Participants at the 64th Annual City Convention at Wichita pose by PRIDE materials on display. L to R: Wayne Chambers, Eureka Mayor; George Billings, Vice-President, Kansas Gas and Electric; Ernie Mosher, Executive Director, League of Municipalities; and Roger Williams, Russell Mayor.

BLUE RIBBON EVALUATORS COMMENTS (CONT)

Buhler (Raynold Brandl, Director of Police Training) Police Protection -- "This is one of the few cities in Kansas which has an innovative system of police protection in that they contract through the Sheriff's office for a resident deputy. This gives the city access to modern police equipment including communication."

McPherson (Donnie Johnson, South Central Kansas Library System) Library -- "New well designed; strong collection of books, magazines, and other materials; and excellent library staff."

Arkansas City (Everett Lee, SOCEDA) Industrial Development -- "The cooperation that exists between the Chamber of Commerce, the Arkansas City Industrial Development and the city government under the leadership of city manager Ken Thompson is an outstanding asset."

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JAMES DECOUREY, DIRECTOR and Pradine Kelly, Secretary to Assistant Director, Byron Wood; Department of Economic Development, look at one of the 52 PRIDE Project Record Books submitted in the cash awards program this year.

MOSHER RE-ELECTED STATE CHAIRMAN

Ernie Mosher, Executive Director, League of Kansas Municipalities, was re-elected chairman of the State PRIDE Committee for 1974-1975 at the November meeting. Dr. Robert Bohannon and James DeCourcy were returned as co-wire chairman. Lou Atherton will serve again as treasurer.

The committee voted to change the name from PRIDE, The Kansas Community Development Program, to PRIDE, The Kansas Community Improvement Program because other agencies and groups call themselves community development.

The group also decided to charge $5.00 each for the PRIDE Project Books. The next meeting will be January 27 in Topeka.
STATE COMMITTEE APPROVES 76 CATEGORIES

The State PRIDE Committee approved 76 categories and sub-categories at their October 30 and November 25 meetings. Thirty were approved.

Applications may be made for blue ribbons at any time. If a community is not approved, forms may be re-submitted immediately or after improvements have been made on deficiencies. Each community must provide evidence that it qualifies for a blue ribbon.


KANSAS PRIDE COMMITTEE

Chairman - Ernie Noebker, Executive Director, League of Kansas Municipalities Vice-Chairman - Robert A. Bohannon, Cooperative Extension Service, K.S.U. Vice-Chairman - James DeCourcy, Jr., Kansas Department of Economic Development Treasurer - Lou Aherton, Kansas City Power and Light

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REN COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS, Harold Goshen, on right, front row, called a meeting of representatives of PRIDE Programs in Reno County. (L to R seated) Stanley Clouse, Prentie Pristick, Len Albright, Area Extension Specialist; Averell Hayfield, Buhler; and Goshen. (Standing) Erwin Lepper, South Hutchinson; Olene Schmidt, Reno.

Each person reported on their PRIDE activities the past year and on future plans. Albright and Len Frazier, Extension Specialist, discussed PRIDE procedures and methods. Buhler was runner-up for the Sunflower Sweepstakes Cup with Lindberg this year.

WOMEN'S DIVISION OF CHAMBER REVIVES PRIDE PROGRAM

Those attending a meeting to get PRIDE going in Wellington included (L to R) Sam Rowe, County Extension Director; Harold Snyder, Chamber of Commerce Manager; Dorothy Busch, Wellington Housing Authority; Jack Mitchell, new PRIDE chairman and Henry Deutsch, Area Extension Specialist.

The women's division of the Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored a coordinated effort to revive the PRIDE Program. Twenty persons attended a meeting. A buffet was served by Snyder and Busch.

BLUE RIBBON EVALUATORS COMMENTS

Junction City (Gene Gray, Kansas State University) Beautification -- "In my opinion, you have done an excellent job in every category listed on the beautification evaluation form." McPherson (Kenneth McReynolds, Kansas State University) Agri-Business -- "Businessmen and farmers cooperate very well in the McPherson area to produce and market livestock and crops."

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