

## LETTER TO EDITOR

I should like to make a clear statement regarding the policy of Brookings Harbor School District No. 17C regarding smoking and drinking. All students know that smoking and drinking of intoxicating beverages in the school building or on the school grounds is forbidden, and students guilty of violation will be expelled. The Board of Directors and Principal are willing to accept responsibility for the policy.

Medford Senior High School has a similar policy. The following information appears on page

48 of the Medford Senior High School Student Handbook:

"Smoking or drinking of intoxicating beverages in the school building or on the school grounds at any time is positively prohibited. Students guilty of this will be dropped from school. The above applies to all games and activities."

I recently made a survey of smoking and drinking policies in major Oregon High Schools and received replies from 41 schools, in all areas of the state. None of the high schools would admit that they allowed smoking or drinking on the part of students either in the building or on the school grounds. Violations were dealt with in the following manner:

Expelled, dropped or dismissed	21
Suspended (pending Hearing)	6
Juvenile Court	1
To State Police	1
No problem in school	5
No statement of disciplinary action	7

I would like to quote comments from a number of the principals

## Right Around Here

By Max Brainard

Mrs. Everett Jagers recently witnessed a resurrection!

Driving toward her garage she saw the family rooster leaping along ahead of her car, as usual, and supposed, as usual, he'd dodge. Nellie heard a thump, stopped, and chanticleer was prostrate, apparently through with the rooster business.

Sorrowfully, she packed the remains to the house and layed him out on the stoop.

She asked her mother, Mrs. Berg, who makes her home there, to put some water on to heat and if she'd decapitate the corpse, Nellie not having a taste for hen surgery of this nature.

Ma would! As soon as she got the water to heating, Mrs. Berg went to the

reporting:

"We have a Board policy demanding automatic suspension for any student caught smoking or drinking on the Campus at any time, anywhere lose eligibility for the following semester."

"Smoking or drinking of intoxicating beverages in the school building or on the school grounds at any time is positively prohibited. Students guilty of this will be dropped from school. The above applies to all games and activities."

"Have had little trouble. Suspension from school at first offense."

"No problem here but student's would be expelled."

"No trouble recently. Several years ago 2 boys and 2 girls were expelled."

"We have been very strict about this, and as a result it has not been a great problem."

"We have had no trouble at present time. Suspension from school is our procedure. Are we going to be guilty of helping teenagers break the law?"

It is true that School District No. 17C regulation is severe, but no pupil has been dismissed from school for drinking or smoking who was not clearly guilty of violation. No pupil has been dismissed for smoking who was smoking for his first time. No pupil has been dismissed who has not had opportunity to know the regulation. In each case the student's action was deliberate; in each case smoking was an open violation of the district's known regulation.

Section 336.160 Oregon School Laws, 1954, clearly covers the matter.

"Pupils shall comply with the lawful regulations of the school . . . Wilful disobedience, open defiance of a teacher's authority or the use of profane or obscene language are sufficient cause for suspension or expulsion from school."

The matter of drinking intoxicating beverages and smoking in the school building or on the premises is well along towards being solved for the Brookings-Harbor High School. If the parents of the district stand squarely behind the school, there will be but little difficulty in the future.

Before closing this letter, I wish to express my personal appreciation to the great percent of the students of Brookings - Harbor High School who cheerfully comply with the district's regulation. I wish also to express similar appreciation to the goodly number of folk who have personally told me that they appreciate the firm stand of the school.

Sincerely yours,

Lynn O. Hampton,  
Superintendent - Principal  
Brookings - Harbor High School.

stoop.

Chanticleer was gone! Looking up toward the poultry residence, there he was, telling his harem all about it, interspersing his account with crowing, loudly, and shaking and reshuffling his feathers.

He'd got off that back stoop just in time to save his neck! for this time.

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Reports are that George and Marge Cummings, for several years making their home on the Chetco banks, just above town, have sold out, lock, stock, and barrell, and have left the country. They sure will be missed.

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