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# HOW YOU ARE CHEATED ON SCHOOL TAXES

PINKLEY'S PROSTITUTED PRESS continues to print statements by WILLIAM (The man without a job) DILLARD in which he tries to explain why the school taxes for the Brawley Elementary School District have been raised 37.1 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Now what does this mean so that you homeowners in the City of Brawley will know how you are being cheated in the school taxes on your homes? It means that if you have a home with a market value of \$12,000, you will be paying \$12 more per year for school taxes. If you have a \$20,000 home, you will be paying \$20 more per year. DO NOT FORGET THAT THIS IS IN ADDITION TO WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN PAYING PREVIOUSLY.

PINKLEY'S PROSTITUTED PRESS does not permit Dr. Yellen to give the correct explanation of this very high tax increase to you. Pinkley's Brawley News will not print Dr. Yellen's statements which he makes as City Councilman so that some people do not even know that he is a City Councilman. On rare occasions, articles are printed about Dr. Yellen in PINKLEY'S PROSTITUTED PRESS which are derogatory and misleading and are all a part of the efforts of Pinkley to prevent you from knowing the truth.

So it is very important that after you have read this Newsletter that you give it to some other voter so that he will learn the truth.

Now who is William Dillard? He was a bookkeeper who married the widow of a big rancher worth \$3 millions. Since that time Dillard has been posing as a civic leader and philanthropist. Investigation of him shows that he has no job by which he makes a living. Since then he was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Brawley Elementary School District. Evidently, the other big farmers on the Board thought that Dillard had plenty of time to spare since he had no job, so they elected him President of the Board. As such, he is the mouthpiece for the propaganda of the big ranchers when they fool you on the school taxes.

Now here is the basic knowledge you must have to understand this swindle in school taxes. When the County collects its County property taxes from you, it collects money for its own use and money for the use of schools. Depending where you live and where your property is located, the taxes for the schools go to the school district in which the property is located.

For example, if your home is in the City of Brawley, your school taxes go to the Brawley Elementary School District. Since there are about 3,800 pupils in the Brawley Schools, large amounts

of taxes must be collected from the Brawley residents. But in the Magnolia School District about 10 miles East of Brawley, the school has only about 85 pupils and the big ranchers ( who are absentee and own 70% of the farmland) do not have to pay much in taxes to support the education of 85 pupils.

Magnolia is known as a "rich school district" because it has a big tax base with very little amount of pupils whereas the Brawley district is known as a "poor district" since it has so many pupils to support.

The State of California gives money to the "poor districts" to help support education. But the State Legislature got fed up giving districts like Brawley money while in the "rich districts" the big ranchers were escaping 85% of their taxes.

So a law was passed called AB52, in which it was ordered that "unification elections" be held every two years so that districts like Magnolia would be unified with the Brawley district SO THAT THE BIG RANCHES OF THE MAGNOLIA DISTRICT WOULD PAY MORE SCHOOL TAXES TO SUPPORT THE PUPILS IN THE BRAWLEY SCHOOLS.

The reason for all this is that 40 years ago there were many small farmers with large families in the rural areas and they paid lots of school taxes to support their children in schools like Magnolia. But the absentee corporations have been driving out the small farmers with their children so that they have to go to the towns. The scheme of the big corporation farms is to drive out all the children until there is just about 25 pupils left in a school like Magnolia so THERE WOULD BE THE MINIMUM SCHOOL TAXES TO PAY. They would keep about 25 pupils to have an excuse to have a school district.

Since 2 dollars out of every 3 dollars collected by the County goes to education, you can readily realize how much the big outside ranch corporations save in taxes since they own 70% of the land. As it is now you do not have "Home Rule" since these big ranches control the Board of Trustees of all schools. When you vote for unification, you the residents of Brawley get "Home Rule" for you obtain benefits in lower taxes.

In the last unification election on June 1, 1965, the big ranches with their stooges Superintendent E.O. Steimle of the Brawley District and Supt. Robert Goodrich of the Westmorland District fooled you with misleading advertisements in the Brawley News and the Brawley News played up big the statements of Dillard and the big farmers against unification.

BUT NOBODY TOLD YOU THAT IF YOU VOTED AGAINST UNIFICATION THAT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WAS GOING TO DECREASE THE MONEY GIVEN TO THE BRAWLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT. "NO" MEANT HIGHER TAXES FOR YOU.

This is the true explanation of why the Brawley tax rate has to be raised 37 cents per \$100 assessed valuation---to make up for the money that the State of California will not give because the voters refused unification and thereby permitted the big ranches to escape 85% of their taxes. The Brawley News on Sept. 21, 1966 has an article with the headline "SCHOOL TAX INCREASED WITHOUT VOTE-LEGALLY". In this article, William (The man without a job) Dillard makes misleading statements and tries to keep you in ignorance. It is just a bunch of double talk.

The Calexico School District in June 1965 voted "Yes" for unification with these results. It received a bonus of \$90,000 from the State of California. In addition, it received \$20 more per pupil from the State. This is all extra for it is now able to collect more taxes from the big ranches. YOU RESIDENTS OF BRAWLEY CAN COLLECT THE SAME BENEFITS AND GET A DECREASE OF ABOUT 20% IN your taxes if you vote "YES" on Tuesday, Jan. 17th for unification.