

Year Round School Bill Studied By Lawmakers

A new legislative bill, if passed, will encourage school districts to adopt the 12-month school plan, according to State Board of Education member James F. O'Neill.

O'Neill, a Livonia Republican, said the bill aims at passing out state school aid on the basis of the average daily enrollment throughout the school year.

The present law distributes aid on the basis of a single enrollment figure—the number of pupils enrolled as of the fourth Friday of the school year, sometime in October.

WHAT'S THE difference?
The present law provides a flat figure. There is no incentive, O'Neill said, for school districts to adopt the year-around plan.

The new bill, by looking at average daily enrollments would provide more aid to schools which attempt to operate on a regular basis in the summer, too.

The bill, which has O'Neill's endorsement, will be introduced by State Rep. James Farnsworth, an Allegan County Republican.

O'Neill, a champion of the year-around plan, holds that the nine-month school year with a summer vacation is a vestige of the farm days and represents a partial waste of school facilities.

HE POINTED to several developments which show that his idea is catching on.

One was the Ohio Senate's passage last week of a year-around school bill. The House must concur in the Senate version for final passage.

Another was the adoption of the year-around plan by Atlanta and six neighboring school districts. Combined, they enroll one-third of Georgia's pupils, O'Neill said.

'Y' Tour To Art Exhibit Set

A YWCA members tour to the special Van Gogh exhibit in Toledo is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24.

The exhibit, one of two showings in the United States before it returns permanently to the Netherlands, will include 97 drawings and watercolors.

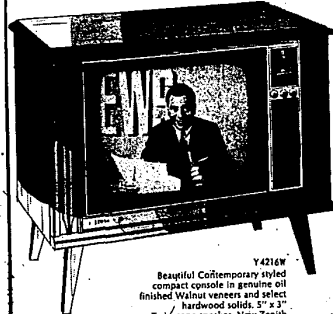
A chartered bus will leave Northwest YWCA, 25940 Grand River at 8 a.m. and return approximately at 5:30 p.m. Marvin Beerbohm, artist-teacher, will be on hand with notes and information for the Toledo tour.

Reservations are necessary. Trip cost including entrance to the exhibit is \$4.50. Call KE 7-8500.

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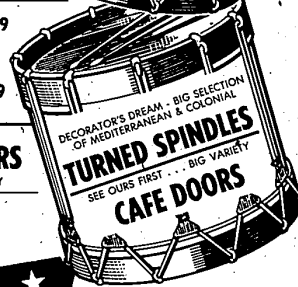
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