WOOD RECEIVES AWARD

Byron Wood, Assistant Director of the Kansas Department of Economic Development, holds the "Old Something" award he received from the Pittsburg PRIDE Steering Committee for outstanding achievement in Community Service. Mrs. Nadine Kelly, Assistant Director, looks on and congratulates him. Leslie Prazor, Extension Specialist, also received the "Old Something" award for her efforts.

KANSAS PRIDE COMMITTEE
Chairman - Roy A. Best, Upland Industries Corporation.
Vice-Chairman - Robert A. Rohman, Cooperative Extension Service, K.S.U.
Vice-Chairman - Terence Scammon, Kansas Department of Economic Development
Treasurer - Lew Asherton, Kansas City Power and Light.

PARTICIPANTS AT TOPEKA PRIDE MEETING

Some of the speakers and participants at the Topeka Regional PRIDE meeting were: (left to right) Stan Higginbotham, Chairman, Mathematics Project; Herb Juck, Shawnee County Extension Director; Gary Cook, Retail Service Division, Kansas Association of Cooperatives and Industry; Warren Gilson, Manager, Council Grove Chamber of Commerce; and Ken Bellinger, Chairman, Council Grove PRIDE.

Four hundred and eleven persons from 32 communities attended 13 area and regional PRIDE meetings in April and May. Meetings were held in Topeka, Fort Scott, El Dorado, Newman, Wichita, Independence, Colby, Anthony, Greenburg, Topeka, Garden City, Beloit and Great Bend. The largest attendance was at Newton where 100 persons ate dinner and exchanged ideas.

At the meetings, reports were given on goals in community and PRIDE projects. Experts were present to answer questions that were asked on resources available, PRIDE Program, and how to get involvement and community action.

BLUE RIBBON EVALUATIONS

Several communities recently provided proof that they qualified for blue ribbons. The following are some of the comments made by the evaluators when they reviewed the check sheets. Harry Gaynor, Forestry and Fire Training, Kansas State University, "Contralla has an excellent fire department." About Kansas City -- "This is one of the best fire departments in the state." Charles Liman, Solid Waste Engineer, Kansas State Health Department, "I have watched progress of the Marion refuse system since it began. It is one of the better small town systems in Kansas."
PARTICIPANTS AT FORT SCOTT PRIDE MEETING

Speaking and participating at the Fort Scott PRIDE meeting were: (Left to Right) Kenneth Lunt, Community Development Consultant, Kansas Gas and Electric Company; Glen Newcomer, County Extension Director; Robert Salvin, Fort Scott PRIDE Chairman; and Max Haden, Assistant Division Manager, Kansas Gas and Electric Company.

PRIDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Fredonia

(Todd Sell, Chairman) After completing the community survey, the Fredonia Steering Committee surveyed eight knowledgeable persons to serve on a priority committee. The priority committee members were individually interviewed for suggestions on projects that should receive the most attention. They also suggested task force members for assignments. Thirty-five projects were listed.

After the projects were obtained from the city council and groups and organizations in town, a meeting was held for all project committee chairmen. A meeting for the public was held in May to report on PRIDE activity. Sixty-five persons were in attendance.

Neosho (Richard Chamberlain, Chairman) The chair of the Neosho PRIDE Project presented a check for $600 to J. T. Smith to be used in the local "Meals on Wheels" program that started in February. The money came from the cash awards received by Neosho during the past two years in PRIDE competition.

Elk City

(William Bright, Chairman) The PRIDE Steering Committee established the following goals for Elk City: place street signs on each corner; paint parking signs on streets; replace Christmas street lighting; trim trees on streets; repair and paint city fire department; repair streets; improve water drainage; build new rural township fire departments; put up signs on highways; build a new civic center; sign on highways; general repair one main street of town; contact small businessmen to locate in Elk City; have a clean-up week; place trash barrels in downtown area; paint fire hydrants; repair recreational center; move the city hall to recreation center; establish a picnic area on recreation grounds; improve appearance of buildings fronts on main street; and establish a library in the city.

Oliver (Steve Aten, Chairman) The PRIDE Steering Committee won second place cash prize in the program last year. They made the funds available as follows: Community Centers Development - $300; $50, Cedar Bluffs, Kansas Community Center; $50, Jomings, Kansas Art Center; $50, Druden, Kansas Community Center; $50, T. T. Jones, Kansas Community Center; $50, Oberlin, Kansas Museum Center.

Youth Active in PRIDE Programs - $75; $25, Maverick 4-H Club; $25, Scout Groups 125; and $25, Engle Bowler 4-H Club.

New worthy projects presented to PRIDE Committee - (Steve Aten said) "Through the $25, I hope this $25 will serve as an incentive to generate new projects. This would be much better than looking at old projects already started."

Pittsburg (Pittsburg, Chairman) The Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce spearheaded PRIDE for the city when the program was started. At the present time, 25 organizations, several industries, and the city of Pittsburg are supporting the PRIDE program.

Pittsburg PRIDE week was February 29 to March 6. The Headlight-Sun Newspaper printed a special section of the newspaper in connection with the observance.

Organizations that are currently working on projects and members of the Pittsburg PRIDE Steering Committee are: The Church Women United (Project Health Care) City and County Health Department, new health care, well baby clinic, maternal and child health care.

American Legion (Project Community Services) This organization works with the Pittsburg Fire Department and assists in Fire Prevention Week.

The Exchange Club (Project Community Services) Works with the Pittsburg Police Department. This organization has donated engraving tools for the use of engraving identification on personal articles. If articles are stolen, they can be easily identified and returned to their owners.

The Exchange Club sponsored the "Crime Prevention Week" in cooperation with the Pittsburg Police.

League of Women Voters (Project Education) This club is responsible for information published weekly in the Pittsburg Headlight-Sun concerning questions and answers pertaining to our city and education.

Womens Study Club (Project Enrichment) This club is the oldest federation club in Pittsburg. Their specific project is to aid in improving the Crawford County Museum. They have aided in cataloging the artifacts, and the club members are looking forward to serving as hostesses in the Brown Grocery when the weather permits its opening.

Altrusa (Project Education) The Altrusa sponsored and conducted an adult drivers education class.

Homes Builders Association of Pittsburg (Project Housing) This organization is working in the area of housing, codes, and regulations and finding solutions.

BPM (Project Enrichment) The Metro BPM have provided benches in the Pittsburg downtown area for the elderly.

BPM (Project Enrichment) The BPM are endeavoring to establish a "Pittsburg Magic Garden for the handicapped" in Schaefer Park. When completed this park will be dedicated to the city of Pittsburg as a lasting object of beauty and inspiration for all citizens and visitors in the area. The Metro BPM are also assisting in this project.