TROUBLED BRIDGE OVER WATER

"Bridge Levy Carries by 2 to 1 Ratio" were the headlines in the newspaper after the McPherson County PRIDE Committee conducted an extensive information program on the "Bridge Dilemma." Four thousand, five hundred leaflets were mailed out. Many five-minute presentations were made at group meetings.

The levy will generate about three million dollars over six years. It carried every ward in the county.

Vicki Schmidt, local PRIDE chairman, says "Our bridge dilemma was the number one problem on our PRIDE survey. We worked with a positive approach, educating with facts. We covered the whole county thoroughly, using the brochures, radio, newspaper and making presentations to groups. The voting results show McPherson County residents pull together with pride to improve their community."

LOCAL PRIDE ACTIVITIES

BIRD CITY (Kenneth Crum, Chairperson) One hundred persons attended the PRIDE banquet. Edie Dahlsten, co-chairperson of the Lindsborg PRIDE Committee, was guest speaker. Reports were given on progress of community projects. Evelyn Crouch, editor of Bird City Times wrote that each edition of the newspaper would have an article about PRIDE.

CHAMUCO (Kent Dobson, Chairperson) John Cramo and Joe Smith have been coordinators of a project to obtain trash lids for 25 barrels to be used in the downtown area. They will cost $465.00. They have ordered the lids and will solicit contributions from businesses to help defray the cost of the project.

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KENNETH ALBRIGHT, AREA COMMUNITY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST, wears a bat to portray a leadership style while observing one of five groups at the ten-hour Leadership Skills Workshop at Arkansas City. (Left to right) Ken Moore, Executive Vice President, Arkansas City Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Owen Nelson, Phil Harris, Kent Hall; and Rose Ameiss.

Twenty-eight persons attended the workshop. There was representation from business, community college, agriculture, civic clubs, and the local PRIDE committee. It was sponsored by the local PRIDE committee and conducted by Kansas State University.

Twenty persons indicated it provided the kind of experience they could apply in their own situation; nineteen hoped there could be another one in the near future, and seven indicated it was one of the most rewarding experiences they had ever had.

Future leadership workshops are scheduled for Junction City, Horton, and Winfield. Others interested in sponsoring a workshop may contact their county Extension agents located in the county seat town of each county in Kansas.
EIGHTY-EIGHT COMMUNITIES ENROLL

Eighty-eight communities enrolled in the 1975 cash awards phase of the PRIDE program by the February 15 cutoff date.

Communities eligible to compete in the 1975 awards are listed below. The State PRIDE Committee set the date of October 21 for the awards program. It will be held at Emporia State College.

UNDER 500 POPULATION

Alden  Sodak
Benton  Sedgwick
Bison  Sharon Springs
Courtland  Spearville
Elk City  Strong City
Geensburg  Sublette
Glade  Tribune
Grainfield  Wakefield
Greenleaf  Wilson
Gridley  Homer
Hope  Roberts
Jennings  Russell
Kecli  Russellville
Kirvin  Scott
Latham  Wellington

2,000 TO 5,000 POPULATION

Beloitville  Eldorado
Cherryvale  Marion
Cowell Grove  Medicine Lodge
Eureka  Norton
Herington  Grinton
Hodgenville  Peabody
Holton  Pawnee
Horton  Sentinel

5,000 TO 10,000 POPULATION

Augusta  Fort Scott
Baxter Springs  Russell
Concordia  Wellington

10,000 AND UP

Arkansas City  McPherson
Chanute  Newton
El Dorado  Pittsburg
Independence  Winfield

The Augusta PRIDE Committee was recognized for its efforts in working for the transportation system. They were strong in selling memberships.

BLUE RIBBONS APPROVED

The State PRIDE Committee approved the following categories and sub-categories for blue ribbons at its April meeting: Belmont - ambulance; Burlington - airport, highways, streets; Canaan - streets, highways; Marion - agribusiness; McPherson - planning, housing; Russell - airport, ambulance, lights, police, sewage, highways, streets.

Five applications were disapproved.

LOCAL PRIDE ACTION

Newton (Virginia Williams, Chairperson)

This editorial was in the Newton Kansan.

"The Newton PRIDE Committee's new project of presenting awards to those who perform outstanding service in the development of community pride is a good one.

"The first award went this week to Lloyd Smith, President of the S-V Tool Co., who bought the old Warkentin Mill that was scheduled for demolition, restored it, and turned it into a continuing source of social benefit."

"And community pride is one of the essential ingredients in the life of a vigorous and developing community.

"Everyone in the community can help in the project by submitting to the committee names of individuals, organizations and businesses who display similar pride.

"Not all will be chosen for the award, but each and every one may make it an honor."