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JUST CHATTIN'

By W. W. EDGAR

Several weeks ago, at the height of the Yuletide season, the Livonia Board of Education dropped a bomb on the populace with a request for a nine-mill increase in taxes and a nine million dollar bond issue.

Coming at the time of year when we are preaching Brotherly Love and supposed to be at our jovial best, the request seemed to dull some of the Christmas Spirit.

Stunned by the boldness of the request and its poor timing I stated that it was about time we asked a few questions, such as:

- 1—How is our money being spent?
- 2—Are we getting our money's worth?
- 3—What about architect's fees? Is it necessary to have an architect for each new school when we already have the plans? Why couldn't we just duplicate the building in another area?
- 4—Why couldn't we make better use of our schools by having double shifts or running 13 months?

These are all good questions and have been asked many times during our population explosion and its attendant school building boom.

But after I asked them I recalled one of the teachings of the great old editor who started me down the river of printer's ink on a journalistic career.

"One of the marks of a good newspaper reporter," he said, "is not that you have all the answers—but that you know where to get them."

Well, it so happened that I didn't have to go search of the answers. I was invited to come and get them.

Among the many phone calls from folks who spoke with mixed emotions came two invitations to visit the offices of the Board of Education in the quiet of the evening to discuss the subject and, perhaps, get the answers I wanted.

And so it was that I set down with Benton Yates, Superintendent of Schools, and Ron Upton, of his staff, for what turned out to be a most delightful visit.

After exchanging a few pleasantries, Upton opened the flood gates of information with the explanation that while the office had rich ideas and plans, the panelled walls were movable and lent themselves to an economic operation if at any time in the future it was necessary to enlarge any of the rooms.

All the while Supt. Yates was piling the desk with all manner of charts and pamphlets that told the story behind the request for the nine mills and the bond issue.

"You know," he said, "one of your questions concerned architect's fees and the duplication of buildings inasmuch as we had plans."

"Let me tell you what we have done. First, under state law, there must be an architect for each building. But we have been doubling up for more than a decade. For example, away back in 1953 we built the Wilson and Harrison elementary schools—and they are duplicates."

"Then, warning up to his subject, Yates quickly added: 'We have four junior high schools that are duplicates. There's Bryant, built in 1962, Robert Frost in 1964, Holmes in Section 17 and Washington No. 6, on Hix Road. What's more Emerson and Riley Junior High Schools were built in 1956 and they are duplicates.'"

"And I might add," he continued, "that the Franklin and Stevenson High Schools are virtually duplicates. This doubling up has brought about a reduction in the architect's fees."

"Would you believe it?" Upton interrupted. "Two sacrificed kitchens for classrooms in many schools and cater the lunches to save money."

"You asked about double shifts," Yates pointed out. "We tried that for a time and found that the education provided was not as good. We had to shorten the periods and curtail use of athletic facilities."

We also learned that year-round operation of the schools brought confusion. The youngsters had different vacation times in the same family. In college, where a boy or girl is away from home, this might work but not in elementary and high schools—and they are duplicates."

"We built Franklin at a cost of \$11.80 per square foot, including air conditioning. And don't forget," he added, "at our present rate of growth we are building an average of two and one half class rooms a week—and at the same time our tax base is getting smaller."

It was quite a revelation and an education just to sit and listen.

But I got the answers.

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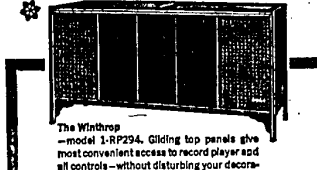
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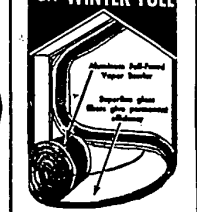
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