

It may be of interest to psychiatrists, sociologists, and social workers to learn that when Edwards was a youngster he was given tests which yielded the result that he had an inferior I.Q.

As can be seen from the documents which follow, the young Edwards was at first diagnosed as having subnormal intelligence. That this was not true and was not the underlying cause of his criminal behavior was clearly documented by later diagnoses and behavior. On the contrary, Edwards was using his intelligence and ingenuity to mastermind devious, anti-social and illegal means of feeding his need for recognition and identity.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

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PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF EDWARD WAYNE EDWARDS

May 31, 1950

Referral: Ct - P. O. Nurches
Birthdate: 6-14-33
CA: 16 years

Summary and Conclusions

1. This boy has low average intelligence and sometimes he functions well on that level. Again, he becomes erratic and uses it poorly. His achievement is about commensurate with such measurement. Academic work would not be indicated.

2. This person is interested in the Marines and farming. It is important to note that throughout the study, when the Marines were mentioned, he always carried along the alternative—farming. No particular aptitudes were located in this study which might have vocational potential except above average ability with fine muscular control. He is very interested in the Marines and will probably do fairly well if the pressures do not become too great. It is best for Wayne to be away from his grandmother. The Army would be desirable if he cannot make the grade in the Marines.

3. The personality picture is one of a highly disturbed individual who needs psychiatric help. This will probably be impossible since it would take a very long term treatment to make any change. It is a case of a boy who has multiple difficulties most of which it is too late to correct. A positive directional program, such as the services, may offer much for him, but we really cannot hope for too much. Wayne is neurotic and possibly psychotic. His behavior is definitely psychopathic.

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General Observations

Wayne was very talkative. When he was required to wait a short length of time, he would ask to use the phone. This happened on several occasions, and it finally became necessary to cease letting him make calls. This subject cooperated well and did not object to the tests.

Analysis of Test Scores

INTELLIGENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT

The tests give this boy a total intelligence level in the dull normal to low average area of our population. It is to be noted all evaluations of mental ability in this study rate him higher than the ones given at BJR four years ago. It is not enough difference to be too important, but that the scores are consistently higher is worth noting. Our verbal academic Otis gives an I.Q. of 80. The verbal scale of the Wechsler-Bellevue scores 82 I.Q., performance 96 I.Q. and a full

scale of 88 I.Q. The Benton Visual Memory Retention test rates average. We need to remember the last-mentioned measurement is only one kind of intelligence—visual memory—and may, therefore, score differently depending upon how apt the person is in reproducing visual stimuli of this kind. We note performance is significantly higher than verbal. This is a characteristic of the psychopath.

Achievement in arithmetic has reached the sixth grade level according to the Progressive Arithmetic Test which was used as a power test and, therefore, made his highest score in math possible. This person was very pleasant and talkative during the intelligence examinations.

INTERESTS AND APTITUDES

This individual has significant interests in people and nature. These appear as true interests, but he has little aptitude in them which would have vocational directive because of his limited mentality and serious personality difficulties. There is one exception—according to our study—Wayne has excellent muscular ability with some kinds of medium sized hand and finger movements. Fine muscular control, when using a tweezer, is also very good. Such ability is needed in handling very small objects as one is required to do in watchmaking and doing anything which demands fine parts manipulation.

PERSONALITY

All techniques used indicate very poor adjustment in both self and social areas. In the interpretation of his own behavior, this subject believes his worst trouble is staying out all night. He discussed freely his interest in girls and how difficult it is for him to turn them down.

When Wayne is asked to write what is most important, he says the following:

"Well I would like to go in the Marine Corp. but if I can not get in I would like very much to be working on a farm. because I like farm work and I like the taunks that are on a farm. the nost important thant is to keep out of trouble and go on the right trank and to tell onther to do the same that is the way we shout all be."

This boy is capable of planning with some flexibility present. He can be very manic at times. There is an indication of organic brain

damage and some psychotic behavior. He is insecure and sexual disturbance is present.

The summary of the Rorschach follows:

This person has low average intelligence which he can occasionally utilize quite well. There is good reasoning and thinking potential, a faculty for organizing and synthesizing consistent with average intelligence. However, he is subject to great limitations in this functioning. Most of the time this boy merely puts on a facade of intellectuality and good fellowship. He is superficial in the extreme although occasionally there are flashes of good intellectual ability. In other words, his behavior is somewhat erratic, but generally follows the path of least resistance. There is an over compliant alert and pretentious front, but shallow impoverished thinking.

There is some tact and understanding of others, but his emotional rapport with his environment is limited. Wayne attempts to be friendly, to put on a good front, but there is not sufficient depth of understanding, insight or warmth behind it. Wayne is very immature emotionally.

There is a great sterility of thought which is necessarily reflected in this individual's behavior. He not only is narrow in interests and ideas, but is inflexible to the extent that behavior patterns are rigid and adjustment to the necessarily changing environment is difficult.

There is some tendency to pervert ideas, to misunderstand reality. However, this is only occasionally observed. How much it may actually influence his behavior is unknown.

Although Wayne appears to desire a more extroverted personality, actually he is probably more introverted. He is, underneath the facade, a little unsure of himself. There is some emotional blocking and anxiety.

In general, this appears to follow the neurotic pattern in many respects. There are also psychopathic elements.

T.A.T.

This technique confirms our picture of one very superficial in his thinking and behavior. This subject has great need for affection and recognition, especially from a father figure. Death is the way out of many difficulties which usually evolve around close relationships. Punishment causes the persons to be sorry they committed murder. His heroes find it necessary to implore supernatural help, and he has

no hesitancy in meting out "Hell," for their punishment. The pictures in general prompt negative and unpleasant incidents. When the blank card is given and this individual makes up his own story, it is a bit fantastic, but his hero is a baseball player for a "farm team."

Szondi

The Szondi shows our subject is socially maladjusted. He has a strong need for passive affection and attention. There is sexual conflict suggestive of sado-masochistic nature. Emotional outbursts can be expected, and Wayne is likely to show such reactions to outside experiences. Negativism and impulsive behavior are evident. It can be antisocial and of a criminal nature. This boy is overconcerned with age and has a strong dislike for old people.

General instability and unpredictability sum up these personality studies.

BUREAU OF JUVENILE RESEARCH

Columbus 4, Ohio

B.J.R. Case #42406

December 11, 1946

Miss Mary Neldenger, Executive Secretary	(Meyers)
Catholic Service League, Inc.	Name: Edwards, Wayne
138 Fir Hill	Race: White
Akron, Ohio	Born: 6-14-33
	C.A.: 13 yrs, 4 mons.
	M.A.: 10 yrs, 8 mons.

Dear Miss Neldenger:

The following is our summary of findings in the case of Wayne Edwards who was voluntarily committed by your organization and admitted on 10-21-46 to the Bureau of Juvenile Research for a period of observation and examination.

Reason for Referral: Wayne has been presenting behavior problems both at school and at home. He ran away from the Parmadale School in March, 1945. His grandmother thought it would be best for him to remain at home but the boy continued to show bad behavior at the St. Joseph's School where he was enrolled. According to the police department, he was involved this summer in bicycle stealing and will not tell the truth even when the truth would be an advantage to him. Parents of little girls had complained that he had been molesting their daughters on the way home from school. He has been excluded from school but that fact does not seem to bother him. He goes about the house singing and saying, "Why should I worry, I don't have to go to school." Wayne had developed a habit of lying. The grandmother has difficulty in handling the boy at home.

Psychological Tests: On October 31, 1946 Wayne was administered the Wechsler-Bellevue Intelligence Test, on which he scored a Verbal Quotient of 66, a Performance Quotient of 77, and a Full Intelligence Quotient of 68. He was very much retarded in developing ability of abstract thinking and was very low in arithmetic and general information. Some emotional blocking seemed to be present in the first part of his residence and he was given the Revised Stanford-Binet Scale, Form L, on November 19, 1946. After the initial phase of his residence had come to an end he earned a mental age of 10 years, 8 months and an intelligence quotient of 81. This intelligence quotient is rather high because of the presence of some performance tests in the Binet Scale. His highest year was Year 14, in which he could only solve the problem of picture absurdity and in Year 13 he could only do the sub-tests with a chain of 9 beads.

Wayne has to be considered as an adolescent of borderline intelligence.

Medical Examination: Physical examination revealed a white boy of about 13½ years of age.

DEVELOPMENT: Height 62½ inches; weight 126 pounds; proper

weight 106 pounds.

SKIN: Color-white; slight facial acne; texture normal; vaccination scar on left arm; skin and temperature normal.

SKULL: Configuration normal; no deformities.

HAIR: Color—light brown; texture medium; distribution normal; scalp clean.

EYES: Color—blue; reaction normal; vision 20/30 each eye; movements normal.

EARS: Hearing normal; appearance normal; drums normal.

NOSE: Shape normal; nostrils patent.

NECK: Appearance normal; thyroid not enlarged.

MOUTH: Lips good color; gums good condition; tongue protrudes normally; tonsils and adenoids cleanly removed; palate and pharynx normal.

LYMPHATICS: Cervical moderately enlarged; all others normal.

CHEST: Configuration normal; musculature good.

HEART: Outline normal; rate 72, regular and good volume; blood pressure 124/64; palpation normal, no murmurs or thrills.

LUNGS: Normal.

ABDOMEN: Contour oval; no tenderness or masses.

GENITALS: Secondary sex characteristics, no discharge or hernia; testicles descended.

NEURALGIC: No deformity or tenderness, movement normal; spine

EXTREMITIES: No deformity or tenderness, movement normal; spine straight.

NEUROLOGICAL EXAMINATION: Motor, gait and movements normal; posture fair; coordination and musculature good; atrophy absent.

REFLEXES: Biceps, triceps, radial, patellar, achilles and abdominals normal; Romberg, Babinski and Kernigs negative; clonus absent.

SENSATION: Speech normal.

LABORATORY: Throat culture negative. Serology: Line and Kahn negative. Schick and Dick positive. Tuberculin: Human not done. Urine: Albumin and sugar negative.

Fluoroscopic examination of heart and lungs is negative.

Positive Findings: Wayne is a white boy of 13½ years of age, well

developed and nourished and apparently in good general health. There are no positive physical findings.

Recommendations: There are no medical recommendations.

Dental Examination: Patient's mouth needed prophylaxis and 3 fillings. Occlusion and gums good. While at the Bureau prophylaxis and 3 fillings were completed.

Conduct During Residence at the Bureau: Wayne was described as impulsive, indifferent and careless. He hindered others in their work, complained frequently and neglected instructions. The quality of his work was rather poor. He was changeable. On November 18, 1946 ran away with another boy but it was felt that he was led into it by the other boy.

Wayne spent considerable time in the work shop. In his way he seemed to be very much interested in the work. However, it is inconceivable that he could ever learn anything beyond the most unskilled helper's tasks. He is erratic, noisy and generally annoying to have about, although he seems to be at his best and most at ease in shop. He annoys the other boys, is cocky and disturbing and generally considered a pest by his shopmates. The quality of his work is very low,

both his planning and ability in execution being far below average. The only contribution that shop has made to this boy has been purely custodial.

Problems: Low intelligence is an important contributing factor to the maladjustment of this adolescent. At school he felt that all subjects were difficult for him. His family background has distorted his character development very early. He lost two mother personalities, his own mother, whom he considered to be his aunt as long as she lived, and his adoptive mother. He often speaks in terms of his "two mothers." Only recently the grandmother gave him some information about his family situation when he complained about the indifference of his adoptive father. After his wife's death that man has never paid much attention to Wayne. The boy has never had the benefit of a father personality and is in strong need of it. He explained his difficulties with the grandmother by saying that she gave him several orders for work or his behavior at times and he had difficulties in remembering

them. The boy is very much attached to the grandmother. She helped him to get out of Parmadale and lets him enjoy a rather early and unhealthy independence.

Wayne stated that he hardly ever missed a show, went six times a week to the movies, besides being an usher there. He is very fond of western films and his dream is to be a cowboy. At present he has the ambition to continue his work as a "shoe polisher." He has started that work in the Bureau and is getting satisfaction out of it. He feels that work is helping him. It bolsters his ego a little bit and some of his worries about the family situation are decreasing.

He has difficulties in group life, although he gives the impression to onlookers that he is getting along with the boys, but he remembers how increasingly difficult his residence in Parmadale became because, as he puts it, the boys never stopped to treat him like a new boy, initiating him, etc. By his friendly attitude he appeals in the first contacts to contemporaries and to adults, but is disappointed and disappointing because of his inability to play a role in a group without strong guidance.

Summary: Wayne is a 13½ year old adolescent of borderline intelligence. In his formative years he had very little chance to develop social skills. His home situation was very unhealthy. The boy is still confused about his "two mothers." At times he brings out efforts to please adults and contemporaries and to readjust, but his social abilities are even more limited than his intelligence. He has strong ties with his grandmother.

Wayne needs supervision and an understanding and firm father personality as he is easily led. Eventually a farm placement in a family where other children do not force him into strong competition would be advisable. Such a placement could be more successful if the full cooperation of the grandmother is found. She, too, should interpret to the child the necessity of placement. It seems that in the past she counteracted measures in placement, not out of bad intentions, but out of lack of guidance. The boy could be allowed to visit the grandmother at regular intervals. According to his low intelligence he should have a rather easy school program.

If foster home placement does not work, institutionalization will have

to be considered again. He would get along better in an institution with small groups. He has proven during his residence at the Bureau that with guidance he can be led to play a constructive role in a group to some extent. In staff meetings it was felt that he should have a chance to spend his Christmas with the grandmother.

Yours very truly,

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