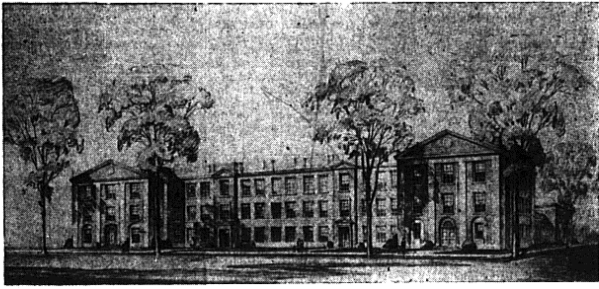


Doubling Public School Class Room Space



Modern, Fireproof Addition to Relieve Crowded Condition

The Barrington public school system will benefit by the ultimate completion of the present WPA project adding another wing to the present building on S. Hough street, by creating approximately square foot of classroom space equal to 50 per cent of the combined total of the old building and the north wing, completed in 1925.

The project was started in January, 1936, and was originally planned as a two story addition with just the outer structure completed with federal aid. When the building was under construction, the WPA approved the addition of another floor, making the total class rooms 18, instead of 12 as planned.

During the past two months the board of education has awarded contracts for plumbing, lighting, heating, floors, stairs and other interior finish work.

In the old building, built in the 1890's, and the later north wing, there are approximately 40,694 square feet of class room space, utilizing all basement rooms. In the new addition, there are 21,340 square feet of class room space.

With 18 new class rooms when all three floors are completed, it will not be necessary to use basement rooms except for vocational subjects, as woodworking, printing, art, and building trades.

The first and third floors are being completed as they are needed, the board of education doing the building with current revenue received in majority from back taxes and 1935 and prior. No bond issue was floated for the project. The original figure of \$10,000 as the school's share and \$30,000 from the WPA for the unfinished shell. The two wings shown in the ar-

chitect's sketch above are not being constructed, merely designed for future expansion. Contracts since then have raised the school's share to approximately \$30,000. The north wing when it was constructed in 1925 was done with an \$80,000 bond issue, including the remodeling in the old part.

The most pleasing feature of the new wing is its absolute fireproofness. The window frames are the only exterior of wood. The floors are of poured concrete with concrete supports. The exterior walls are pressed brick and limestone. Hardwood floors will be laid in the class rooms and halls, and terrazzo floors in the stairs which are to be ornamental ironwork. The space is so designed in the building that as the class rooms are added their size may be decreased or increased as future demands warrant.

The flexibility of this space makes it highly desirable for increased enrollment in the future. Approximately 250 students could be moved over in this manner to reduce the crowded condition now existing. Insurance rates will also benefit from the new addition which will add several more exits to the total, thereby reducing the hazard of personal damage by fire.

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