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UNITY PARTY of WOODRIDGE

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1st Party - BEWARE!

We, of Unity Party, have read with amazement the March 12th issue of our opponents campaign literature, and are truly shocked by its total lack of quality, refinement, and credibility. The senselessly vindictive tone of this literature is contaminated with the same kind of political insinuation which the Unity Party Editor of 1965, Charles Martin, insisted upon. Fortunately, our 1965 Unity candidates held him in check, and forced him to write in a reasonable manner. This former editor, who is now the 1st Party mayoral candidate, seems to be running the show for the opposition, and the checks Unity had on him are gone.

The editorial staff of the current Unity Party paper has met the editor who supposedly wrote this material, and we just can't believe Mr. Haviland possesses the type character or personality to write on such a degrading level as this. We seriously suggest, Mr. Haviland, that you carefully read the next article before you sign it!

We also suggest that the Woodridge 1st candidates review the editorial policy of their campaign paper. The object of a campaign, gentlemen, is to inform the village, not to create havoc in it!

Your editorial policy, gentlemen, is succeeding in angering many good, dependable, hard-working people on the non-political boards and commissions actively working for the betterment of this village. *And believe us, they are angry!* These people donate their time and do their best to assure the welfare of Woodridge.

If you are successful in winning the current campaign, but succeed by your present tactics in driving from public service the 40 or 50 dedicated, independent thinking workers who make the village prosper, you will quickly find out how untrue your statements and claims of political bossism are! For without these people, no village can succeed. You had better reconsider your position, and do it quickly, or you may be sorry that you ever made the decision to leave your easy chairs and seek election.

This is intended to be constructive criticism. Ignore it if you wish, but if you continue to denounce the honest contributions of these people, you will truly deserve the hopeless situation you will have created!

REPORT: PARK DISTRICT

by George Alexander

Yes, Charlie, why don't you tell it like it is?

There have been two groups involved in the current attempt to form a park district. First there was a group that Mayor Roberts asked me, as chairman of the special studies committee, to work with. They were asked to decide which organization, a park board or a park district, would best meet the recreational needs of the village. Since some of your supporters were on this group, I am sure they have told you about the work of this committee, although they contributed very little to it.

After completing their study, they reported to the village board their recommendation for a park district.

At this point a second and larger group was formed. They hired an engineer to draw up the boundaries, and an attorney to present the proposition to the court. They found, on their own, 7 candidates to run for the 5 positions as park district commissioners.

If you kept up on current events in Woodridge, you certainly would have noticed their names as published in several of our local papers. You might even have noticed the names of some of your backers. It was truly a non-partisan group.

At the request of this citizens group, the village board agreed to donate most of the land designated as parks to a park district, when formed, and pay any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the attorney whose fee was on a contingency basis--he gets paid if the action is successful.

At this point their attorney advised them they were ready to petition the courts and prepared the necessary document.

It was about this time, Charlie, after all the effort had been put forth, that you and your friends convinced some people to run an opposition slate. These people had not contributed one iota to the previous efforts. Incidentally, Charlie, the chairman of this group told me personally that the park district election was merely a tune up for April 1969. Interesting !

There was no commitment on the part of the village board to support this proposal in court. By virtue of the fact that the village did not file any motion against it, it was understood by the court that the village board did concur. At the expense of a day's pay, I did spend Oct. 19th, from 9-4:30 in court testifying on behalf of the petition. I did not see you there, or any of your proposed slate. Wasn't the interest strong enough to inconvenience themselves?

The court ruled that the proposed boundaries were unreasonable and the petition was dismissed. Our attorney estimated the cost to appeal would be about \$2,000. While he felt that "it would be a good case to appeal", he and other attorneys advised that we were appealing a judgment decision and not one based on legal precedent, and therefore, the odds were not good.

Upon recommendation of the chairman of the group, the engineer was requested to redraw the boundaries, and the attorney to redraw the petition. This is now being done.

THAT'S HOW IT REALLY WAS, CHARLIE!

"BOSSISM"

Yes, we've noticed. This campaign certainly does smack of "bossism". We notice Mr. Martin, the opposition mayoral candidate, listed in various issues of their paper as party chairman, editor, campaign chairman, and mayoral candidate. Sounds like "one man rule" to us. If elected would Mr. Martin allow someone else to speak up? Or would he still be "ghost writing" but graciously allowing his board to rubber stamp their signatures on his works?

Unity has heard "you do it Charlie's way or not at all" in the '65 campaign. We know who really wants to be "the boss" and it looks like he's succeeding with his new party.

UNITY PARTY OPEN HOUSE

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A UNITY PARTY "MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT." JOIN US AND LEARN FIRST HAND WHO OUR CANDIDATES ARE AND ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS FOR WOODRIDGE.

DATE: MARCH 25th
TIME: 8:00 p.m.
PLACE: EDGEWOOD SCHOOL

YOU'RE WELCOME

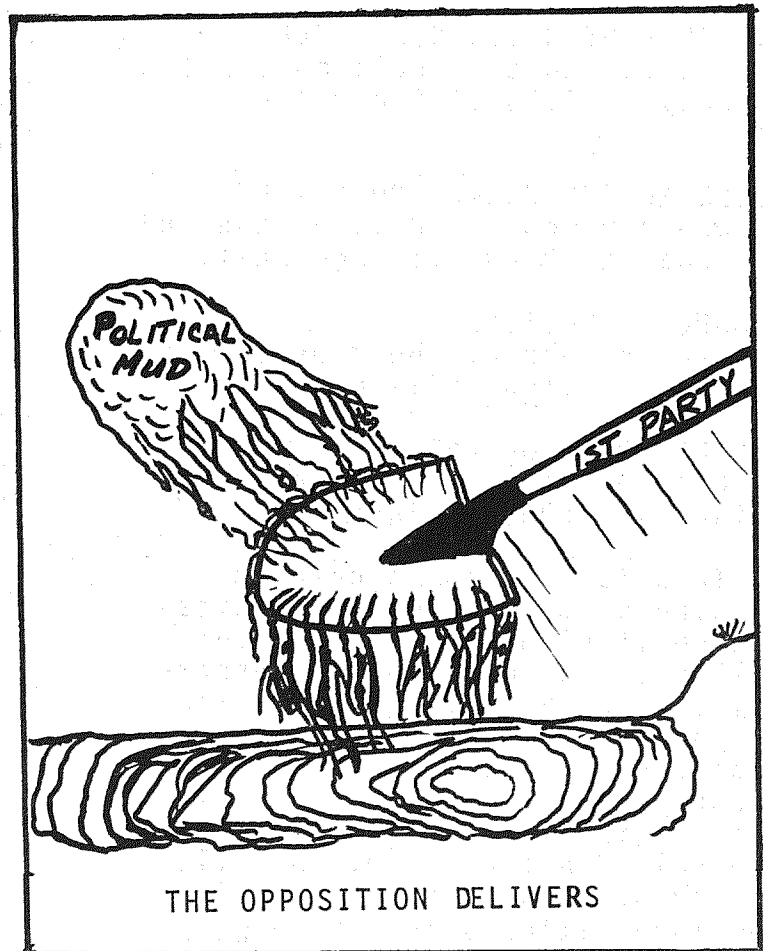
Woodridge First, you're welcome. We were glad you liked our cartoon well enough to copy it, but you did make a mess of it. We feel that you will find all our programs for Woodridge are worth copying. But we're afraid you'd make a mess of them too.

BETTER VOTE UNITY IN '69

OPPOSITION

Does Unity Party want opposition? Of course! An election makes people think, study the issues, and, with luck, they become interested enough to get involved and stay involved.

Two years ago three Unity Party candidates for trustee ran unopposed. We're vain enough to believe that was a vote of confidence in our programs. But we missed the chance to "strut our stuff"! We've a good program and we are proud of it! Now, Woodridge First, please be our opponents!! Give us a good debate!



THE OPPOSITION DELIVERS

SEEING IS BELIEVING

In order to work more efficiently your village board depends a great deal on the work of various standing committees and boards. These groups have regular meetings to concentrate on special village problems. The results of their study are presented to the Village Board for their consideration at each regular meeting. Board action is frequently based upon these reports.

As a matter of public information we have compiled a partial list of official meetings and the meeting dates.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

Two per month. Held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at Edgewood school 8:00 p.m.

PLAN COMMISSION

Two per month. Held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 8:00 at the village hall.

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

One per month. Held on the 1st Tuesday at 8:00 at the village hall.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

One per month. Held on the 2nd Thursday at 8:00, village hall.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

One per month. Held on the last Tuesday at 8:00, village hall.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

One per month. Held on the last Friday at 8:00, village hall.

This is far from a complete listing of the boards, committees, and commissions working in your village. At least one representative of each of these is listed in your Woodridge phone book, published by the Woodridge Police Association. (if you do not have a copy, they are available from the Police Association.) A call to any of these people will give you information about their work

and time of meeting.

Many Woodridge residents seem to be totally unaware of the tremendous amount of time and effort it takes to run a village. This is simply because they have not taken the time or effort to see first hand what is being done.

Why not make democracy work as it is supposed to? Become involved! All citizens are welcome at these meetings.

PUT YOUR GLASSES ON

Put your glasses on, Mr. Martin! That was Bill Woody campaigning in your neighborhood on Sunday, March 2nd. But you mistook the police car on patrol for the public works car. And you didn't see Mr. Woody's parked car at all, or did you? And you couldn't tell he was standing outside the car chatting with the policeman, instead of riding in the car, could you? My, my! But you did see those Unity Party papers very clearly, didn't you!

LOOKING BACK

If an individual asks a question at a 1st party coffee, and in so doing brings a half page of misquoting, damning criticism, and subtle character assassination in the Minuteman News, then we must truly fear for the future of our village under such a party's rule.

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