

### NEW SCHOOL BUILDING IS UNSUITABLE

State Law Ignored by County Commissioners in Having School Building Erected at Turner's Creek

In November 1924, the one-room school building in the Turner's Creek district of Kent County, Maryland, was completely destroyed by fire.

The children in that district were provided school facilities for the balance of the term by the rental of a room in a private home nearby, until April 1st, and from then 'til the close of school in June by transportation to the Kennedyville school three and one half miles distant. It was found by the latter arrangement that much better educational opportunities could be given the Turner's Creek children at less cost to the county provided the road leading to Kennedyville would be improved so the children could be transported throughout the winter months. This the Board of County Commissioners, who have full charge of road construction and improvement of the county roads, would not agree to do before May 19, 1925, the latest date on which the Board of Education of Kent County, Maryland, could present its budget for the current year to the commissioners. The latter board therefore, included in its budget the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.) for the purpose of erecting a modern one-room school building on the site of the building that had been destroyed. No part of that sum was allowed the Board of Education by the County Commissioners who afterward contracted with Messrs. Alwyn N. Staveland and Ellsworth Bowers, of Lynch, Maryland, for a new building to be raised on the old foundation and to be constructed on the plan of the old building which was altogether without sufficient and

adequate lighting, and the dimensions of which were less than the minimum requirements specified in the school law for new one-room school buildings. The rumor that such action was being considered by the Board of County Commissioners was confirmed by Mr. Jesse Usilton early last July. On the 6th of that month the writer mailed to Messrs. Staveland and Bowers a letter in which he quoted an extract of the law requiring the plans and specifications of all new school buildings to be approved by the State Superintendent of Schools before the contracts are let and a second extract of the law reading as follows:

"Plans for one-room school buildings shall provide for at least these minimum requirements; the school room must be not less than twenty-six feet long, twenty-two feet wide, and ten feet eight inches high; the windows shall be located on one side preferably east or west (elevated half-windows in the rear being permitted); the glass surface shall be not less than one-fifth of the floor space, and the top of the windows shall be within at least one-foot of the ceiling; the bottom of the blackboard shall be not more than thirty inches from the floor; and hat and cloak alcoves must be provided in addition to the school room."

A copy of this letter was mailed also the Board of County Commissioners for Kent County, Maryland, on July 6, 1925. The requirements of the law quoted above were ignored by the county commissioners. The building has been completed and the height of the classroom is only nine feet while the lowest ceiling permitted by law is ten feet eight inches. The room is also lighted on three sides, whereas the light should come from one side only to protect the eyes of the children. Furthermore, the glass area of the windows is much less than one-fifth of the floor area.

The building was started the early part of October. Operations were rushed and the writer did not know that the work had been begun until

the building was half erected. He then prepared a petition asking for an injunction against the completion of the building EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS GIVEN IN THE SCHOOL LAW. Before the petition could be gotten before the Kent County Court the structure was completed and the injunction proceedings were dropped. No attention whatever was paid to the writer's efforts to have a proper building erected.

The right of the County Commissioners to spend tax money for school purposes of any kind was questioned and under date of July 13th the writer asked the opinion of the State law department on this matter. Mr. Herbert Levy, Assistant Attorney General in his reply said: "It is clear from these sections (sections of the law previously cited by him) that exclusive authority with reference to the expenditure of school funds, vested by taxation under Section 56, is derived in the school authorities."

The building as it now stands can not be accepted by the Board of Education and unless it is altered at once to meet the requirements of the law arrangements will be made to transport the Turner's Creek school children to the Kennedyville school during such time that the road conditions will permit.

LOUIS C. ROBINSON,  
County Supt. of Schools.

#### American Education Week in Galena

American Education Week in Galena proved to be a great success. Among those who visited the school in session were:

Mrs. Howard Stradley, Mrs. Wm. Wood, Mrs. Thomas Cruickshank, Mrs. C. M. Davis, Mrs. W. H. Ward, Mrs. H. A. Bolton, Mrs. Roland Pennington, Mrs. Keane Horsey, Mrs. W. D. LeCates, Mrs. C. Guthrie, Mrs. G. R. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Baynard, Mrs. E. T. Massey, Mrs. Dudley Everett, Mrs. James Woodall, Jr., Mrs. John Welch, Mrs. Wm. Hyland and little daughter Mary, Mrs. James Taylor, Mrs. Jas. Hickes, Mrs. Ernest Hicks, Mrs. John Moffett, Mrs. John Newman, Mrs. John Naylor, Mrs. Clark Colgan, Mrs. Fred Boyles, Mrs. Eva McCauley, Mrs. William Fow.

On Friday from 2:00 p. m. until 3:00 p. m. the following program was rendered to a large audience:

Song by school, "Battle Hymn of Republic"; Scripture reading, Miss Ware; Lord's Prayer; Reading, "American Education Week Proclamation," Evelyn Bailey; Piano Solo, "Flower Song," Grace Tomlinson; Talk, "Why Schools Must Progress," Elizabeth Sutton; Recitations, "H," by Catherine Caulk; Group of songs by primary children in which was included the salute to the flag by school; History of flag, Grace Calley; Recitation, "A Patriotic Wish," Robert Welch; Song by school, "Star Spangled Banner," Recitation, "Looking Forward," Charlotte Woodall and Elmer Bayles; Reading, Eva Williams; Song, "America, Here's My Boy," Class, 1925; Recitation, "November," Lucy Cruickshank; Talk, "An Important Fact To Be Emphasized During American Education Week," Wm. Tomlinson; Announcements, Miss Ware; Song by school, "America."

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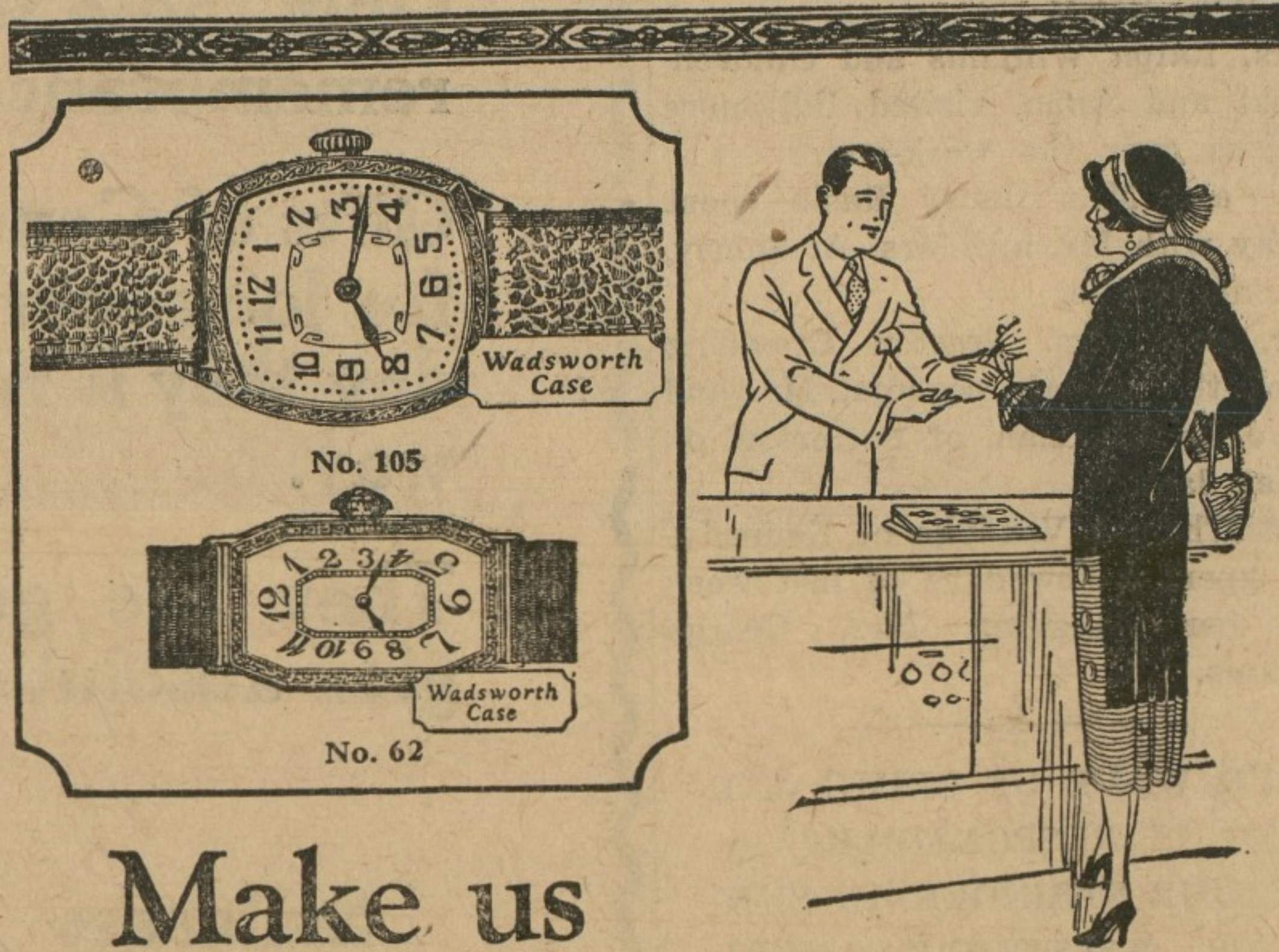
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