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## HERE AND NOW

Curious how circumstances can throw a spotlight of fame upon a hitherto obscure person or thing. The City of Flint is in point. For nearly two decades this plodding, prosaic cargo boat was just that, one more freighter plying some of the seven seas, known in maritime circles in a limited fashion, known to the general public not at all.

Then the destiny which intrudes a meddling finger into the affairs of ships and men dallied with the slow, squat cargo vessel, where it might have selected a sleek ocean liner or a trim naval warship. But destiny dipped into fiction, choose the humble, workaday City of Flint, and placed it near the spot where the Athenia was to be sunk for the sea tragedy which was to open the Second European War.

The cargo boat was ill-equipped to carry passengers yet in the emergency it accepted hundreds of survivors for passage to America managed somehow to feed and shelter them and bring all save one injured victim safely home.

That incident was sufficient to make the City of Flint front page copy in American newspapers for two weeks and also to earn at least mention in all future histories which relates the grim tragedy of the Athenia.

Ironically, destiny did not choose to release the cargo vessel from its clutch of those that must be written in large letters on the records of 1939 and the histories of the War. The vessel went back to work and to comparative obscurity.

With no thought of anything but customary maritime business it loaded a cargo intended for England. The sea lanes were fairly safe. German surface vessels were thought virtually interned in home harbors. Yet out of nowhere a pocket battleship, presumed to be the Deutchland, crossed the path of the City of Flint, captured it, put a prize crew aboard, and steered it through Arctic waters to Murmansk at the top of Russia. And the City of Flint was not only in the headlines, but at the head of the day's business in the State Department and in several chancelleries of Europe.

One more bizarre touch was needed to cement the fame of the vessel. It soon came. When America was resigned to knowing that the craft was in the clutches of the Nazis and headed for a dangerous race to Germany the City of Flint was suddenly steered into a Norwegian harbor and almost as suddenly stripped of its prize crew and returned to the Stars and Stripes. Hollywood in its wildest dreams could do not more to glorify a plain sister of the sea.

But the saga of the City of Flint is not complete, will not be complete until this war ends. It has already played a large part in discussions leading to our neutrality law. But German has not forgotten that Norway snatched the vessel from its talons, and if Germany wins the war, Norway may be called upon to account for the freeing of the City of Flint. It may make the headlines again.

Americans have a complex for investigating. One of the latest, announced by Dr. Paul Popenoe of the Institute of Family Relations, seeks to show under what circumstance men propose in the Here and Now. Dr. Popenoe analyzed less than 2,000 cases; the idea may be picked up by the Census Bureau in 1950 and all men required to stand up and deliver the facts. Dr. Popenoe's study only shows that the way of a man with a maid has not changed; that the element of privacy is still a concomitant of the proposal. His study shows that Henry Ford might have been justly credited with being an aid to Cupid when he turned out coupes in droves, for more proposals in the Doctor's batch were made in cars than in parlors. Mere man would be still more interested in the report if Dr. Popenoe had attempted to find the truth about a current question, is it true that most women first broach the mariage idea, or in other words, do the proposing?

Japan's detention of James A. Young, American newshawk, apparently because he told the truth about the Sino-Japanese situation as he saw it is another indication of the degree in which foreign nations insist upon favorable propaganda regardless of truth. Time may show that Young's estimate of the strength of China and the corresponding lack of strength of Japan may be correct. Less than two years ago Colonel Lindbergh was blamed for Munich. As the story went, Lindbergh was said to have strength of Russia, and particularly its air strength, as negligible. Germany he described as powerful in its air arm. And England, foreseeing disaster, capitulated to Hitler. The Finns are proving that Lindbergh was correct and that much as he was condemned for his report, he may have prevented England from joining battle when it was hardly prepared.

## Marydel Woman Perishes In Blaze

Unable to escape from her burning home because of age and illness Mrs. Georgia Stafford, 81-year-old resident of Marydel, was burned to death early Monday morning in a fire which destroyed her home and two adjoining houses and threatened to spread to the entire town. Firemen from Dover, Hartly and Greensboro subdued the blaze after a loss of $15,000 had been caused.

The fire was believed to have started from a falling lamp. Mrs. Stafford, who lived alone in her two and a half story home on the Templeville road in Queen Anne's county, had been ill for a week and was evidently unable to check the blaze or sound an alarm. A passing motorist saw flames rising in the dwelling and aroused neighbors. The first men to arrive at the scene said they could hear the aged woman crying out, "Here I am."

By the time firemen arrived flames were shooting from the upper part of Mrs. Stafford's home and had spread to the dwellings of John Stafford, her stepson, and Mrs. Irene Burleson. Both of these structures were destroyed. The home of Harry Seney adjoining John Stafford's also caught fire but was saved by firemen. Several other buildings, including a church, were menaced by the conflagration but escaped through valiant work by the fire companies.

Sub-freezing weather hampered the fire companies. They had to chop ice in a stream to get water and were bothered by freezing valves on their engines. They confined their efforts to preventing spread of the flames and were aided by the absence of wind.

Intense heat balked efforts of volunteers to enter the building and try to rescue Mrs. Stafford. The upper floor, where the woman was, collapsed shortly after the arrival of the firemen and her body was not brought out until the dwelling was razed by the flames. The death marked the first fatality in Queen Anne's county in 1940.

The families of John Stafford and Mrs. Burleson were driven into bitter cold. They were able to save but a few of their possessions.

Mrs. Stafford is survived by a brother, Willard Clark, of California; a half-brother, John T. Clark, and a half-sister, Mrs. Gertrude Longfellow, both of Greensboro.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Stafford in Greensboro Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock with the Rev. C. Elwyn Ennis, pastor of Marydel Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Greensboro cemetery.

## Dan Cupid Loafs During Year 1939

Little Dan Cupid, the god of hearts, had a bad year in Queen Anne's in 1939 at least as far as signing persons up for marriage was the test. Figures in the office of Clerk of Court A. Sydney Gadd, jr., show that only 112 couples obtained licenses to bow their heads and bend their necks for the double yoke. That averages less than ten per month and was the lowest total for the past five years.

In contrast 1938 set an all-time record when 173 hopeful couples secured tickets for the matrimonial journey in Queen Anne's. Many of these were visitors from outside the state who were availing themselves of Maryland's former easy-going law permitting issuance of licenses without delay. Yet in 1935, 125 couples were the home product.

The forty-eight hour wait-law was in force throughout 1939 and may have joined with hard times in discouraging bridal wreaths. For comparison with the old law the figures for marriage licenses in Queen Anne's for the past five years are: 1935, 115; 1936, 150; 1937, 133; 1938, 173; 1939, 112.

## Ham Proves Lure For Strong Thieves

Prowlers apparently intent upon getting meat for the table, broke into Fred Roser's Pork Packing plant at Queenstown over the week-end and stole nine hams weighing from eight to ten pounds each. The theft was discovered by Mr. Roser Monday morning when he noticed remnants of the netting wrapping the hams still hanging on the hooks.

The thieves entered the smokehouse either Saturday or Sunday nights. The upper floor where the meat is cured is air tight except for heavy iron gratings through which the smoke passes to fill the meat chambers. Ordinarily this section is too full of smoke to encourage intruders. Over the week-end the meats had been cured and the fire extinguished.

The thieves somehow lifted the heavy gratings and managed to slip them far enough to permit entrance and the hams were yanked off.

Mr. Roser had a series of irritations in January, a car and a truck each being in slight accidents, fire damaging the smokehouse shortly afterwards and now the theft.

## Radcliffe Builds County Strength

Little change has occurred this week in the Senatorial and Congressional campaigns as far as they affest Queen Anne's although the lines of the campaign became somewhat clearer. Just as business prices are marked "subject to change" in stirring times, opinions and outlook on the Primary races may shift on short notice.

Nothing that can be nailed down for a gilt-edged certainty has been turned loose recently. However, the grapevine passed along rumors which were labeled probabilities.

Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing the cross currents of rumors, guesses and allegedly positive happenings total up to a belief that Senator George L. Radcliffe would sweep Queen Anne's today and will still do it if National Committeeman Howard Bruce does not find a way to sprag his wheels.

As far as can be learned Mr. Bruce has not nailed down any solid support in the county. The Senator Roe organization is said to be desirous of toting a bucket of well water on each shoulder, one for Senator Radcliffe and one for Bruce. Both candidates may then drink and be comforted.

One indication is that certain leaders in the group are talking of trying to prevent the Senatorial race in Queen Anne's county from becoming a factional matter. If this transpires Mr. Bruce is done. He will have half a faction, Senator Radcliffe one fairly complete faction and part of another. That will add up only for the Senator.

It is apparent that the leaders the old organization are divided on the candidates. A number are outspoken in their intention of supporting Senator Radcliffe regardless. The Senator's campaign manager for the county is said to be coming from that group. So also is the prospective Bruce managers, from present indications. With the two factions in Queen Anne's fairly evenly matched, the split in the Roe organization will mean that the New Deal can hold the balance of power.

Which candidate they will go to bat for is still undecided. As a group they have taken no stand and intend not to do so for a while. However, a canvass of the leaders shows a large preponderance of sentiment for Senator Radcliffe. They plan to swing their strength as a unit. If they endorse the Senator he can count on Queen Anne's convention votes.

Every thing, however, is dependent upon the swift changes that occur in politics. Alignment in the Congressional race, deals among State leaders, can upset the present trend in Queen Anne's. But today the best estimate is that the New Deal will be with Radcliffe, that the Roe organization, if it backs Brue at all, will do so only with divided numbers, that Radcliffe is out in the lead at the present three-furlong pole. Regarding that estimate, the curious reader may go out in the streets and highways and check up on it for himself. Inquiry among sufficient leaders on both sides will be enlightening. And he can bear it in mind when the county managers are announced.

No changes of any importance have occurred in the Congressional race. Senator Roe is the only candidate who has filed. His lieutenants are active. Congressman Ward visited the county last Friday for a look-see. He has not begun his active campaign. Little has been heard from former Senator Olin R. Higgins of Dorchester. There is little or no sentiment for him as yet in Queen Anne's. Herbert H. Balch is moving under wraps. Although he has a modicum of strength in Queen Anne's, his supporters are waiting developments. The big race between the Senatorial candidates is blanketing the other.

## *Guy Harmon Heads Boy Scout Week*

**Announces Captains To Direct Fund Raising Program**

Guy E. Harmon, of Queenstown, has been appointed Queen Anne's county chairman for the annual Boy Scout Week activities by John Noble, of Preston, District Commissioner for the Tri-County area of Caroline, Talbot and Queen Anne's. The week will be observed from February 8 to 15.

During the period Mr. Harmon hopes to raise $500 in Queen Anne's to further the work of the organization. He apportions his expectations as follows: $150 from the Queenstown area; $150 from Queen Anne's-Hillsboro; and the rest from Kent Island and Centreville sections.

Mr. Harmon has appointed Walter Schiffer captain of the Queenstown-Stevensville areas and Horace Morgan of Hillsboro-Queen Anne. A captain is yet to be announced for Centreville.

The Queenstown Lions Club, sponsors of the Troop in their territory, voted full support to Boy Scout Week at their dinner meeting Wednesday evening.

## *GOOD WILL STARTS MEMBER DRIVE*

**C. A. Busteed, Joseph Richardson Are First Signers**

The annual honorary membership drive of the Good Will Fire Company of Centreville started Thursday to continue throughout February. John Hall Price is chairman of the drive.

Memberships began to flow in even before the campaign started. Two tied for the place as first contributors, Charles A. Busteed and Joseph Richardson, sr. Harry W. Chambers and Mrs. T. R. L. Price were among other early renewers of membership.

As heretofore the honorary membership campaign is designed to build up the company treasury and provide funds for purchasing hose, gasoline, oil and other necessities and establish a sinking fund for replacement of engines and equipment.

Dues are $2 which may be left at Mr. Price's office on Lawyer's Row, at O. K. Nelson's Shop, the Bartlett Hardware Store or with any member of the company.

## Prime Homemakers Install 1940 Officers

The Price Homemakers' Club met Tuesday afternoon for its first meeting of the new year at the home of Mrs. J. Clark Cosden. The president called the meeting to order, the members each received their programs and paid their council fees for the year. A very interesting demonstration on the care and exercise of the feet and selection of shoes was given by Miss Helen Harner, county demonstration agent.

At this time the new officers were installed as follows: President, Mrs. Olin Chance; vice-president, Mrs. Casper Clough; secretary, Mrs. Harry Coleman; treasurer, Mrs. Ralph Swan; musical director, Mrs. F. W. Brower; publicity, Mrs. D. V. Cecil; project demonstrators, Mrs. J. W. McKenney and Miss Margaret Leager.

Those present were Mrs. Bryan Price and Mrs. Roland Price, of Rich Neck; Mrs. Floyd Cahall and son, of Pioneer Point Farms; Mrs. Edward Cronshaw, of Barclay; Mrs. J. W. McKenney, Mrs. J. O. Chance, Mrs. D. V. Cecil, Mrs. J. W. Moore, Mrs. Melvin Chance, Mrs. George Mullikin, Mrs. Robert Stieff and daughter, Miss Delores, Miss Margaret Leager, Miss Helen Harner, Mrs. Casper Clough, Mrs. Joseph Taylor, Mrs. Steve Bostic, Mrs. Thos. Cook, Mrs. Roy Cronshaw and Mrs. Cosden. The club is invited to meet in February with Mrs. Frank Brower.

## Scouts Pile Up Good Deeds On Sunday

Queenstown Boy Scouts will resume their regular meetings Tuesday evening at Queenstown School. Sickness and school examinations have forestalled sessions for the past two weeks.

Scout activities have proceeded during the week. The Boys have aided in scattering feed on Dr. W. H. Spear's estate on Wye River. Five Scouts did a week's good deeds on Sunday when they devoted the day co-operating with the Red Cross and the Welfare Office in gathering and delivering food, clothing, medicine and other comforts to needy families in Grasonville. The Scouts participating were George Aldridge, jr., Robert Wagner, James Morris, Gene Roberts and John Short, jr.

**WARD VISITS COUNTY**

Congressman David J. Ward made a flying visit to Queen Anne's county on Friday, meeting a number of old friends and stopping for a visit with Senator William R. Wilson at Ingleside.

## *Blizzard Ruined Day's Business*

**STORM COSTLY TO MERCHANTS. TRAVEL HALTED BY SNOW**

Last week's blizzard gave Centreville merchants and perhaps many other merchants in Queen Anne's county one of its poorest business days on record. With the exception of food stores Wednesday was almost a dead failure. Merchants might have borrowed a line from a celebrated New York abuser of the King's English and "stood in bed."

One business man of more than a quarter of a century's experience said it was the worst day he had had since he entered business. Another used almost identical words. At one large establishment which draws most of its trade from outside the town it was said that not a single customer had come in all day long.

Merchants were disinclined to say much about their business, or lack of it, feeling perhaps that they were exceptions. But with roads closed and shanks' mare the only available means of travel, they were all in the same fix, as cursory inquiry showed.

Centreville was slow in digging itself out of the drifts. So have been several other communities, including a few large communities in other counties. The unexpected snowfall found no cash on hand for snow removal and in Centreville provoked considerable discussion between those who held that the snow should be carted away and hang the cost, and those who held it was financially inexpedient.

One enterprising truck owner offered to cart the snow from in front of premises at a cost of about $2 per place. He developed only a moderate amount of business.

Main highways were cleaned very effectively by the State Roads force but drifting made it necessary to do the same task over. Dirt roads which were broken, filled again on Saturday.

One odd feature of the storm was the number of instances in which householders were led to believe that their roofs leaked. In a half dozen cases the force of the wind had sifted snow under eaves and into attics. When the snow melted it started through ceilings. One householder near Centreville found a two-foot heap of snow in what he had thought a dry attic.

As far as wheat fields are concerned, the consensus is that the grain will be benefited, unless some further freak in the weather should cause standing water to form later and remain.

With the advent of February county farmers usually begin thinking of sowing lespedeza and in mild seasons, a little clover. This February shows no signs of seed purchases in view.

## *Women Hear Talk On Fundamentals*

**University Instructor Speaks On Bases Of Home Family**

Mrs. Hester B. Provenson, instructor of public speaking at the University of Maryland, addressed the Centreville Woman's Club at their regular meeting in the Rest Room Monday afternoon. Mrs. Provenson's topic was "Fundamentals"—of home and family. Members of other women's organizations were guests at the session.

Co-operating with the Maryland Federated Women's Clubs who are sponsoring the planting of 600 hardwood trees in Annapolis, the Centreville club has contributed a fund to allow for purchasing a tree, planting and caring for it.

A report on Red Cross activities in Queen Anne's was given by Mrs. Harry C. Reynolds, county chairman.

Plans are progressing for the benefit card party to be held in the Rest Room on February 14th.

The March meeting of the Club will take the form of a covered dish luncheon and birthday party at the home of Mrs. Paul R. Weldie.

## Mother Of Frank W. Brower Dies

Mrs. Sarah Frances Brower, wife of Dr. Charles F. Brower, of Gainesville, Va., and mother of Frank W. Brower, of Price, died from paralysis at Leesburg Hospital, Leesburg, on Tuesday. She was 76 years old.

Mrs. Brower had been a frequent visitor at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brower, at Price. She was of very pleasant disposition and was held in much esteem in that community.

She is survived by her husband, three sons, Charles F. Brower, jr., of Purcellville, Va.; Frank W. Brower, of Price; and William S. Brower, of Gainesville, Va.; two daughters, Mrs. R. H. Willis, of Roanoke, Va., and Mrs. E. A. Willis, of Alexandria, Va.; and a brother, S. B. Sanders, of Marshall, Va. Fourteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild also remain.

Funeral services were held from Sudley Methodist Church at Gainesville, Va., Thursday afternoon.

# Seek WPA Project For School Annex

## Fellowship Marks Parish Reunion

Warm with a sense of reunion and good fellowship and successful to the fullest hopes the 300th Anniversary celebration of St. Paul's Parish closed Sunday morning with a service at which the Anniversary sermon was delivered by the Rev. James Archibald Mitchell, of Englewood, N. J.

Inclement weather and roads blocked with one of the heaviest snowfalls in many years failed to dim the enthusiasm of the celebration. A few expected visitors were forced to admit they could not conquer traffic conditions, yet a surprising number braved the elements to be present.

The features of the celebration were the opening service on the morning of St. Paul's Day, January 25, the parish banquet Saturday evening, a Thanksgiving Service of Holy Communion Sunday morning and the Anniversary sermon at the 11 o'clock service the same morning.

More than 200 parishioners, former parishioners and guests crowded both floors of the Parish House for the banquet. The guest of honor was Mrs. Alward Chamberlaine, widow of the rector of St. Paul's.

The Right Rev. William McClelland, Bishop of the Easton Diocese, headed the after-dinner speaking list and also offered the invocation and pronounced benediction.

Rev. Thomas Donaldson, rector of the parish, was an able and witty toastmaster. Brief addresses were given by R. E. C. Lowe, Senior Warden of St. Paul's; the Rev. Walter C. Eastburn, of St. Luke's Parish at Church Hill; the Rev. H. V. Branford, of Centreville Methodist Church; the Rev. L. C. Randall, of Grace Methodist Church; the Rev. Robert Gibson, of Charlottesville, Va., a former rector of St. Paul's; Senator Dudley G. Roe; E. M. Forman, as the oldest parishioner; Jackson R. Collins, as the guest from the longest distance; William R. Horney, as the first to make a reservation; and the popular Rev. James A. Mitchell, son of a former rector and long a favorite with the congregation.

The addresses were principally informal and in lighter tone, especially fine ones being given by the Rev. Mr. Gibson and the Rev. Mr. Mitchell. A tone of reminiscence and pride in the old parish marked the speaking.

Letters from former rectors and others were read by the Rev. Mr. Donaldson, each of them extending congratulations to the parish on its 300th year. The writers were the Rev. Walter B. Stehl, of Hagerstown; the Rev. J. Dirickson Cummins, of Swampscott, Mass.; the Rev. William C. Marshall; the Rev. Dr. Chas. W. Clash, of Wilmington; the Rev. Leighton H. Nugent, of St. Louis, Mo.; Walter W. Derr, organist and choirmaster at St. Paul's more than a generation ago; Mrs. Edwin H. Brown, Washington; Mrs. Justin Powell, Macon, Ga.; Mrs. R. A. Cairns, Waterbury, Conn.; Walter T. Brown, New York City; Mrs. A. M. Hance, Philadelphia; Captain Philip W. Reeves, New Orleans; Mrs. Harold Davis, Washington, and Ralph Robinson, Baltimore.

Colored motion pictures of churches in Queen Anne's and Kent with a few shots of wild ducks and other extraneous but entertaining items were shown by John McKenney as an interlude in the speechmaking.

The Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock had the color and charm of a cathedra lservice. Participating in it were Bishop McClelland, Rev. Mr. Donaldson, Rev. Mr. Gibson, Rev. Mr. Eastburn and Rev. Mr. Mitchell.

## *Would Restore Queenstown Harbor*

**Allan Lovelace Plans Yacht Basin, Fuel Station**

An initial effort to establish a yacht basin in Queenstown harbor, repair the old wharf and bring back some of the former life of the harbor is being made by Allan (Bus) Lovelace of Queenstown, who has but one more hurdle to cross to see his way clear. That is a lease on the wharf.

Mr. Lovelace plans to repair the wharf, install a filling station for fuel oil, gas and water, and later a marine supply station, at his own expense. He will also set out can buoys for anchorage for boats. The pier will be available to the public without charge. Mr. Lovelace will not handle food supplies for visiting yachtsmen himself, but will arrange to handle them through Queenstown merchants.

His proposition has met with approval by the Queenstown Town Commissioners, the County Commissioners and the Queenstown Lions Club. A petition to aid him in clearing the final hurdle is being circulated this week.

Mr. Lovelace has been assured that at least one noted yacht club will arrange to have its summer tours included one to Queenstown in the event that harbor facilities can be provided. He says that he believes other clubs may come to Queenstown also. Because time remaining before the summer season is short some of the clubs may not include Queenstown on their schedule this summer.

Two years at least will be needed to round out all of Mr. Lovelace's plans but in the event that he can start seasonably he expects to have sufficient accommodations for the coming summer.

Queenstown was once a stopping place for Chesapeake Bay boatlines and a termius of the present Love Point ferry. A number of pleasure crafts still visit the harbor in summer but their stay is short because of lack of facilities.

## *LANE GUERNSEYS TOP DAIRY HERDS*

**Show Highest Average Production Per Cow in 1939**

Milk production as shown by the monthly tests of the Queen Anne's Dairy Herd Improvement Association stepped up during 1939. Marks of the leading animals and herds were uniformly high, so much so that animals which just made the blue ribbon mark of forty pounds of butterfat in a month were lost in competitive obscurity.

High herd for the entire year was the Guernsey collection of Allan Browning Lane at Spencer's Landing. The animals averaged 712.2 pounds of milk and 33.2 pounds of butterfat per month for the entire year, an outstanding record. It represents an average production for each cow during the year of 8546.4 pounds of milk and 398.4 pounds of butterfat.

The leading herds by monthly averages were: 1st, Mr. Lane's; 2d, Mrs. John Chambers' Bloomfield herd, 591 pounds of milk per cow per month, 26.9 pounds of butterfat; 3d, Byam K. Stevens of Northwest Point, milk, 535, butterfat, 25.5; 4th, H. N. Harrison of Land's End, and Luther L. Gadd, of Readbourne, milk, 546, butterfat, 25.1; 6th, B. F. McGuckin of White's Heritage, milk, 576, butterfat, 24.2.

Twenty-six herd owners are now rating their animals regularly through Thomas G. Hayden, tester for the Association. Figures still show, says Mr. Hayden, that owners do not breed their animals so as to get highest production during the months when the milk prices are best.

**TO ARMY SCHOOL**

Captain Victor P. Gillespie, commander of Company K, has been assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia, for a three months' training period. He is one of two officers of the First Regiment who will attend the school. Captain Gillespie leaves on February 20 and this year will miss the annual State and Federal inspection of Company K to be held April 20.

## Skilled Labor To Come From County

All general contract bids for the erection of Centreville high school annex were rejected by the County Commissioners and the Building Committee at a conference in the Courthouse Tuesday afternoon and a decision reached to have the structure erected under WPA auspices. Subcontracts using skilled labor not supplied by the WPA were let to a number of local bidders so as to provide work for skilled labor in the county as far as possible.

Several thousand dollars will be saved by having the Annex completed as a WPA project as compared with the lowest of the general bids. The project more comprehensive than the general bids will cost about $43,000 and with equipment needed for school purposes will bring the total outlay to about $50,000.

The WPA project has already been approved by the Salisbury and Baltimore offices and is in Washington awaiting final approval. This is expected by the middle of February.

Present alterations on the high school are expected to be completed by the first week in March and the building made ready for occupancy early in that month. Construction will pass immediately to the Annex. This is required to be completed in six months. However, County Superintendent of Schools Franklin D. Day anticipates that the work will be kept ahead of schedule and that the Annex will be ready for use by the opening of the coming school year in September.

Norman P. Walters, supervisor of the present WPA project, will be in charge of the Annex project also. This project will include sidewalks, grading and other improvements not contemplated in the general contracts and will also include some $1200 worth of built-in equipment for the two Home Economics rooms to be included in the structure.

The Annex will be built adjoining the present structure on land not now used for playground purposes or school use except lawn. It will include an auditorium-gymnasium, Home Economics kitchen and cafeteria, teachers' rooms and other facilities to provide the broad curriculum now established for high schools. When completed, according to Mr. Day, it will enable the school to provide any program available to any high school of its size in Maryland.

While the Annex is not intended to meet any increased enrollment, since none is envisaged, the entire building will be able to accommodate forty or fifty more pupils without crowding should that number be added.

Additional expenditures that will loom up when the building is erected will include such items as 500 auditorium seats, a stage curtain and ordinary furnishings and equipment. The auditorium, incidentally, will be suitable for motion picture presentation.

The Building Committee consists of Dr. J. W. Crowl, president of the County Commissioners, Norman P. Walters, Oliver C. Jones and County Superintendent Day.

## Early Rising Prowler Chased From Home

Frisby Anderson, 16-year-old colored youth who has frequently been in the toils of the law for pilfering, was held under $500 bond for action by the Grand Jury at a hearing before Magistrate J. Elmer Anthony in Police Court Tuesday afternoon. The youth was charged with breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony.

He was alleged to have forced a window at the home of Miss Bessie Chambers on Liberty street in Centreville about 6:30 Monday morning. Miss Chambers happened to be up and hearing the noise, investigated. She arrived in time to see the youth escaping through the window. Sheriff Edward Earle Coursey and Constable Louis Perkins arrested Anderson shortly afterwards.

A few days before a small amount of money was stolen from Miss Chambers' home by a prowler while another resident lost a camera.