

THE NEW BURNSIDE TOWN MEETING



Nov. 18, 1977

In 1975 New Burnside had its 100 year old Birthday. At this time it had settled into a sleepy community, but since that Birthday we have managed to save our Post Office from closing, voted in a water district, which is all set to start construction. A new City Hall building is in the planning stages, and a Fire Department to serve the rural community, and a basketball court to serve the young people as well. In the near future the community would like to have a night law enforcement officer and the gas line extended from near-by town.

Challenges Arising :

1. Personal Expenses Becoming Overwhelming
2. Need for Increased Community Services
3. More Jobs and Upgrading the Local Economy
4. Being a Real Community

Challenge Statement :

In the arena of increasing community services, the fact that the Union has the legal right to do the work on the Fire Station while the work could be done better by a local company, County Government grants are politically designated and the community is without effective political pull, and the sewer system can not be installed until the water system is completed and that will take eight months, indicates that the underlying contradiction is overwhelming rules and regulations, over-burdensome legal channels, and bureaucratic institutions that are unresponsive to local needs. This contradiction is illustrated by the government designating your actions without providing a budget to cover it, such as the school budget being cut by \$75,000 here last year, restrictions on class room size but no extra money to hire additional teachers, the State requiring a time limit on road jobs and penalizing the contractor for every day over the limit.

We the citizens of New Burnside, Illinois,
in order to see that local people's needs get heard,
propose that the people of New Burnside get together
with people from other local communities to increase
economic and political base, through small organizations
starting in each town and having county -wide meetings.

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PARTICIPANTS

November 10, 1967

Name	Address	Phone	Occupation
Charles Redwine El	New Burnside, Ill.	777-2234	Guard
Elbert E. George	New Burnside, Ill.	777-2274	Janitor
Harry L. Treat	New Burnside, Ill.	777-2711	Miner & Mayor
Bill Bigelow	St. Louis, Mo.	773-6688	ICA Volunteer
Glenda Johnson	St. Louis, Mo.	664-8424	ICA Volunteer

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