

April 9, 1963

# VOTE "NO" ON SCHOOL BONDS

Once again the big farm interests are trying to fool you into voting "Yes" in the school bond election of April 16, 1963.

I ADVISE YOU TO VOTE "NO" ON THE SCHOOL BONDS AT THIS ELECTION.

There is a need for new classrooms BUT NOT HOW THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BRAWLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT WANT TO BUILD THEM.

Do not forget that everyone wants to have sufficient schools for the children. BUT WE WANT THEM TO BE WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED. WE ALSO WANT THEM TO BE PAID FOR BY EVERYONE. WE DO NOT WANT THE BIG LANDOWNERS WHO HAVE LARGE RANCHES IN THE DISTRICT TO ESCAPE PAYING 50% TO 75% OF THE TAXES WHICH ARE GOING TO PAY FOR THE SCHOOL BONDS.

You are now receiving literature supposedly put out by the Brawley Parents Teachers Associations in which they advise you to vote "Yes". You are seeing signs in the store windows advising you to vote "Yes" and which were supposedly supplied by the Parents Teachers Associations.

These Parents Teachers Associations are afraid of the Board of Trustees and Mr. Steimle. They will not permit anyone who wishes to speak in opposition to the ideas of the Board of Trustees, to speak at their meetings. I know for I am a member of the Barbara Worth Parents Teachers Association. I am never informed when meetings will be held. I have made requests to make speeches at meetings of these Parents Teachers Associations but I am told this excuse, "The schedule is made up a year in advance". This of course is a lot of nonsense.

BUT THE TRUSTEES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD GO TO THESE MEETINGS AND MAKE SPEECHES. HOW ARE THE MEMBERS TO KNOW WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT IF THEY ONLY HEAR WHAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WANT THEM TO HEAR?

The schools are supposed to teach good citizenship. But what the Board of Trustees is conducting here is a dictatorship in which no one is permitted to speak to the membership of the Parents Teachers Association. There is no FREEDOM OF SPEECH. This is not a Democracy.

WHAT IS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HIDING?

Howard Korpi, "Hokum" Smith, and William Dillard are the three trustees who control the Board. They or their families and friends own lots of farmland which escape paying 50% to 75% of the school taxes. The previous trustee Victor Veysey also escapes his school taxes to the same degree. ALL THESE MEN ARE REPUBLICANS. The other 2 trustees are Milton Bull and John Wyatt. Both these men are also Republicans. They are afraid of Korpi, Smith and Dillard because these trustees can hurt their business. So they have to do what the three big farmers want. Finally, Mr. Steimle, the Superintendent and Lee Odle, his assistant are also Republicans and have to also do what Korpi, Smith and Dillard tell them to do.

We therefore have only Republicans controlling the Brawley School system. The registration of voters shows that 61% are Democrats and



90% are Republicans. Why are there no Democrats on the School Board? The answer is simple. The big farmers who are all Republicans are operating a political machine in the school system so that they will not be made to pay the correct taxes on their farmland. Any Democrat who wants to run for the School Board is afraid that his livelihood will be threatened by the Republican political machine.

But this Republican machine is doing other bad things. It is permitting certain pupils who live in the area where the students should go to the Oakley School, to go to the Magnolia School which is outside the Brawley Elementary School District. It also permits other pupils from the Oakley area to go to schools on the West side of town like the Witter School.

A good example is Victor Veysey's son Mark who in the 1961-1962 year went to the Magnolia School and now in the 1962-1963 year is going to the Witter School. The Republican political machine is permitting privileged characters when everyone should be treated equally.

I have investigated which schools are the most crowded and need extra school rooms. They are the Oakley School and Miguel Hidalgo School on the Eastside of town. Around the Phil Swing School in the Northwest section of the town, new homes are being built and this school needs extra classrooms.

In December 1962, the Board of Trustees was going to build classrooms at the Oakley School and at Miguel Hidalgo. On January 3, 1963, these big Republicans changed the plans to build at Oakley and Miguel Hidalgo. They decided to play some politics of setting the Westside of Brawley against the Eastside and at the same time make it possible for Victor Veysey's son to go to the Phil Swing School. IN THIS WAY, IN THE FUTURE, VICTOR VEYSEY COULD NOT BE ACCUSED OF NOT SENDING HIS SON TO THE OAKLEY SCHOOL.

Here is what the Board did: It recommended that 12 rooms be built at the Phil Swing School. NO CLASSROOMS WERE TO BE BUILT IN THE EASTSIDE SCHOOLS WHICH IS A GRAVE INJUSTICE TO THE EASTSIDE SINCE THESE SCHOOLS ARE THE MOST CROWDED.

The incredible thing the Board now proposes to also do is to bring all the children from the farm area surrounding the Oakley School and who go to the Oakley School, now will be taken to the Phil Swing School by bus. I MUST POINT OUT AGAIN THAT THIS IS THE AREA WHERE THE VICTOR VEYSEY HOME IS. The Board tries to justify building 12 classrooms at Phil Swing by taking the pupils away from Oakley when Oakley is in need of the rooms and has the land on which the classrooms can be built.

Here is what you as a voter can do to prevent this injustice:

1. VOTE "NO" ON THE SCHOOL BONDS TO BUILD 12 ROOMS AT PHIL SWING.
2. Vote Denis Lardner Jr., Oce Dotson Jr. and H. Hanks for trustees of the School Board at the April 16, 1963 election. They are the only DEMOCRATS running for office. They will arrange that 4 schoolrooms will be built at Oakley, 2 at Miguel Hidalgo and 6 rooms at Phil Swing. THIS IS THE FAIR WAY.
3. Two months after this election, we can have another school bond election to vote for the fair distribution of classrooms so that their will be no delay.

I wish to point out to you that the Board of Trustees is putting a useless advertisement in the Brawley News when it advertises for land for a school on the Eastside. There is tremendous amount of empty land adjoining the Oakley School. The same is true South of Miguel Hidalgo. As you all know the Brawley News has been proven a liar and suppressor of news many times. This useless advertisement is just going to give money (you taxpayers pay for it) to the Brawley News which will print the propaganda of the big farmers to fool you!

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VOTE FOR LARDNER, DOTSON & HANKS FOR TRUSTEES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD