



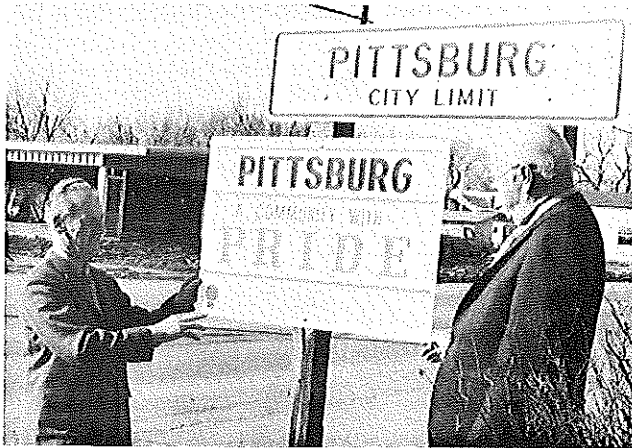
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John Stucky (left), City Planner, and Maynard Angwin, Chairman of the Pittsburg PRIDE Steering Committee install blue ribbon received for planning.

Other Cities Receive Blue Ribbons

Communities may apply for blue ribbons in each of eight areas any time during the year. A workbook containing check sheets is provided to help determine if they meet qualifications.

Blue Ribbons have been awarded to the following Communities:

Chanute: Community Planning, Housing, Enrichment;
Hillsboro: Community Planning, Community Services;
Independence: Community Planning;
Newton: Community Planning, Housing, Economic Development, Community Services, Enrichment;
Wamego: Community Planning.

Additional cities have sent in applications for ribbons.

PRIDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Smith Center

(Mrs. Lucille Boucher, Chairman) Twenty-one persons gave project reports at the Public PRIDE Meeting in June. The PRIDE Steering Committee

approved 22 projects that had been suggested by a priorities committee.

Atlanta

(Roscoe Bartch, Chairman) An old barber shop building was razed and debris gathered and burned. It had become a fire hazard. Fifteen workers and their families participated in a "clean-up" day. Mayor Carl Wakefield provided weiners for a weiner roast for all participants at the end of the day. Nonprofit organizations painted 20 x 30 inch signs to advertise the activities of the community.

Danville

(Verna Lee Coleman, Chairman) Projects include increased production of alfalfa, encouraging youth to plant flowering bulbs along the roadside for thirteen miles, annual clean-up day, and litter bag design contest.

Sedgwick

(R. L. Wright, Reporter) Projects include fall festival, annual student recognition day, and extension of water, sewer, and gas systems.

Brookville

(Virginia Miller, Secretary) Plans were made to plant flowers in City Park. Bulbs will be planted next fall. City Hall is being restored for a meeting place. City Council voted \$100 toward City Hall project. A chili, vegetable, chicken and noodle soup, jello salad, and pie supper was held. \$217 was raised at the event.

Westmoreland

(Bill Ogden, Reporter) Modern street poles and signs marking all streets were erected. Flowers were planted in Redwood flower boxes on main street. A City Planning Commission was appointed. A coordinated play and crafts area was established for young and old. Flag and pole were erected at Memorial Area in the cemetery. Youth center for all ages is now in operation.

Uniontown

(Kent Holt, Chairman) Tennis and croquet courts have been completed in City Park and are used daily by both old and young. City Public Library has been established and is now open daily to the public. A Community Survey was com-

Uniontown (Cont.)

pleted and is being used as a guide for planning. A youth center has been established to provide a place for young people to spend their "free" time.

Marquette

(Mrs. Willard Starkey, Reporter) A newly-completed Community Survey serves as a guide for community planning. New picnic tables are being added to the park and old ones are being repaired. Trees and flowers were planted in the park.

Belle Plaine

(Roy Clark, Chairman) Mr. Clark reports, "Doctor Robert Jenkins passed through our town on his way to another, where he had been invited to practice. He liked what he saw here and made inquiry about new improvements in the city. The improvements included new paving and our modern drug store. After checking out the other town, he decided to open an office in Belle Plaine. He built a new home. The Industrial Development Corporation will own the office building occupied by Dr. Jenkins.

The Chamber of Commerce initiated a plan whereby the city would purchase and operate a street sweeper. Nine hundred dollars was donated for the sweeper and the local bank carries the balance. The balance will be absorbed by the city on a monthly basis. The Twentieth Century Club placed barrels in convenient locations for collections of glass bottles and aluminum cans. Busy Misses Extension Homemakers Unit painted playground equipment in the park.

Lebanon

(Mrs. Phyllis Bell, Reporter) Money is being collected by donations to finance a tennis court. Basketball goals will be installed. An old building back of Main Street was torn down. Alleys and vacant lots were cleaned up. Parking spaces on Main Street were repainted. Trees were planted at the school and hanging flower pots placed in the business district. The History Committee has begun to collect historical items for the Centennial.

Neodesha

(Tom Gentry, Chairman) Citizens attending a public meeting voted to enter the PRIDE Program. The Neodesha Register reports, "Mrs. Evelyn Fink,

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Neodesha (Cont.)

Chairman of the Cherryvale PRIDE Committee and also a member of the State PRIDE Steering Committee talked to those in attendance. Mrs. Fink was a persuasive advocate of the PRIDE Program. She said she could not say enough about what it had done for Cherryvale. It embraces all facets of a community and gets the whole community involved. She urged the group to pick one project and make every effort to complete it.

Mrs. Fink said she was amazed at the response in Cherryvale. Everyone wanted to participate and be a part of the program. She cautioned the group to take pictures of a project before it is started so the PRIDE judges can see the accomplishments."

Burns

(Mrs. Margaret Lyons, Reporter) The Burns News reports, "To help the Burns PRIDE Program start off with a bang, it was decided to start with a town clean-up job. Five Burns ladies cleaned, waxed, and scrubbed the Museum until it shone like a jewel in the sun. Individual citizens were seen all over town cleaning yards, garages, and eliminating fire hazards. The Go-Getters 4-H Club planted a row of trees where they plan to make a town park. The Survey Chairman is busy tabulating results of the survey so citizens can plan projects to make Burns a town of 'PRIDE and Programs' for its citizens."

Cheney

(Tom Moore, Reporter) A questionnaire was sent to residents of the city.

KANSAS PRIDE COMMITTEE

Chairman - Joe S. Clark, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway.
Vice-Chairman - Robert A. Bohannon, Cooperative Extension Service, K.S.U.
Treasurer - Lou Atherton, Kansas City Power and Light.

