elementary School (WAES) marks the opening of the sixth school building in West Annapolis. This occasion is an opportunity to celebrate the students, teachers, principals, PTA, neighborhood, and history of this community school.

"It's been the best, I can tell you right now...lots of good ol' memories there."

Dorothy Shaw Nichols (WAES student 1926-32)

Early Years 1894–1909

In February 1894, George T. Melvin and other founders of West Annapolis petitioned the Anne Arundel County School Commission for a school in their new town. By the spring of that year, a school was approved, Lela R. Ireland was hired as the first teacher for the spring semester, and thirty students were enrolled. Classes began immediately in a house rented for \$25 per year. According to the 1865



West Annapolis Plan, 1890

amendments to the Maryland State Constitution, Anne Arundel County had established a Board of County School Commissioners who disbursed funds and directions for construction of schools, hiring of teachers, and development of curricula. By the time classes started at WAES, the Commissioners had approved more than 100 “white” and “colored” elementary schools throughout the county.



Bladen Street Station of the Annapolis & Baltimore Short Line Railroad

The story of WAES is tied to the history of West Annapolis. For 250 years, this area had been a farm separated from Annapolis by College Creek. After the Civil War, Luther Giddings bought the land and negotiated with the Annapolis and Baltimore Railroad for its track to cross his property. Trains started running in 1887 between Annapolis and Baltimore with stops along the way, including in West Annapolis. Realizing an opportunity for development, George T. Melvin, attorney, newspaper owner, and land developer, contracted with Giddings’ heirs to lay out streets and lots for sale. On April 8, 1890, the Town of West Annapolis was incorporated.

Melvin’s advertisements lauded the beauty of the area, but many potential buyers probably also wanted a school. This may be what led Melvin and others to petition for a school. With a scant population in West Annapolis, many of the thirty students in the first year must have come from across Weems Creek, where Melvin had platted the Garden Farms community, and other nearby areas. By the summer of 1905, Melvin was serving as one of the three County School Commissioners and, when residents across Weems Creek petitioned for their own school in 1910, the matter was referred to him. Children of African American families, who had bought lots on the Giddings farm, walked across the head of College Creek to Stanton School on Washington Street in Annapolis.



George T. Melvin (2nd from right) & School Commissioners, 1905

For the first fifteen years, there was no schoolhouse and classes were held in various locations along Annapolis Street. For eight years (1894–1902), William H. Phillips was the only teacher. Following several teachers who stayed only one year, Maude Watts was hired in 1906, just before her eighteenth birthday, as a teacher and the first principal of WAES. Since her family’s home was a railroad ride away at the northwest end of the county, she boarded with the Sprogle family who lived on Monterey Avenue. Until about 1950, all the principals also taught classes.

1894

County Board of School Commissioners orders a school to be opened in West Annapolis; classes start in the spring

1898

Spanish-American War Declared

1906

Maud Watts named first principal

1909

Mildred Tisdale
named principal

1910

Two-room schoolhouse
built for fall term

1914

World War I begins

1917

West Annapolis PTA founded

1918

World War I Ends

1919

4-room brown shingled school
house built; Estelle Carter
named principal

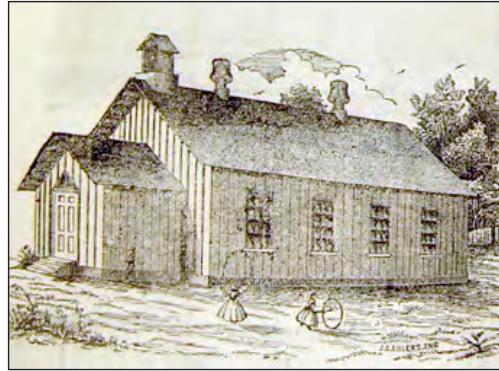
1920

West Annapolis Teacherage
(former 1910 school house)
opens next door to school
on Annapolis Street (lot 7)

1923

Hazel Fogle begins teaching

Two-room Schoolhouse 1910–1918



Original standard plan for two room
school houses in Maryland

In August 1910, after years of holding classes in various homes and buildings around West Annapolis, the County School Commission finally acquired two lots from Elizabeth Giddings, heir to her father's farm, at the corner of Monterey Avenue and Tucker Street. Following the instructions for building a schoolhouse issued in 1865 by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, a wooden building approximately 24 feet by 40 feet was built there. Two more lots, presumably for a playground, were purchased at Monterey and Annapolis Street. That fall, Principal

Mildred Tisdale (age 20) and the students entered the first of the six schoolhouses to be built over time on block 20 in West Annapolis. During the 1910 school year there was a total of 71 students enrolled, but the average attendance was 32 pupils. Years later, Lillian Vanous, a student in 1913, described the school house "with outdoor plumbing, the 'water fountain,' a large galvanized bucket on a small corner table with a tin dipper dangling by a string tacked to the wall... [and] a potbellied stove for heat... The schoolhouse was divided into two rooms with grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 in one room and grades 5, 6 and 7 in the other."

According to Lillian Vanous, "slate black boards lined the wall... [and] desks were two-seated moveables, with tops that opened to reveal a space for books, paper, pens, ink wells, etc. 'Air Conditioning' was open windows." There were thirty-five to forty students in each room and by 1916 the State of Maryland mandated that the school year (for white students) be 180 days. Text books purchased for the school included *New Elements of Geography for Primary and Intermediate Classes* by Matthew Fontaine Maury, *Brumbaugh Standard Readers* by Martin Grove Brumbaugh, and books on spelling, hygiene, and farming.



Two-room schoolhouse, 1910 structure

With a proper schoolhouse, the town of West Annapolis began to grow. Many families purchased two adjacent lots and, for those who wanted larger lots, Wardour was being laid out along the Severn River. In 1911, residents formed the West Annapolis Volunteer Fire and Improvement Company. A year later, they purchased two lots on block 20 at the corner of Tucker Street and Melvin Avenue and built a firehouse with a community hall. Lillian Vanous wrote, "plays, parties, get togethers, etc. were held in the Fire Hall. The second floor of this building was a large bare room with a raised platform at one end which served as a stage." A classmate of Lillian's, Cecil Martin, recalls that the bell at the firehouse originally came from the school. When the bell crashed down from the school roof, almost hitting one of Cecil Martin's classmates, it was given to the fire company, which still displays it at their current location on Jennifer Road.

The WAES Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) was founded in 1917 with the support of the Women's Circle of the Fire Company, neighborhood parents, and Mrs. Clarence White, Mrs. Alex Prosky, and Mrs. J. O. Bush (née Maude Watts). The oldest PTA in the county, it followed the establishment of a national PTA in 1897 and the Maryland PTA in 1915. Begun by mothers, including a former teacher, and committed to a high quality of education, the WAES PTA has a long history of service to the school.

The Little Brown Schoolhouse 1919-1938



Estelle Carter

In the fall of 1917, Estella Belle Carter (also called Estelle Carter), from Cambridge, Ohio, was appointed principal. She arrived with her younger sister, Alice Carter, also a teacher. Seeing the overcrowding and deterioration of the 1910 school, Estelle Carter encouraged the community to petition for a new and larger school. By the end of 1918, the School Board approved a budget of \$10,000, half of which was borrowed with a note secured by signatures of community members. In the spring of 1919, construction started on a new four-room school on Annapolis Street near the corner

of Monterey Avenue. In December, the Fire Company reported that the wiring had been completed, but it was not until ten years later that "flush toilets were being installed." The brown-shingled building had a classroom in each corner and its front entrance is visible in many class photographs. The totally annual enrollment for the school year ending in July 1919 was 116 students, but the average attendance was 78 students.



Little brown schoolhouse
1919 structure

In this period, most teachers were single and needed a place to live near the school. Some teachers boarded with West Annapolis families, but many probably preferred to have their own place. With the opening of the new school, Estelle Carter recommended that the 1910 school, now empty, be used for a *teacherage*, a home for teachers during the school year. In 1920, the Board of Education provided funds and the Mothers' Circle held an oyster dinner at the firehouse to benefit the new teacherage, to be in the old school. The building was moved across block 20 from



Teacherage, former original school house

Tucker Street to a lot on Annapolis Street next door to the new school and remodeled with a sitting room and two bedrooms. The construction of homes for teachers had grown since the 1890's and, by 1922 there were over 3,000 in the United States. The teacherage served West Annapolis teachers until 1939 when it was sold to Samuel Dove, a local carpenter, who moved it to his property at 10 Annapolis Street, where it is a gift shop today.

Among the many teachers, including Estelle Carter, who lived in the teacherage was Hazel Fogle, from Walkersville in Frederick County. Arriving in 1923, she taught for 34 years at WAES before her death in 1957. She was just twenty-five years old when she started at

1939

New school built
(on lots 7, 1, 2 & 3) along
Annapolis Street and
Melvin Avenue and
attached to 1919 school;
World War II Begins



Hazel Fogle, 1933 class

WAES, but she had already taught at Brunswick (Maryland) high school, attended a summer session at the Maryland State College, and traveled in the United States, Canada, and Europe. During the school year, she lived in the teacherage, but she returned often and in the summers to visit family in Frederick County. Miss Fogle is remembered today for organizing a six-week summer day camp on the school playground, establishing an Audubon bird club, starting a parliamentary club, and setting up a school haunted house where blindfolded students could feel “eyeballs” and “guts” (olives and spaghetti). Barbara Coleman White (WAES 1944–50) enjoyed being one of the former students, now teenagers, who was hired to help with the day camp. Miss Fogle also served the community by working with the ration board, the Red Cross, and other philanthropic organizations. Just after her death, the WAES library was named in her honor.

1944

Winifred Fowler
named principal

1945

World War II Ends

An aerial photograph of West Annapolis in 1930 (*inside front cover*) shows the town filling out with small houses and large vacant lots between Forbes and Claude Streets and homes along the edge of the Severn River. The school, the teacherage, the firehouse, and the Methodist “mission church,” built about 1908, as well as the houses built by the Proskeys and the Sewells, fill block 20. Across Melvin Avenue (then Severn Avenue) was Mrs. Anna Shaw’s corner grocery store (with candies) and a block down Annapolis Street was Mr. George Egan’s G.A. Grocery Store that also housed the branch post office. Enrollment in the 1926–27 school year was 136 students, and more were about to come. Across Weems Creek, the one-room schoolhouse (now Annapolis Sons of Italy Lodge 2225) in Melvin’s Garden Farms development was closed in 1930 and the students came to WAES. One of the teachers from that school, Mrs. Ethel Collison, became a substitute teacher at WAES and president of the PTA. Many students at WAES during the Great Depression remember Mrs. Proskey and Mrs. Collison making large kettles of soup in the firehouse kitchen, putting them into a child’s wagon, and pulling them across to the school so that the children would have a good meal (perhaps their only one that day).

A Modern Brick School 1939–1954



West Annapolis Elementary School, 1939 structure

As the community grew, more children than ever were filling the little brown schoolhouse. By 1934, the ever-vigilant PTA was testifying to the School Board about the poor condition of the school, and the West Annapolis Fire Company was paying for repairs. Finally the School Board, once it had the assurance of New Deal

federal funds, began in 1939 to acquire the lots between the school and the firehouse. The teacherage was moved to 10 Annapolis Street, the Methodist chapel (at the corner of Melvin

1951

West Annapolis annexed into
City of Annapolis

Ruby Giles Myers
named principal

1953

Avenue) was moved to 12 Annapolis Street, and the Proskey's house was moved across Melvin Avenue. By the fall of 1940, the little brown schoolhouse was closed and classes were being held in the adjacent new school with its entrance on Melvin Avenue. A one-story brick building with a flat roof, the school had the streamlined appearance of modern government architecture. Inside, there was a long (100 ft.) central corridor with classrooms on either side.



WWII Homoja quonset village housing

World War II precipitated a dramatic increase of faculty and staff at the Naval Academy and, also, of officers at the Naval Postgraduate School. Their housing needs prompted the Navy to build a 180-unit military-family "Homoja" Quonset hut village on Taylor Avenue in 1943. Children from there attended WAES, causing a spike in enrollment until the war ended and the graduate school moved to Monterey, California, in 1952. But other children were coming to WAES as the post-war years brought about a growth in homes built by Naval Academy faculty in Wardour and along many West Annapolis streets. During this boom, the little brown schoolhouse was renamed "The Annex" and reopened for classes. Without a teacherage, the single teachers rented rooms or apartments and the increasing number of married teachers moved into homes in the area.

War came home to WAES with the loss of seven of its graduates. Killed in the line of duty were: Ronald Saffield, Harry Tolson, Paul Epstein, Carl Segelken, Earle Shiley, Isaac Wilson Boone and John Clifton Tucker. The names of some of the streets and alleys in West Annapolis were changed in the 1950s to honor these men. Their names are on the Veterans Memorial located beside WAES on Annapolis Street.

Changes continued to come to WAES and the community in the decade of the 1950s. School air raid drills, begun during World War II, continued into the Cold War of the 1950s and 60s. The School Board tasked the PTA with the development of evacuation plans in the event of a nuclear attack. At the beginning of the decade, on January 1, 1951, the Town of West Annapolis was annexed into the City of Annapolis. Within a few years, the Acme Supermarket opened (now Graul's), Rowe Boulevard was built, and at the end of the 1950s, the Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium was completed. At WAES, principals were changing. With the retirement of Estelle Carter in 1944, Winifred B. Fowler served as principal until 1953 when Ruby Giles Myers took over for a year and was followed by Eloise Johnson Glenn.

A Mid-Century Modern Addition 1955–1983



West Annapolis School, 1955 structure

Once more a growing school population required a larger school. In the fall of 1955, WAES adopted a two-shift schedule for their 330 students because of the overcrowding. The little brown schoolhouse was demolished in 1955. A year later, a new addition (attached to the 1939 wing) with eight classrooms was built at the corner of Monterey Avenue. Now the school had thirteen classrooms, a cafeteria/audito-

1954

Eloise Johnson Glenn named principal

1955

Crowding requires morning & afternoon sessions; Construction of an addition to 1939 school, including an auditorium (on site of 1919 school)

1956

John H. Franke named principal; Integration at WAES begins with three students

1958

Eloise Johnson Glenn named principal

1959

Christine Tydings acting principal spring term

1967

WAES PTA celebrates 50th Anniversary

1968

Kindergarten added



Eloise Glenn

rium multipurpose room, health room, administrative spaces, and a new address: 210 Annapolis Street. John H. Franke was named principal in the fall of 1956, Eloise John Glenn took over a year later, and Christine Tydings was acting principal for a spring semester in 1959.

In the fall of 1956, the Anne Arundel County Board of Education accepted applications for three “Negro” children to attend WAES. A year later, integration included African American “students who lived nearby in West Annapolis, and...children of military families living in North Severn,” according to former student, Kathleen McCrudden. “The school’s first black teacher was Miss Thelma Phillips, who taught our fifth grade class in 1962–63 and I must add that she was my all-time favorite teacher.”

To ensure that everyone in the neighborhood knew when the PTA meetings were held, the school flew a large “PTA” pennant above the American flag on the school’s flagpole. In May 1967, the PTA celebrated its 50th Anniversary. There was a program with several short talks about the history of the school, including one by Dr. David S. Jenkins, Superintendent of Schools, and the traditional PTA Candlelight Ceremony.



Veterans Memorial

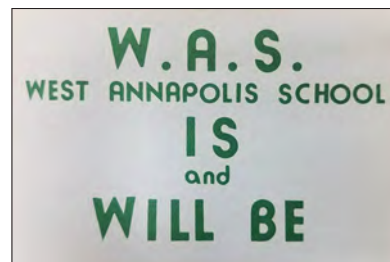
These were also turbulent times. The assassinations of President Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr., prompted serious class discussions. Many students watched news coverage on televisions loaned to the school by some of the families. The escalating war in Vietnam was brought home to WAES. Three of the school’s alumni, Teddy Waxman, James Lloyd Wood, and James Stirling MacVicar Jr., were killed in the line of duty. Their names

are also on the Veterans Memorial located beside WAES on Annapolis Street.

Changes continued and in 1968, kindergarten was added to the school. During the 1970s, school enrollment reached more than 300 students and rose as high as 341 students in 1973. When the West Annapolis Fire Company decided to move to its present location on Jennifer Road in 1972, the Board of Education took over the firehouse on the corner of Tucker Street and moved some WAES classes into that building. Now the old firehouse was referred to as “The Annex.” WAES was expanding with twelve teachers, plus new music, art, and physical education teachers as well as special educators, reading specialists, a school psychologist and larger class sizes. Strings and band instructors were also added during this time. The principal’s office had a staff of two, the cafeteria a staff of two or three, and there was a full time custodian.

Mothers and teachers tended the school’s small collection of library books from the early days of the school. In 1957, WAES and the PTA dedicated and funded the Hazel Fogle Memorial Library, “in memory of our beloved Miss Fogle who taught here from 1923 to 1957.” Principal Barbara San Gabino (1972–87) later moved the growing collection out of a small room to two connecting classrooms that were officially designated the Library Media Center in 1973. By that time a part-time staff librarian position had been established.

The school’s motto from the 1970s, “West Annapolis School WAS, IS and WILL BE!” continued to be the appropriate rallying cry into the early 1980s. When School Superintendent Edward J. Anderson proposed closing the school in 1981 and moving the students



WAES Motto

1972

Barbara San Gabino named principal

1981

Superintendent proposes school closing; PTA & community worked to defeat the proposal

1939 school razed; new wing (along Melvin Ave) added; 1955 wing renovated

1983

to the larger Germantown School, the West Annapolis community, school staff, and the PTA joined together to successfully defeat the proposal.

Many alumni from this period remember WAES well. Reminiscing about her school days, Yvette Kosmides Davis (1963–70) said, “Parents were deeply involved in the school. I think we had a tremendous amount of support and I think that’s something that is still very true at the school.” Phylis Parker (1963–69), who lived on Melvin Avenue, wrote, “I not only had a wonderful childhood living in West Annapolis, but received a first-class education at WAES. Many of my oldest and dearest friends to this day, both black and white, are people I sat in class with, sang in the chorus with, or played with during recess. Today, even though we’re scattered across the country, we’ve been able to reconnect through Facebook.” “It was a small place, a family place, a great place,” added Mike Ballard (1972–79).

The Bigger-Better School 1984–2014

After defeating the 1981 closure proposal, it was apparent WAES needed a major renovation. The school community successfully campaigned for county funding to demolish the old 1939 “modern” addition and the firehouse and build a larger school addition. The new construction also expanded the playground, adding playground equipment and a basketball court. During the 1983 construction,



West Annapolis Elementary School, 1983 structure

students and staff left the West Annapolis neighborhood and took up temporary residence in Annapolis Middle School on Forest Drive. By the fall of 1984, the new two-story addition (to the 1956 school) on the corner of Melvin Avenue was completed. County school reorganization in 1989 led to the sixth grade being moved to middle school.

The advent of technology also brought changes to the school. During the late 1980s, under Barry Fader’s tenure as principal (1987–94), parents came in after school and on weekends to create a computer lab from donated parts. Parents also came in a few years later to help install a closed circuit television system and a TV in each classroom. Because of their efforts, students at West Annapolis were the first in the county to have televised morning announcements and early access to a computer lab. An elevator was installed so all could easily access the three levels of the schoolhouse, and years later, air conditioning was added to every room.



Academics at WAES have always been at the forefront of the school community and, in 1999, during Mrs. Joan Briscoe’s time as principal (1994–2001), both the state and federal Departments of Education awarded WAES the very prestigious *National Blue Ribbon School* designation. Students are still challenged academically today. Currently, the school is the beneficiary of a Department of Defense STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) grant that provides two roving iPad labs as well as teaching support for STEM curriculum.



1987
Barry Fader

1989
6th grade moves to
Annapolis Middle School



1994
Joan Briscoe
named principal

Veterans War Memorial dedicated
to West Annapolis citizens.

1998



2001
Christine Stockett
named principal

WAES students also took an early interest in the environment. During Mrs. Christine Stockett's tenure as principal (2001–12), the state awarded WAES a Challenge Grant that supported its environmental program, *Partners for the Planet*. Students raised terrapins and eels and released them into the Chesapeake Bay. They also planted bay grasses, developed a butterfly garden, and created a compost from lunchroom waste. Many of these student-led "green" projects continue today. With the support of the West Annapolis Civic Association and a grant from Unity Gardens, the fifth-grade students planted the cherry tree at the corner of Tucker Street and Monterey Avenue in 2003. The students selected an offshoot of a Washington, DC, Tidal Basin Cherry Tree and planted it as a part of their promotion exercises. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation awarded a grant to WAES to correct the runoff problems that were occurring on the playground soccer field. Due to all of these efforts, WAES was awarded Green School status in 2005, 2008, and 2012.



WAES has had many dedicated teachers. As Michael Greentree (1950–55) said, "I don't think I ever saw a bad teacher, they were all good!" Many of them taught at WAES most or all of their careers. In addition to many of the early teachers, more recent teachers with a long tenure at WAES include Christine Tydings (36 years), Mary Louise Jansen (23 years), Jacqueline Cox (28 years), Betty Gibbons, who lived on Monterey Avenue (25 years), Kathleen Miller (26 years and counting), Brenda Burrows (21 years and counting), Patricia Leong (music teacher, 27 years), Deborah Derrickson (strings, 22 years), Marion Anderson (20 years), and Mary Louise Jansen (23 years). Katherine McWhite (19 years) and Lucille Sewell (15 years) both lived in Wardour. Mrs. Sewell is well remembered by Daniel Douglass (1970–76) as a neighbor who would let local children ride in the rumble seat of her car. Other dedicated staff includes WAES custodians David Franklin (38 years and counting), Joseph Tayman, who was also the Weems Creek Bridge tender in the 1920s, Arthur Oaksmith from the 1940s into the 1950s, and Apostolos Passiadis in the 1960s, among many who made WAES a better place.



Talent Show, 1987



Six-year Club, 1992

Over the years, many school activities involved the community and strengthened the bonds between the school and the neighborhood. In 1914 and for many subsequent years, there was a Public School Exhibit Day when students would exhibit agricultural/industrial schoolwork, hold a parade, compete in school games and athletic contests, and listen to an address by a well-known educator. In the past, there have been May Day Festivals, firehouse and school carnivals, and, more recently, Oktoberfests in conjunction with the West Annapolis Business Affiliation's festival on

Annapolis Street. Talent and variety shows gained popularity in the 1960s and continue to this day. Over the years, students from St. John's College and midshipmen from the U.S.



2012
Alexis McKay
named principal

Naval Academy have regularly helped students and teachers at WAES. Today, the annual Veterans Day school assemblies honor current and former military family members with patriotic programs filled with music, poetry, and song while the West Annapolis Fourth of July parade ends at WAES with patriotic songs and watermelon.

West Annapolis Elementary – 2016



Beginning of construction, 2014

West Annapolis Civic Association worked closely with WAES, the Board of Education, and the architects to ensure that the new building would fit into the West Annapolis residential character. Particular attention was paid to environmental considerations and to ensure that the trees which had been planted on the firehouse site would be protected. Now covering the entire block 20, the new school is opening at 505 Melvin Avenue.

Today marks the sixth time West Annapolis Elementary has celebrated the opening of a new school building. Although the physical buildings have changed, the close-knit, small school feeling has remained throughout the school's 122 years. Students like Will Dales are looking forward to the new building. He recently stated, "I'm really excited about the new school because we'll be the first ever fifth-graders to actually be there. And even though the playground is smaller, the school is much bigger and everything will be new and great." Tessa Cohen, who spent first and second grade in the temporary space at Annapolis Middle School, is also excited because "I'll get to walk to school again and I've heard there's lots of cool things in it. And now the gym will be very big." Her classmate, Ki'shaun Oliver, commented "I can't wait to see the new school...I heard the music room is great and our classrooms are going to be bigger."

*Welcome to the new
West Annapolis
Elementary School!*



2014

School razed, except for the 1983 wing

2016

August 22 - New West Annapolis Elementary School dedicated

*What will the
future of
West Annapolis
Elementary
School hold?*



1925



1933



1936



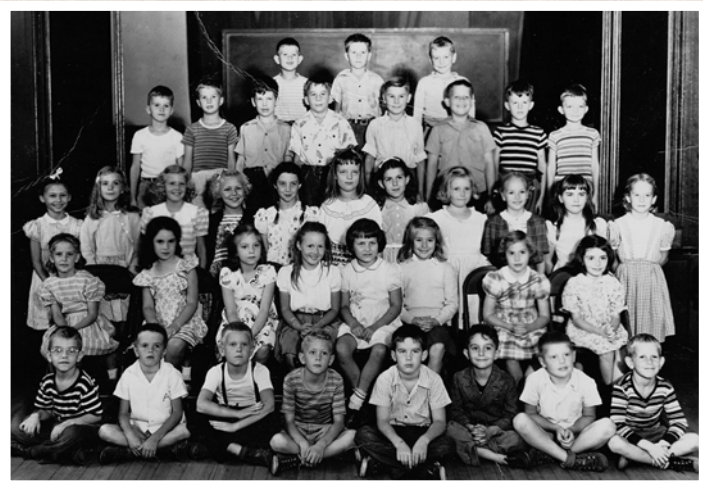
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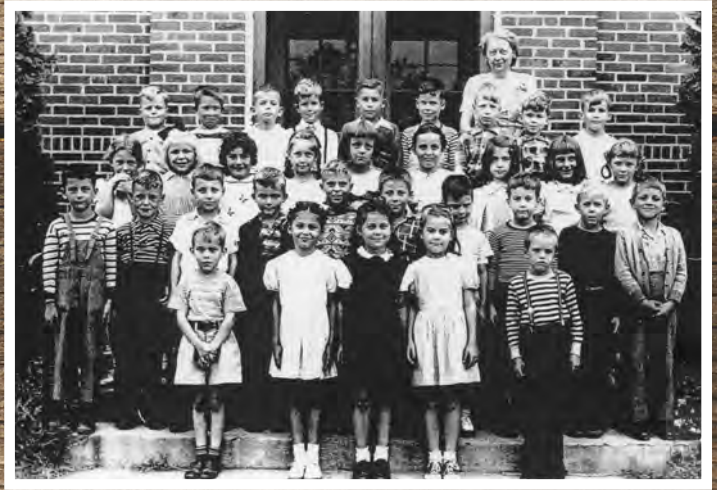
1937



1949



c. 1940s



1945-51



1953



1954



c. 1960s



1963



c. 1960s



c. 1970s



c. 1970s



1984



1985



1986



1990



1994



1999



5th Grade - 2010



5th Grade - 2015

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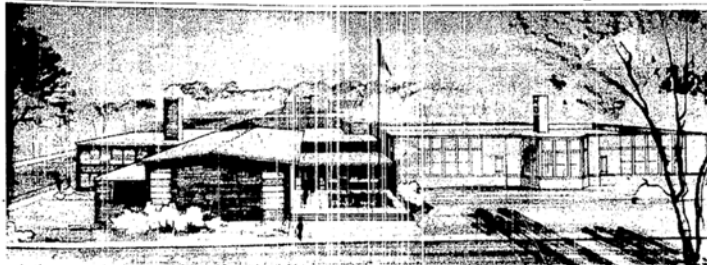


Girl Scouts on the steps of WAES, c.1937



West Annapolis Fire Hall, c.1935

New Addition To West Annapolis To Be Built At Three Different Levels



PROPOSED ADDITIONS WEST ANNAPOLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. DESIGNERS ARE TALLEYBROOK ARCHITECTS.

NEW ADDITION AT WEST ANNAPOLES—The new eight-classroom addition to West Annapolis Elementary School will be built on three levels. An architectural drawing by Talleybrooke shows this view with the new entrance facing Annapolis Street. To the left is the multi-purpose room under its pitched A-roof. The addition will be built on a hilly incline, and four of its classrooms will be constructed on a level with the present building shown at the right.

The administrative office and multi-purpose room will be a half-level down, and the four other classrooms on a full level down. Classrooms for the most part will overlook the playground in the rear. Of brick backed up by cinderblock, the school has been designed of a residential character in order that it may fully blend in with the West Annapolis community. The school is bound by Melvin Avenue to the left.

now being transported by bus to walk to school.
At Joppa a new 18-room elementary with a multi-purpose room will relieve overcrowded conditions at Joppa. Design and construction of the school is planned to hold the present building for a while until population trends in that area can be more fully determined.
The 20-room Clarke Station School now under construction is expected to be ready in 1956.

It will take pupils now attending Odenton, Severn, Richard Henry Lee and Millersville schools. The Glen Burnie High School gymnasium—long sought by school patrons—will be ready by September. Until now Glen Burnie has been the only high school in the county without a gymnasium. The gymnasium extension will also have space for hand and health classes.



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Summer Work On New Buildings To Add New Classrooms To County

New schools going up in Anne Arundel County will help take the pinch out of the current shortage of classrooms next fall.

Finding Sites For New Schools Is Hard Task
Pinching will be faced by a committee of school officials and one involving an increasing amount of time.

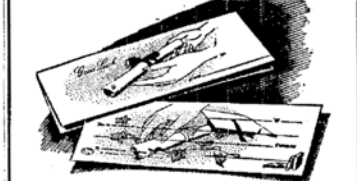
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The majority of the sites must be found in the northern end of the county. Three are in the Fourth District, in the area of Ft. Monie one of the fastest growing sections of the county; one is south of Annapolis, and another is a site between Annapolis and Glen Burnie.
Three sites must be found in Glen Burnie, itself, where excellent is a shooting range with a business man found that he had to pay \$1,000 more than the price at the preceding week.
County officials believe the region has the best of developments from the Ft. Meade area, where they originally were planned, to Glen Burnie is one reason for the spiraling land costs there. The Ft. Meade area seeks under the "cease facilities" which Glen Burnie has.

Designed to accommodate 800 children, it will have 20 classrooms and a multi-purpose room. In addition to the present school, it will relieve overcrowded conditions at Lake Shore, Severn Park and Marley Park. Some 100 Potomac children, who attended classes in the Harundale Community Church will be transferred there.

North Linthicum School
Another new elementary will go up at North Linthicum, which will represent a duplication of the Lake Shore plant with the exception that it will have two more classrooms, or 14 classrooms in all. The building, which will relieve overcrowded conditions at Linthicum, will enable 230 students

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SHORTAGE OF CLASSROOMS FOR THE SCHOOLS TO HALF-DAY

Jenkins Cites Lack Of Teachers, Classrooms

Editor's Note: Anne Arundel County, with a record 20,000 students expected to enter school in the fall, faces two pressing needs—one for teachers and the other for classrooms. For its back-to-school edition, The Evening Capital has asked Dr. David S. Jenkins, superintendent of county schools, to discuss the implications of these needs.

By DR. DAVID S. JENKINS
County Schools Superintendent

As the children begin to enroll for the school year 1933-34 the Board of Education is again confronted with many problems, three of which are difficult of solution. Probably of equal importance are the first two: (1) the procurement of trained teachers, and (2) the continuing need for classrooms. The third is the task of procuring sufficient money to be able to do something about the first two.

The procurement of teachers is becoming a more difficult task since the number of young people being trained for the teaching profession does not nearly meet the demands of the area in the face of the population increase in the county.

At this writing Anne Arundel is in need of 30 teachers. Parents look to school officials to provide the best possible teachers for their children; yet with only three weeks to go before the opening of school, the county is faced with the necessity of taking those whose qualifications are below standard.

Adaptation to salaries over the entire county. A salary scale of \$2,300-\$5,500 will not permit the employment of teachers in the northern part of the county who are once employed. Particularly in the case of the cities of Baltimore and Washington, and Baltimore, Prince George's and Montgomery Counties pay higher salaries than are paid here.

Space Also Needed
Adequate salaries alone, however, will not bring teachers into the school system. There must be adequate classroom space of the kind that teachers prefer. There must be enough classrooms also to make it possible to reduce class size to not more than thirty children.

Teachers Group Plans Special Study Projects

Four special studies are on the 110-odd agenda for the Teachers Association of Anne Arundel County.

One of them will be an exploration of problems related to integration in the county. The committee in charge of it is headed by Miss Mary Farrell of George Fox Junior High School.

A second study will be made by a committee on teacher certification, of which Elizabeth Hutchins, of Lantham Elementary School, is chairman.

It will review differences among the states in the certification of teachers and what possibilities there are toward establishing a more uniform policy throughout the United States.

A third committee has been set up to consider the possibility of employing a full-time executive secretary, as has been done in Montgomery.

Miss Gilbert explained that the executive secretary has charge of securing such a person within the next several years.

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BACK TO SCHOOL



SECTION

Yes, that line is here again, it is the sound of the school bell. It will be "Goodbye, vacation . . . hello, books and teachers!" for students everywhere. From grade-schoolers to college seniors, returning to learning will be a whole lot easier (even full when preparations for the new school term are made well in advance . . . when wardrobes are properly rounded out . . . when all necessary supplies and gear (from book bags to bikes) are on hand and ready to go when the "great day" dawns. Smart parents and their children will do their back-to-school shopping early . . . avoid the last-minute rush . . . choose wisely and well from peak selections . . . get off to a good start for the new school year!

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Curtailed Sessions Necessary Here Second Time In Decade

Teachers' Pay Big Question Before Board

Budgetary Needs For Year Under Study

As the Board of Education budgeted down this month to meeting the Board of County Commissioners to approve another pay raise for its teachers?

Local teachers now get \$2,200 to \$5,000—less than truck-drivers, one school official reported, noting that salaries for truck drivers range from \$100 to \$125 a week.

Scale Thought Inadequate
The Anne Arundel County scale, a number of persons felt, may still be inadequate.

First and second grade pupils at Station Elementary school will attend a half-day until their new school is completed sometime in October.

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'33-'36 School Calendar

Orientation for New Teachers	Sept. 1-2
Teachers in Residence School	Sept. 6-7
Orientation for Children	Sept. 8
State Teachers' Meeting	Oct. 20-21
Conference	Nov. 2-3
Half-Days	Nov. 8-15
Thanksgiving	Nov. 23-24
Christmas	Nov. 24-25
Winter	Dec. 1-31
Spring	Jan. 1-31
Memorial Day	May 29
Summer	June 1-31

Football To Open Fall Sports Program For City, County High Schools

With school scheduled to start early next month, Annapolis and Anne Arundel County high schools will begin their fall sports program with football on Monday.

At Southern, which ended with a 3-5 record, Bales' Light Quarts finished with their best show water-wading a 3-3 record for eight contests. The Annapolis High Panthers won the mythical county title last season by defeating Southern, 23-10, in the mud at Lochran and Southern of Lochran move-in to action next Monday.

Another new Northern County school to open will be the one in North Lincolnton, tentatively called Northern Elementary Local 14 on Hampton Road, it contains 14 classrooms and a multi-purpose room. (Continued on page 11)

Mother-son Teaching Team

A mother and son will join the county public school system as a teaching team during the coming session.

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