

March 8, 1962

VOTERS

On March 13, 1962, this coming Tuesday, you will have to vote on a tax override for the Brawley School District (Elementary).

In plain language, the Brawley School District needs more money to run the elementary schools. Legally, there is an upper limit of taxation, above which the Board of Trustees can not ask taxpayers to pay taxes.

The taxation rate is at this upper limit. So previously, the taxpayers under the urging of the Board of Trustees voted an override. AN OVERRIDE THEREFORE IS TAXES ABOVE THE LEGAL LIMIT WHICH IS PERMITTED. THE VOTERS HAVE TO TAKE A SPECIAL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THIS.

Now the Board of Trustees of the Brawley School District (Element.) wants you to vote this extra taxation for 5 years more.

I ADVISE YOU TO VOTE "NO". I REPEAT VOTE "NO".

In the first place all of you should know that the Board of Trustees of the Brawley School District (Elementary) are big farmers or allies of the big farmers.

I have studied the geographical limits of the Brawley School District and find that it is not like a lot of people think, just limited to the city limits of Brawley. The District is roughly an area with a radius of 6 miles with the City of Brawley as the center.

In this area, are the farmland holdings of many absentee landlords like the Irvine Co. and the Bruce Church Co. There is also the farmland of the wife of William A. Dillard, a member of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Dillard made a speech Monday March 5, 1962 to the Business & Professional Womens' Club meeting at the Planter's Hotel. He urged them to vote "Yes" for the override.

I urge you to vote "NO". There is plenty of tax money available for the Brawley School District IF THE PROPER AND CORRECT ASSESSMENTS ARE PUT ON THIS FARMLAND PROPERTY.

I have investigated the Irvine Co. and find that they are escaping \$100,000.00 property taxes. The Bruce Church Co. is escaping more than 50% of its property taxes. THIS IS TRUE FOR ALL THE BIG FARMERS.

THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE OVERRIDE TAX. WHEN I AM ELECTED ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR OF IMPERIAL COUNTY, I WILL MAKE THE CORRECT ASSESSMENTS ON THE FARMLANDS IN THE BRAWLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT. THEN THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT MONEY FOR THE SCHOOLS.

TELL all YOUR FRIENDS. EVERYBODY VOTE "NO". THE BIG FARMERS AND THEIR ALLIES ARE GOING TO ALL VOTE "YES". SO BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR FRIENDS ALL GO AND VOTE "NO".