

TO THE ELECTORS OF BASTARD AND SOUTH BURGESS

GREETINGS:

Once again, I am pleased to present myself as a candidate for council in the upcoming election on November 12th. This time as Deputy Reeve.

The past three years have been busy and I have enjoyed them very much. The council worked together real well and we accomplished a great deal. It was a wonderful experience, which I would like to make use of in the next council.

It was an honour being appointed Chairman of the Non Profit Housing Corporation, to develop a Senior Citizen Housing Unit in the township. This will be my top priority and we hope to see its completion in 1986.

It was my pleasure to be involved in the creation and formation of the Recreation Committee, and to be appointed a Council Representative on that committee. Much good work has already been done and we look forward to its continuation.

We have a fine community - BEAUTIFUL BASTARD AND SOUTH BURGESS, and we must all work together to keep it that way. Let us all get involved in the process.

I believe that our rural communities are the back bone of society. All levels of government should exert more effort to the re-discovery and re-development of these communities. Herein lies our greatest potential on which to begin to rebuild our troubled society.

I believe in the preservation of our natural resources. We must all learn to respect, enjoy, use them wisely and protect them from waste. Let us ensure that our children and grandchildren may enjoy the beauty, which we now enjoy.

It would be a great pleasure to again represent you on the Municipal Council. And, if elected, I will continue to DO MY VERY BEST, in pursuit of a better community. And, I hope, that I may be worthy of your confidence.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Yours for good government.

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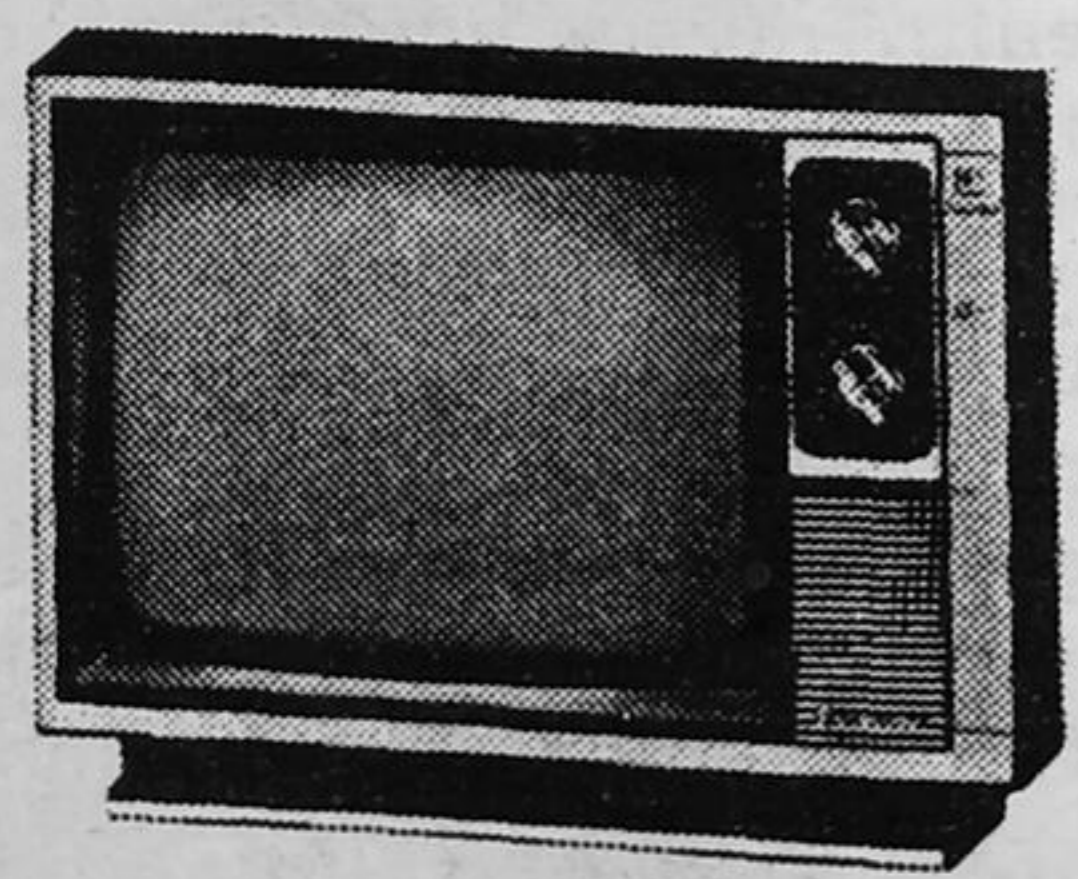
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"Thoughts"

Ever wondered how different the world would be, even our little section of it, if people who had complaints, problems or criticism, directed them to the person or source who could respond to them? I guess we are all guilty of muttering complaints, directing criticism to the "absent" party, and generally creating a support sytem for our hurts, either real or imagined. Perhaps this is the way conflicts and misunderstandings occur. Perhaps if we addressed our complaints to the right party, our community groups would function with more co-operation and productivity.

Have you ever felt that your group is "reinventing the wheel" due to some member constantly dragging up past issues? Think of the energy lost on "rehashing" issues that have been settled. Is it because the way it was settled was not your way. Did you not get enough credit for the decision made? Maybe you weren't even there or did not get all the facts.

Think about it...many matters may not be worth the effort..many may be "red herrings", but, once settled, should be accepted, otherwise life cannot move on. With so many issues facing us, in our daily lives, what a shame to waste our time, and that of others. Look ahead and let go of issues and conflicts which, when rehashed, can only create animosity or possibly damage the work of your group. And remember the old quotation: "Everyone knocks a knocker".