

Danger Of Half-Days Outlined For Voters

The educational damage caused by half-days of classes and shortened class days was outlined by Harry Howard, superintendent of the Wayne Community School District, whose voters will decide June 10 on a seven mill school tax increase for one year.

Howard, whose district includes most of Westland, pointed out that half-days of classes for 4,500 elementary students and shortened classroom days for all of the junior and senior high pupils and the closing of the Stevenson Junior High and Hoover Elementary before they even open their doors next fall are high among the list of "alternatives" the school board must act on if the millage is defeated.

Howard said:

"Many questions are being asked as to why the Board chose to only ask for this millage for one year. The best answer can be found in the word 'hope'."

"The board hopes that the Thomas Study will be implemented at the next session of the State Legislature. It also plans to start a citizen movement to give assistance to the legislature to implement a program of property tax relief. In the meantime the Board must have operating funds to continue its program."

"Since the Board does not anticipate nor see how it could conduct another election, in event of a defeat in time to levy the millage for the next school year, the following areas of cutbacks have been agreed upon:

"1--The new Stevenson Junior High School and the new Hoover Elementary School are not to be opened. Money saved here will be in the area of operations and other personnel.

"2--Approximately 500 elementary students are to be placed on half-day sessions. These are not the half-day sessions which have been conducted in the Wayne Community School District in the past. Previously a teacher has taught a group of students in the morning and another teacher has taught a group of students in the afternoon. This was because of a shortage of classrooms and not of operating funds. The type of half-days the Board is talking about at this juncture will have one teacher teaching a group of students in the morning and another group in the afternoon. In this way a considerable amount of savings will be realized.

"3--Approximately 7,400 junior and senior high students are to have a four period day instead of six. This will cut greatly into the elective subjects that a student may take and students will be required to take those courses that are specifically geared toward graduation credits. It will also mean that a student will be someplace other than school for two hours each day. In other words the school day is being cut by one-third.

"4--Reduction in administration and supervision. Reductions in this area will be accomplished by not opening the buildings, and principally in the area of coordination of programs.

"5--Reduction in secretarial, custodial, maintenance, health services, attendance services, and cafeteria services to reflect not opening two new schools and one-half day sessions. Greatest savings in this area will be in custodial and secretarial personnel not hired because of the opening of the two new schools. Cafeteria services will be greatly curtailed because most students will not be in the schools at the time of the day when lunch would need to be served.

"6--Reduction in student activities due to curtailed program and shortened day. Many different things spell success to many different students. The thing that whets the academic appetite of one student may not appeal at all to another. The possibility of participating in a wide variety of activities will be greatly curtailed by the shortened day at the senior high schools. Many of the students simply will not come back after having been dismissed around noon for after school activities. Past experience has indicated a dropping off of all of these activities due to shortened days.

"7--REDUCTION IN summer school program. For the past few years this program has been increasing at a rapid rate each summer. In event that cutbacks are needed the program will be reduced to the bare necessities, perhaps to enable only those who need additional credits to graduate from high school.

"8--Increase in continuing education fees. This program has shown tremendous growth in recent years. It is performing a real service to the adult citizenry of our community. At present the Board subsidizes it to the amount of about \$15,000 to \$17,000 per year. Increased fees to the students would have to make up this difference in order for the program not to be curtailed.

"9--Other reductions where possible. This would include a multitude of cutbacks in all areas. The Board of Education will have to speed many hours in working out the related details to the above if cuts become necessary due to a defeat of the millage on June 10.

"EACH OF US needs to weigh heavily the impact of half-day sessions on elementary school students. Certainly the amount of education gained in two and one-half to three hours can not compare to a full day of instruction.

"At the secondary level, seventy per cent of the \$7 million of U.S. paper money printed each day is in \$1 bills.

Dollars Plentiful

BEDROOM BUY!

SOLID OAK

YOUR CHOICE \$55.00

SOLID OAK COORDINATED OPEN STOCK SELECTION

- Corner Desk
- Hutch Bookcase
- 2-Door Cabinet
- 2-Drawer Commodes

- Smart Desk Chair
- Trundle Bed
- Student Desk
- 4-Drawer Chest
- Bunk Bed

ALSO AVAILABLE BUNK 'n' TRUNDLE BED CENTER

7210 MIDDLEBELT ROAD, Corner of Warren
425-7110 - Open daily 9:30-9, Tuesday 'til 6

program would suffer to the point that within two years both high schools would lose their accreditation. This is something the staff and Board of Education like to work very hard to attain and maintain. It is something of which the community is justly proud.

"It is interesting to note that this year's twelfth grade student who is graduating entered school in September of 1955. If he entered in the Wayne Community School District and has attended for the full thirteen years, the community and the State has an investment of about \$6,400 in his education. If he is an only child and his parent an average taxpayer the parent has contributed less than \$2,500 through taxes to his education.

"To those who would knock the system of everyone helping to pay for the education of our youth, this should be a very appealing story.

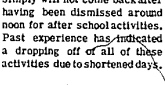
"All of us will benefit either directly or indirectly through the success of these seniors who are graduating this year, they total more than 700 at the two high schools.

"Their chances of becoming productive, contributing and tax paying members of our society are much greater than if they had not had the exposure to the type of program they have enjoyed. Society will be much better because of the effort which the community has exerted to educate each of these students. Our welfare and social

burden will undoubtedly be lessened in the future because of the effort put forth by the community and the assurance that the community cared enough to make an education possible for each of these students.

"If you are concerned about the alternatives listed above and desire to assist the Board of Education in passage of the 7.4 millage, please contact the principal of your school and volunteer your services to the Citizen Advisory Committee."

ED McMAHON says... **Pick a Pair**



buy Budweiser.

Gunningham's DRUG STORES

Prescription Specialists

It's PICNIC TIME!

SUPER DISCOUNTS ON BAR-B-Q AND PICNIC NEEDS

BRECK SHAMPOO
1.27

ANACIN TABLETS
1.69

CEPACOL ANTISEPTIC
63¢

COLGATE DENTAL CREAM
57¢

COTTON BALLS
49¢

ASPIRIN
43¢

Cocktail Nuts
69¢

COOLERS
ALPINE ICE CHEST WITH GAL. JUG
PORTABLE "PIGGY-BACK" COOLER
5.77

COOLER JUG
HALF GALLON - REG. 1.19
KEEPS DRINKS COLD FOR HOURS
99¢

FOAM COOLER
6 PACK-VACUCEL
8 QT. SIZE - HOLDS A SIX-PACK
73¢

PICNIC BASKET
WOVEN
18" x 10" x 12"
REGULAR 2.33
1.99

CHARCOAL BRIQUETS
10 LB. BAG
49¢

CHARCOAL LIGHTER FLUID
QUART - REGISTERED BRAND
33¢

KNACK RAZOR
REG. 1.49 - GILLETTE
NEW! 99¢

PICNIC BAG
INSULATED
WITH ZIPPER OPENING
REGULAR 1.66
1.49

SEA and SKI SUNTAN LOTION
6 OZ. - REG. 2.28
1.77

NOXZEMA SKIN CREAM
10 OZ. - REG. 1.48
96¢

RAID HOUSE and GARDEN SPRAY
14 OZ. - REG. 1.49
1.09

ZORRI SLIPPERS
MEN'S 49¢
LADIES' 39¢

SEAT CUSHION
COIL WIRE
1.66

PORTABLE RADIO
REGULAR 14.97 - 10 TRANSISTOR
WITH CARRY CASE
11.99

ICE CREAM
HALF-GALLON - MAC DIARMID'S
Orange Pineapple
plus other popular flavors
77¢

Right Guard DEODORANT
JUST UNBEATABLE 7 OZ. - REG. 1.48
88¢

COPPERTONE OIL or LOTION
JUST UNBEATABLE 2 OZ.
59¢

Marshmallows
JUST UNBEATABLE CAMPFIRE
ONE POUND BAG
22¢

SEA and SKI SUNTAN LOTION
JUST UNBEATABLE 6 OZ. - REG. 2.28
1.77

NOXZEMA SKIN CREAM
JUST UNBEATABLE 10 OZ. - REG. 1.48
96¢

RAID HOUSE and GARDEN SPRAY
JUST UNBEATABLE 14 OZ. - REG. 1.49
1.09

MEDI-QUIK FIRST-AID SPRAY
3 OZ. WT. - REG. 1.79
1.07

GERITOL TABLETS
40" - REG. 2.37
1.83

Stris PLASTIC TRAVEL BOTTLES
SMALL OR LARGE
SOAP DISH
Toothbrush Holder
CREAM JAR
Your Choice
2 FOR 29¢

Gunningham's DRUG STORE

'D' CELL BATTERIES 6 FOR 77¢