## City of Newton Newton(North) High School

Historical Mural Restoration and Installation CPC Project Request

**November 5, 2015** 

## The Story of Lt. Brown

- Stafford Leighton Brown graduated from Newton High School in 1915.
- He attended Dartmouth College, and in 1917, joined the American Ambulance Field Service, and was sent to France.
- He became a pilot and flew in the famous Lafayette Flying Corps.

### Lt. Brown in uniform:



 His plane crashed in Oct. 1918, just six weeks before the war ended, and Lt.
 Brown is buried in an American Cemetery in France.

 He once wrote: "I would like to be remembered for having done something worthwhile, or for dying in the attempt."

### Mural in Brown's Honor

- In 1936 Maurice Compris was commissioned to paint a three-part mural entitled "Citizenship."
- The mural was dedicated to the memory of Lt. Brown and hung in the Newton High School library.
- Each panel depicts an aspect of life and education in the city.

### Mural in Brown's Honor

 Mrs. Eugenie Stafford Brown (Stafford's mother) was present at the dedication of the murals in 1936, and according to The Newtonite, she paid for the materials that Compris used to create them.

 She also established a scholarship in her son's name, which is still given annually to "a deserving Newton North student."

#### Center Panel – "Education"

in Original Installation

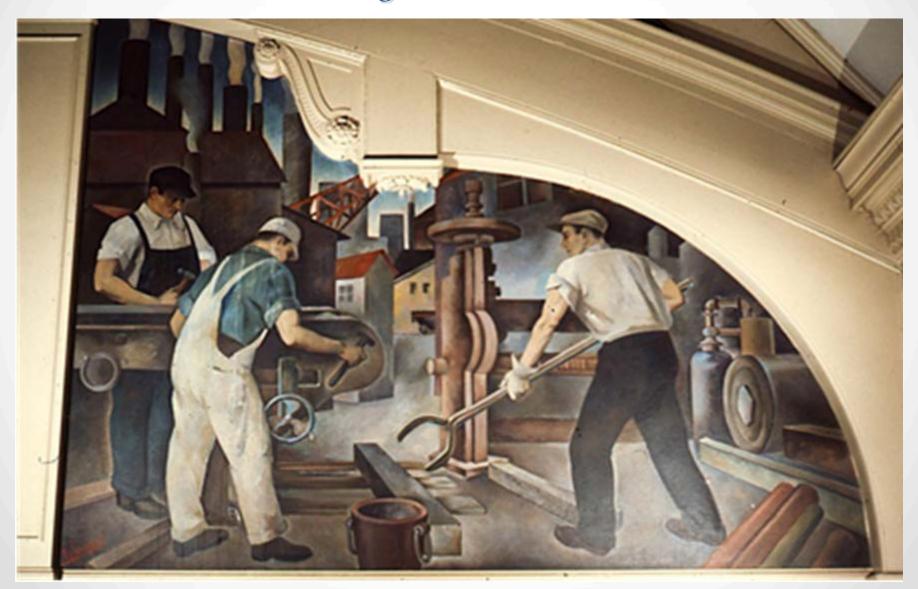


### Left Panel – "Commerce"

in Original Installation



# Right Panel – "Industry" in Original Installation



### The "WPA Mural"

- The mural was often called "the WPA mural."
- Compris did do some work for the WPA, but we have no evidence that this mural was funded by the WPA.
- It certainly is in the style of many similar works funded by the WPA.

### Mural Restoration

- In 1973 Newton High was torn down; the center panel was moved to the new NNHS and hung in the cafeteria until 2010. The two side panels were rolled up and stored.
- In 2010 the new Newton North opened; the center panel was found to be in need of significant restoration.
- It was decided to apply for CPA funds to restore all three panels of the original mural.

### Future Plans

 We hope to fully restore the mural, and hang it prominently in Newton North.

# PROPOSED FY2016 RESTORATION BUDGET

**Conservation Restoration** 

Installation Admin Fee

See reformatted/corrected project budget as of 18 December 2015, posted separately on Newton CPC website.

\$ 82,200

\$ 17,100

\$ 15,600

**Total Projected Expenses \$114,900** 

### Thank You!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

 We hope that you will approve our request to add another chapter to the story of this dramatic work of public art!