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### Are We Cheating Our Children?

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Are we cheating our children? It seems cruel to say, but we're convinced that we have to answer in the affirmative. We're intelligent enough to know that we can't come up with a simple, pat answer to our school problems in Brookings-Harbor School District 17c—but we do realize that we have a definite problem.

We feel that our children are being deprived of the greatest thing that we as parents and citizens can offer them—a complete education. Anything less than a complete education isn't enough.

Read what Lawrence G. Derthick, Commissioner of education, told a subcommittee of General Education before the House of Representatives recently.

He reports "When children are on double shifts they attend school less than the minimum five or six hours per day required by law in most states. These laws concerning the length of the school day have been established to provide a minimum base for the education of school age children. It is very easily seen that over a period of time a child attending school on these double shifts suffers a serious loss in instruction and achievement and is placed at a definite disadvantage in comparison with pupils having benefit of a full day's schooling.

"Even those children who are penalized by a half-day schedule for only one year lose about 20 per cent of their school time. The single, four hour session deprives them of an hour a day, on the average. By the end of the school year this curtailment adds up to a two month loss.

"Morning or afternoon, as a matter of fact, brings the fatigue that arises from a tight schedule. Both children and teachers feel hurried and are never relaxed: There is never quite enough time to finish a job."

z Well! Do the mothers and fathers of Brookings realize that some of the children here have been double shifting for five years and more. At 20 per cent a year—for 5 years—the child is behind his contemporary in other schools by a full year!

But the worst is apparently yet to come. The school population of Brookings and Harbor continues to grow, and yet so many people seem to have do-nothing attitudes. What apparently started out as a temporary measure has now developed into a permanent thing—and we as publishers—and as parents just don't like it.

The effects of half-day schedules? Mr. Derthick says "The effects of half-day schedules and overcrowding are of two types: those of the past that have already denied our children of their educational rights, and those of the future that will determine the security of our citizens and the position of our nation in relation to the other countries of the world.

"For the past decade our children on half-day schedules and in overcrowded classrooms have lost a portion of their basic education: been neglected and submerged in the mass-instructed classroom: suffered frustration at higher grade levels because of inadequate preparation: and have been subjected to circumstances conducive to drop outs and delinquency."

The facts are plain, but a question remains . . . . what are we going to do about it?

### Church of Christ Business Meeting To Be Held Sat. Eve.

Attendance and interest are on the increase in the regular services of the new Brookings Church of Christ which meets in the I. O. O. F. hall each Sunday. The time schedule for these services will be found on the regular church announcement page of this newspaper. A cordial invitation is extended to all, and former members of Churches of Christ and Christian Churches are urged to attend.

The first congregational business meeting of this new church will be held this Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Washburn, 826 Pioneer Road. All members of the church are urged to be present.

### Wood Tells of Bible Truths

Liberating truths of the Bible are universally available and completely practical today, J. Lingon Wood of Vancouver, British Columbia told an audience here Tuesday evening.

"The power and love of God are here to heal, to comfort, to regenerate, and to dispel ignorance with the enlightening truth of the true nature of God and of man's inseparable relationship to Him," Mr. Wood declared.

On extensive tour as a member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship, he spoke under the auspices of Christian Science Society in the V. F. W. Hall

where Miss Connie Bordwell introduced him. Mr. Wood's subject was "Christian Science: The Liberating Light of Truth."

"The most important thing in the world is to know God," he declared.

"Throughout the Bible the light of Truth runs," he said, defining this light as the expression of God. He emphasized that it is spiritual understanding which dispels ignorance of God.

"Without this light of intelligence and understanding, we would not be able to distinguish between right and wrong, good and evil, reality and unreality," he declared.

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