COMMENTS FROM BLUE RIBBON RECOGNITION EVALUATORS

LAWRENCE (Evaluator: Dwayne Johnson, South Central Kansas Library System -- Category, Library) "The community library has a very active Library Board. The college library is one of the newest and most modern academic libraries in the state. Citizens of Lawrence are offered reading and research materials far beyond that which would normally be expected in a city of this size."

ARKANSAS CITY (Evaluator: Ray Arvin, KEDO -- Category, Aviation) -- "Brosher Field is one of the best air industrial complexes in the country."

WATERVILLE (Evaluator: James Gates, Kansas State University -- Category, Beautification) -- "Waterville is one of the best examples of community with PRIDE. The enthusiasm and dedication with which the city has been working is an outstanding example."

LOGAN (Evaluator: Harry Gaylor, Kansas State University -- Category, Fire Prevention) -- "For the size of the community, Logan has one of the best fire departments in the state. They are very active in all phases of fire management and have one of the top groups of firemen."

KANSAS PRIDE COMMITTEE

Chairman - Ernie Mosher, Executive Director, League of Kansas Municipalities
Vice-Chairman - Robert A. Bohannon, Cooperative Extension Service, K.S.U.
Vice-Chairman - TERENCE SCALON, Kansas Department of Economic Development
Treasurer - Leo Albright, Kansas City Power and Light.

STATE PRIDE COMMITTEE APPROVES 31 FOR BLUE RIBBONS

Thirty-one categories and sub-categories were approved for blue ribbon by the Kansas PRIDE Committee.

They were:

ARKANSAS CITY: Health, ambulance, highways, airports, recreation
BROSHER: Health, ambulance
CLINTON: Health
CLAY: Health, water
GEOLOGY: Industrial development, industrial, recreation, health, beautification
LINDSEY: Library, recreation, tourism, beautification
LOGAN: Fire prevention, agriculture, police protection, health
PARKER: Health, ambulance
PAX: Health
PITTSBURG: Health
WATERVILLE: Beautification, recreation, tourism.

MOBSTER STATE PRIDE CHAIRMAN

E. A. Mosher, Executive Director of the League of Kansas Municipalities, was elected chairman of the Kansas PRIDE Committee for 1974. He began his career in local government when he worked part-time for the Wisconsin municipal league while attending the University of Wisconsin. He came to the Kansas League in 1960. The Moshers have four children and live at 112 West Seventh Street in Topeka.

The League of Kansas Municipalities is a cooperative instrumentality of its 479 member cities. The headquarters houses 23 staff members at 112 West Seventh Street in Topeka.

Assistance to communities and counties of Kansas from the League include:

- INQUIRY - Cities and counties may request information on laws and regulations of state and federal government as well as practices of other cities and counties.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

COTTONTAIL FALLS (GEOFFREY HAMPTON, Chairman) The PRIDE Committee directed efforts to getting numbers on all houses in the city. Along with the drive, an attempt was made to secure addresses for the new telephone directory.

ALTOONA (George Stanley, Chairman) Reed Streets reported on PRIDE bumper stickers at the Altoona PRIDE organization meeting. The group voted to obtain the stickers and have them for sale.

Mr. Streets also reported on the tree and shrub plantings. A current project suggested was to involve each service organization to sponsor a beautification project.

Mrs. Darlene Slemmon, editor, reported on publishing costs of the PRIDE sheets, to be published monthly. The previous issue was distributed by BIG CHIEF 4-H, a newly organized club.
INCREASED INTEREST IN 1973 WORKSHOPS

Five-hundred and eighteen persons from 130 communities attended six Regional Community Development Workshops in November and December. This is more than double the attendance and number of communities represented at the five workshops last year. Host sites were Wellingotng, Great Bend, Garden City, Colby, Beloit, and Topeka.

The workshops were sponsored by Kansas Association of Commerce and Industry, Kansas Department of Economic Development, League of Kansas Municipalities, and Kansas State University Extension Service. U.S.P.A. personnel, Chamber of Commerce managers, and city managers served as moderators, speakers, and discussion leaders during the workshops.

Members of the Kansas Legislature gave talks at five of the workshops on the subject "Community Development Needs and Opportunities in This Area." At each workshop, a representative of a local PRIDE Committee gave presentations on "Our Local PRIDE Program." Workshop sessions gave an opportunity for all in attendance to raise questions and get examples of outstanding examples of programs in communities of Kansas in the areas of PRIDE, community planning, services for the aging, community cultural and community recreation. Resource persons from the University of Kansas, Kansas State University, State Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, and Kansas Department of Economic Development.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ACTIVITIES (Cont.)

CLADE (Mr. Clifford A. Shaw, Chairman) "In our PRIDE cultural art project, we started collecting history and pictures of Clade and the surrounding area in 1971.

When the book was completed we had open house at the city building. The PRIDE steering committee made a large banner that covered the front door that invited everyone to have refreshments and visit old friends and classmates. Five-hundred books were printed 100 were sold at the event."