

LETTER TO EDITOR

To The People of the Brookings-Harbor School District:

What do you think of our schools?

Do you think our students should be given a second chance when they break a rule if their conduct has been all right up to that time?

Are the rest of you going to do like I did and just let things slide by in our school until it becomes a personal matter?

Did you know that our teachers, when they find a student breaking a rule, instead of giving them a second chance when they know the student deserves it, report right to Mr. Hampton so he has to expel the student as he has orders from the School Board to expel all students on their first offense?

As an example—My son, Demos, was expelled from school a week ago last Tuesday when Mr. Harrison came into the boys rest

room and on seeing smoke in the air asked who'd been smoking and Demos said it was he as we've always taught him to tell the truth at any cost and this time it cost him a semester of schooling and his diploma as he is signed up to go into the Navy this fall. We talked to Mr. Hampton and he said Demos was polite when he reported it to him and that they hadn't had any trouble with him this year. His class behavior grades were good.

We talked to the school board individually and they said to write a letter stating the case; which we did, asking if they would let him have his assignments so he could take his exams and get his credits. We didn't ask for him to be allowed to attend school, school activities, or even take part in the commencement exercises (there were other boys who had broken a more serious rule allowed to take at home assignments last semester so we thought this a reasonable request) but the school board turned us down.

We feel that they must be punished for breaking the rules but not quite so severely on the first offense if they haven't been causing any trouble up to the time of their mistake.

The Police give law-breakers who have a good record a second chance when its their first offense. In fact our city police are doing more to keep our boys from becoming juvenile delinquents than some of our faculty and school board put together.

Pupils have been allowed to break school rules here for so

long now that its as if you got into the habit of breaking laws for five or six years then they started clamping down and you'd automatically keep breaking some of them but in such cases a warning is generally given first then if you repeat you are "given the works."

Don't you think it would be a good idea to get teachers who can keep discipline in their classes and a school board who treats every one alike to go with this new school that is to be built?

We are all either personal or property tax payers. We pay for new schools, new equipment, and pay the teachers salaries so let us see that the school board gets full value for our money and gives our children full value for their futures.

Do you think we are getting our moneys worth from all of our teachers?

What kind of men are YOU going to vote in at the coming board election?

Are YOU interested enough in your children's future to write your opinion to your editor? Or to me? Is everyone just talking or are you sincere enough in wanting the schools improved to take time enough to express your opinion in writing so that something can be done about it?

Sincerely,
Ross J. Horn.

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FORMER RESIDENT HERE

Marie Becker, formerly in the Real Estate business here, was in Brookings several days last week with her parents. They enjoy their new home in Portland, but miss Brookings. The three were on their way to Mexico where they plan to spend several weeks.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1954

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